

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

Frank Richardson. Meadowgrove Estate.
May the light of heaven surround him always.



Baptisms

RUBINA TIRAB.

We welcome her into the Christian Family



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION DATES:

Scoil Ursula. 31st March
Beaumont Girls School. 01st April
Beaumont Boys School. 06th April

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DATES:

Beaumont Girls School. 14th. May
Beaumont Boys School. 21st. May
Scoil Ursula. 28th. May



The excluded are still waiting for wealth to "trickle down"



JOY OF THE GOSPEL

In this context, some people continue to defend trickle-down theories which assume that economic growth, encouraged by a free market, will inevitably succeed in bringing about greater justice and inclusiveness in the world. This opinion, which has never been confirmed by the facts, expresses a crude and naïve trust in the goodness of those wielding economic power and in the sacralized workings of the prevailing economic system.

Meanwhile, the excluded are still waiting. To sustain a lifestyle which excludes others, or to sustain enthusiasm for that selfish ideal, a globalization of indifference has developed. Almost without being aware of it, we end up being incapable of feeling compassion at the outcry of the poor, weeping for other people's pain, and feeling a need to help them, as though all this were someone else's responsibility and not our own.

The culture of prosperity deadens us; we are thrilled if the market offers us something new to purchase; and in the meantime all those lives stunted for lack of opportunity seem a mere spectacle; they fail to move us."

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WHAT THE PAPERS SAY...

Irish Catholic. (1) Michael Kelly: When a government creature turns on The Government. (2) The Sunday Gospel with Fr. Sylvester O'Flynn OFM Cap. -- Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. (3) Mary Kenny: Simplicity is the key to wedding success ;;;

Tablet. (1) Our Lady of Medjugorje --- Don't mention the apparitions! (2) Sarah MacDonald: Irish Synodal Process. -- Placing Hope in Faith

Sacred Heart Messenger. (1) Adult and Children's Crosswords. (2) Archbishop Dermot Farrell gives an encouraging and forward looking approach to the challenge of climate change

Catholic Voice. (1) Mons. Charles Pope: Three under-appreciated acclamations of Eucharistic piety (2) Mother Miriam of the Lamb of God O.S.B. -- Road Map to the Survival of the Catholic Family



There is a growing confidence that parish life can return to something like normal. Our word for this stage must be welcome.

We welcome people to gather safely and joyfully around the later of the Lord. We welcome the gradual return of our choirs and music groups and cantors. We are grateful to all our parish ministries and volunteers who have been so loyal over the last two years. We have all had to do things differently but the one constant was the loyalty of people to their church and parish.

Certainly things will be different in the coming months and years. We have a different parish and our faith lives have been stretched as well. As always, we will get through these things too with courage, faith and loyalty. May God bless us all and our families as we face the future with trust.

Fr. Michael



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.

Inspiration

The gospel reading is the central section of Luke's "Sermon on the Plain." It is direct and hard-hitting, idealistic and paradoxical. It is not something to be easily "explained" — instead it is for listening to again and again, until the meaning breaks through my deafness. Jesus is not telling us what to do "on the outside" but how to be "on the inside." As Charles Talbert notes:

Despite the vivid details of each of these examples, it would be a mistake to view any of these commands as "a rule of behaviour that should be followed mechanistically"; rather, the "specificity is intended to shock the hearers with an extreme command, at striking variance with the way people usually behave in such a situation, ... and to reflect on the whole pattern of behaviour that dominates life." (Charles Talbert)

PASSAGE GREENWAY IMPORVEMENT SCHEME NOTIFICATION OF WORKS

SECTION OF WORKS: Bridge Closure, Blackrock Road.

PLANNED WORKS FOR THIS AREA:

- Installation of new ducting
- New Street lighting Columns
- New Section of Footpath
- Road Reinstatement.

Start Date:

Monday 21 February – Friday 25 February 2022
Monday 28 February – Friday 03 March 2022

Duration:

Approx: 2 weeks closure in this section of works.

Night- time Closure:

7.30pm – 6.30am.

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT FOR WORKS

In order to carry out works safely on the Old Blackrock Road a night- time Road closure is required in section of road highlighted below.

Note: Bus Eireann will have access through works, no change to time and location of Bus Stop.

Anam Cara Cork, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding it's monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on **Wednesday 2nd March at 7:20pm in the Clayton Hotel, Silver Springs, Cork City.** This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. We also offer an online service. For more info call 01 4045378 *Subject to change in accordance with government advise*



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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

In the most generous perspective, the desire for retaliation represents a longing for justice and equity. For example, "an eye for an eye." Such justice is easily distorted into vengeance, hence the limiting of vengeance to precisely equal retaliation in the Old Testament. That tempering of vengeance does not really go far enough. The problem is responding in kind—the ultimate logic of which would be one person left with one eye!! Jesus goes to the heart of the matter: do not respond to violence with violence, do not engage at the level offered. Instead, turn the dynamic on its head: love your enemies and break the cycle of hatred and violence.

Prayer

Help us, compassionate God, to take to heart the teaching of Jesus that love without limit may be our rule of life.

K O'Mahony OSA

Reflections

1. Our natural tendency when attacked is to self-protection and when we are attacked we attack back. We respond to an angry word with another, or to a blow by hitting back. Here Jesus suggests that at times there may be another way to act. What has been your experience of retaliation? Has it been life-giving? Have you experience of another way of acting?

2. When we do good to another, it can sometimes be in return for what we have received. At other times it can be done in the hope of getting something back. Or we may do it simply for the sake of doing good without any strings attached. Jesus suggests that this is when we are at our best. Recall your experience of these different ways of giving and celebrate the occasions when you gave without expectation of return.

3. Jesus proposes the generosity of God as a model for our generosity, and says that the generous will be rewarded. Perhaps you have experienced rewards, even in this life, from generous behaviour.

PRAYER

Compassionate God and Father, you are kind to the ungrateful, merciful even to the wicked. Pour out your love upon us, that with good and generous hearts we may keep from judging others and learn your way of compassion.

We make our prayer through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, or ever and ever. Amen.

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