

Mass Times

Sundays: 9 am & 11 am
Working Holy Days: 10 am
Monday to Friday: 10 am
Saturday Vigil: 6.00 pm
Fr Colin Doocey Adm. Pro Tem



Recently Deceased

Laura Rodgers, Woodvale Road, Beaumont.
Lucy Scott, Kilbrack Lawn
May the light of heaven surround her always.



Baptisms

Roman Anthony Johnston.

We welcome him into the Christian Family



BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL
January Church Gate collection will take place on
w/e 6th/7th February 2022
Your support as always, is greatly appreciated.

Evangelization is the work of God



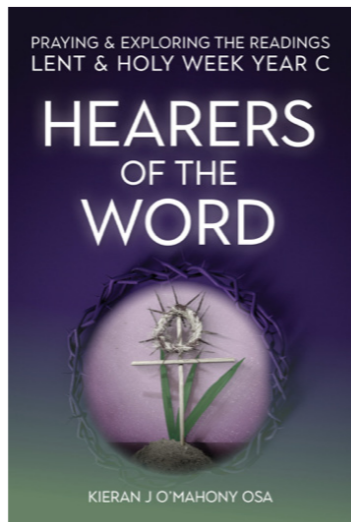
JOY OF THE GOSPEL

"Though it is true that this mission demands great generosity on our part, it would be wrong to see it as a heroic individual undertaking, for it is first and foremost the Lord's work, surpassing anything which we can see and understand. Jesus is "the first and greatest evangelizer". In every activity of evangelization, the primacy always belongs to God, who has called us to cooperate with him and who leads us on by the power of his Spirit. The real newness is the newness which God himself mysteriously brings about and inspires, provokes, guides and accompanies in a thousand ways. The life of the Church should always reveal clearly that God takes the initiative, that "he has loved us first" (1 Jn 4:19) and that he alone "gives the growth" (1 Cor 3:7). This conviction enables us to maintain a spirit of joy in the midst of a task so demanding and challenging that it engages our entire life. God asks everything of us, yet at the same time he offers everything to us." (12)

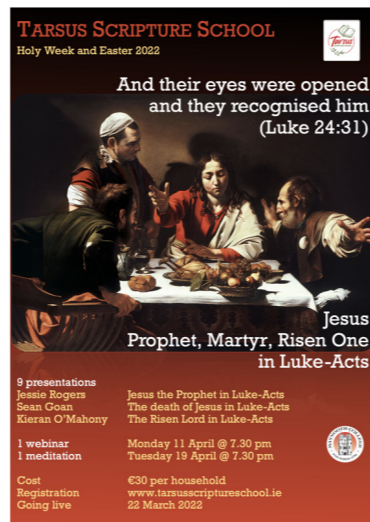
BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL
Fr. Colin has generously offered the poor box near the exit as a collection point for SVP. If you wish to contribute any time, it would be appreciated.

PARISH DEFIBRILLATORS

There are now 2 Defibrillators located in the Parish, one in the village & one outside Murphy's Circle K Petrol Station. The code to operate both is **2017**



Lent Readings available from Messenger Publications www.messenger.ie



Tarsus Scripture School Programme for Lent and Easter 2022

Study Theology Online, is this for you? The Priory Institute provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Register before 8 February for Spring 2022. Find out more on our website, prioryinstitute.com



Cork Scripture Group and announcing our **Spring Module for 2022** and we invite you all to think about coming along.

The module is entitled "After Paul: Exploring the New Testament Letters of John, 1 Peter and James." Fr John Newman, Fr Sean O'Sullivan and Sr Sheila Curran will be our presenters and all sessions, including the workshop, will be held in Scala, Blackrock on Mondays 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th March with the workshop on Saturday 26th. There will be the usual fee of €50 which will cover the Monday nights and the Saturday workshop. Booking is essential and if you would like to attend the course, please email us at corkschrifturegroup@gmail.com. We will also ask everyone to supply a mobile number in case we need to contact people about any last minute changes.

WHAT THE PAPERS SAY...

Irish Catholic. (1) Fr. Rolheiser: Pornography and chastity (2) Mark Wahlberg to play boxer priest Fr. Stu Long in new film. (3) David Quinn: Modern sexual morality is producing problems it won't admit (4) Getting back to the heart of the Church — Dr. Vivian Boland OP's latest book is a reminder to a forgetful Church of its true nature, and the role God, Mary and all the saints play in it, writes Jason Osborne. (5) Archbishop Farrell welcomes new SVD priests to 'mission territory' Ireland.
Messenger. (1) Fr. Vincent Sherlock: St. Patrick, A decent man. (2) Bishop Tom Deenihan: Centenary of the Legion of Mary (3) David Breen: The Temptations of Jesus — Luke 4: 1 - 13).
Tablet. (1) The Vaccine Debate — Trust the science. (2) Synodal Pathway — Leading theologian warns against the silencing of women.

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Inspiration

Luke offers us an interesting scene in 5:1-11, an original bringing together of the preaching of Jesus, a miracle and a prophetic call. In our context — the context of the Synodal Pathways — certain expressions jump off the page:

- the word of God,
- put out into the deep,
- do not be afraid,
- from now on you will be catching people alive (literally in Greek).

Any one of these could help us reflect deeply on our engagement with the Gospel.



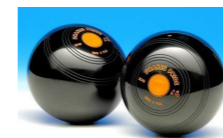
The Galilee Boat (1st century)

Anam Cara West Cork, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on **Tuesday 15th February at 7:20pm** in the Munster Arms Hotel, Bandon. This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents.



Ballinlough Men's Retirement Club

meets every Wednesday afternoon from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm in Ballinlough Community Centre. Enjoy a game of Short Mat Bowls (Bowls supplied by the club) in an atmosphere of fun and camaraderie or just drop in for a chat and a 'cuppa'. New members welcome. Members must be fully vaccinated or completely recovered from Covid 19. Contact person: Noel 085 1615 360.



You may be using your mobile phone for Mass, if so, please ensure it is on silent. If not, please switch it off. Thank you



Medjugorje Pilgrimage ex Cork June 15th - 22nd. €749 pps Spiritual Director Fr Ted Sheehan. Contact Sean O'Shaughnessy 0862959380 to secure place. Limited availability. Full COVID travel insurance included.

Thought for the day

We tend to think of the first disciples as somehow "clergy" with a call special to them. But that is not adequate. Jesus is first of all calling disciples, that is ordinary people, including ourselves. Discipleship includes experience, learning and risk. What experiences have brought me this far? What have I learned and am I still learning? How about the call to "put out into the deep"? Is the Lord asking of me a deeper following, both costly and lifegiving? How am I responding? Is there something in me hesitating and holding back? Do I need to hear again the words, "Do not be afraid"?

Prayer

God of surprises, help us to take the risk of following Jesus on a path of discipleship costing "not less than everything." Help us to let go, that we may live the Gospel fully and richly.

K O'Mahony OSA

Reflections

- The invitation from Jesus to put out the net again, with surprising results. Have there been times when you had little hope of results, but decided to try once again and were pleasantly surprised by what happened?
- "Put out into the deep water". When have you found that blessings, or progress, came when you had the courage to venture into unfamiliar waters, where you felt uneasy and insecure? What, or who, helped to give you that courage?
- Simon had a profound sense of a power at work that he could not understand. When have you had a sense of the divine breaking into everyday experience?
- The disciples "left everything and followed Jesus". This step was preceded by their experience of the concern of Jesus for them, the attraction of his work, teaching and actions. Recall the story of key decisions or turning points in your life. Who was Jesus for you in those situations?

PRAYER

Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory and in your presence angels stand in awe. Enlarge our vision, that we may recognise your power at work in your Son and join the apostles and prophets as heralds of your saving word.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS/DUES –
The Priests of the parish are very grateful to the parishioners who have returned the dues envelopes. Your support is greatly appreciated in these difficult times.

If you would like to receive a weekly commentary on the Weekly Scripture Readings, both in AUDIO and in PDF, please log on to www.tarsus.ie and register to receive the emails.