

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

Patrick (Paddy) Murphy,
Upper Beaumont Drive.
May the light of heaven surround him always.



Baptisms

Patricia Michelle Cooke.

We welcome her into the Christian Family



FIRST FRIDAY EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

On Friday 4th March following morning Mass. Rosary & Benediction at 5p.m.

There are sheets on the tables in the Church where Parishioners can indicate the times most suitable for them to be present. We would like that there would be at least 2 people present for each period. If there are vacant periods we would appreciate volunteers to fill these times by putting their names on the list.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION.

Peace includes justice

Peace in society cannot be understood as pacification or the mere absence of violence resulting from the domination of one part of society over others. Nor does true peace act as a pretext for justifying a social structure which silences or appeases the poor, so that the more affluent can placidly support their lifestyle while others have to make do as they can. Demands involving the distribution of wealth, concern for the poor and human rights cannot be suppressed under the guise of creating a consensus on paper or a transient peace for a contented minority.

The dignity of the human person and the common good rank higher than the comfort of those who refuse to renounce their privileges. When these values are threatened, a prophetic voice must be raised. Nor is peace "simply the absence of warfare, based on a precarious balance of power; it is fashioned by efforts directed day after day towards the establishment of the ordered universe willed by God, with a more perfect justice among men." In the end, a peace which is not the result of integral development will be doomed; it will always spawn new conflicts and various forms of violence." (218-219)

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WHAT THE PAPERS SAY...

Irish Catholic. (1) Fr. Martin Delaney: A new beginning after two difficult years. (2) Italy's constitution court blocks assisted suicide bill. (3) David Quinn: Organised religion is a net force for good in the world (4) Incoming pastoral workers have been learning much from a Spiritan run orientation course as they prepare to minister in Ireland, writes Jason Osborne (5) TVRadio with Brendan O'Regan: Brewing up an opinion-storm ahead of St. Patrick's Day
Catholic Voice. (1) How to Practice a Good Lent — Part 1. (2) Mary Kearns: Superbook.— A Modern way to teach the Bible. (3) Melanie Jean Juneau: Christians can't bypass Suffering. (4) The Men's Rosary Movement
Tablet. (1). Putin's strategy —. Religious roots of Ukraine crisis (2) Fr. Timothy Radcliffe: The Lenten journey — Learning to be free. (3) Law and the holy life —. Hate the sin, not the sinner (4) Bishop Donal McKeown condemns president's remarks on schools in Northern Ireland (also in Irish Catholic)

ROAD WORKS IN BLACKROCK

Works will be deferred until further notice due to unforeseen circumstances.

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



BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL
March Church Gate collection will take place on w/e 5th / 6th March 2022
Your support as always, is greatly appreciated.



Ash Wednesday 2nd March

Ashes will be distributed after 10.00am mass on Wednesday.



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

According to the geographer and traveller, Pausanias, the Temple of Apollo, the home of the Delphic oracle, had three teachings on display: "know yourself", "nothing to excess" and "certainty leads to insanity." The first of these is not a bad summary of this Sunday's conclusion of the Sermon on the Plain in Luke.

The third and final part of the Sermon on the Plain offers powerful parables. The lectionary excerpt stops at v.45. However, I would suggest adding the remaining verses — all the parables here were important to Luke and are very carefully laid out. A good text to go with this passage would be James 1:21-25.



Temple of Apollo, Delphi (potential reconstruction)

CORK SCRIPTURE GROUP

SPRING STUDY MODULE 2022

Beyond Paul:

Exploring the New Testament Letters of John, 1 Peter and James

7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. on Monday nights in the Scala Centre, Blackrock.
7th / 14th / 21st / 28th March 2022

SPRING WORKSHOP

10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. Saturday 26th March 2022
SCALA Centre, Blackrock

Faith and Action:

Exploring the Letter of St James
Sr Sheila Curran

Cost: €50 Booking essential.

[Face masks must be worn for gatherings]

For bookings please email: corksripturegroup@gmail.com

Anam Cara Cork, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its 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*



Thought for the day

For many, it is seemingly possible to sleep-walk through life, to live on an entirely sentient level. Perhaps our current culture of distraction supports such superficial so-called living. Many, however, are dissatisfied and long for an awakening, a conversion, a transformation, for something more. Such a hunger of the heart is acknowledged in many religions and philosophies — Jesus' teaching here could just as easily be on the lips of the Gautama Buddha. The difference for Christians is the grace of God in Christ and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Ultimately, it is all grace, grace upon grace as the Prologue of John puts it.

Prayer

God of all our awakenings, we know that the journey inward is the journey home. Keep our hearts restless until we come to rest in you. Amen.

K O'Mahony OSA

Reflections

1. Can you remember an occasion when you were giving out about the behaviour of another person, and later realised you had some of the same fault yourself? Was that a wake-up call for you? Jesus tells us it is more constructive to correct our own faults, than complain about the faults of others.

2. If we want to help other people we need to have our feet on the ground, with a realistic awareness of our gifts and our limitations. Otherwise we will be impractical, like the blind leading the blind. What has helped you to be realistic about what you can and cannot do?

3. "No good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit." This parable invites us to examine the motivation behind what we do. If our basic motivation is love, then our lives will bear good fruit. If love is absent from our lives then the fruits will be conflict, disharmony and abuse of people for our own selfish ends.

PRAYER

O God, our teacher and judge, hear our prayer as we gather at the table of your word. Enrich our hearts with the goodness of your wisdom and renew us from within, that all our actions, all our words, may bear the fruit of your transforming grace.
We make our prayer through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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**

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