



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



st patrick's day masses
9am. and 11.00am.



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.

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



The Church must go out into the streets

"I prefer a Church which is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been out on the streets, rather than a Church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security. I do not want a Church concerned with being at the centre and then ends by being caught up in a web of obsessions and procedures. If something should rightly disturb us and trouble our consciences, it is the fact that so many of our brothers and sisters are living without the strength, light and consolation born of friendship with Jesus Christ, without a community of faith to support them, without meaning and a goal in life. More than by fear of going astray, my hope is that we will be moved by the fear of remaining shut up within structures which give us a false sense of security, within rules which make us harsh judges, within habits which make us feel safe, while at our door people are starving and Jesus does not tire of saying to us: "Give them something to eat" (Mk 6:37)." (49)



JOY OF THE GOSPEL

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**

WHAT THE PAPERS SAY...

Irish Catholic. (1) International Analysis — Church leaders urge Russian patriarch to speak with Putin. (2) Trocaire offering aid on the ground amid Ukraine crisis (3) Michael Kelly: Why should families in the North be denied what is a basic right everywhere else? (4) Well-known movie producer to make film about 'hero' Frank Duff. (5) Fr. Vincent Sherlock: Beloved towns and cities under siege

Catholic Voice: (1) Mary Kearns: What is an ordinary Catholic? (2) Richard Greene: Patrick Kavagagh — His mystical vision. (3) Conor Gallagher: Purgatory and the Church Suffering. (4) Nellie Organ, the LITTLE voice of Eucharistic intercession

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PASSAGE GREENWAY IMPROVEMENT SCHEME NOTIFICATION OF WORKS Update on amended closure date.

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 28 March – Friday 01 April 2022
Monday 04 April February – Friday 08 April 2022

Duration:

Approx: 2 weeks closure in this section of works.

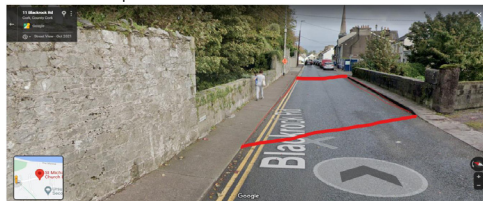
Night-time Closure:

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.



Inspiration

"This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him!"

The transfiguration (Luke does not use the term) invites us to recognise ourselves as "hearers of the word." That is who we are simply as human beings: we listen out for a potential word from God. It is also who we are as people of faith: God still speaks to us — through nature, people, events and through the Scriptures. Such deep listening is at the heart of our Lenten pilgrimage.

Being a hearer of the word is not a solitary exercise: the Synodal Pathways are also a listening, with and through others, to what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.



Anam Cara West Cork the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on Tuesday 15th March at 7:20pm in the Munster Arms Hotel, Bandon. This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents. For further information please contact us on 085 288 8888 or info@anamcara.ie



BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The Collection last Sunday raised €2295
A great response and support from parishioners.
Thanks to all collectors.

TROCAIRE BOXES AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH.

SECOND COLLECTION W/E . 12/13 MARCH. IRISH BISHOPS COMMISSIONS.

Thought for the day

Stories of extraordinary experiences can leave us feeling on the outside— such moments of intense awareness of presence are rare and fleeting. And yet, we all have our inklings of something more, the surprise of God in the midst of the everyday. Any deep experience, when we take time to reflect on it and appropriate it, will disclose to us "the beyond in the midst" in Bonhoeffer's happy phrase. Love, birth, death, a child, nature, music, goodness and so on—all tokens of the something more which draws us on.

Prayer

God of surprises, you are the beyond in the midst of life, always there to take us by surprise and delight us with your presence. Amen, amen!

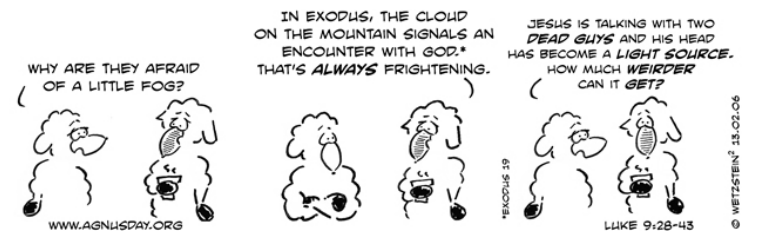
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Reflections

1. The transfiguration experience was one that affirmed Jesus' identity as the beloved disciple of God and strengthened him for the future. What have been the experiences, the moments of insight, that have clarified your sense of who you are and being beloved by God?
2. On the mountain the disciples saw Jesus in a new way. Sometimes in friendships there are moments of sharing in which we get to know a friend in a new and deeper way. Have you had that experience in human friendship, or in your relationship with Jesus, with God, or with the Spirit of God within? Recall when it happened and what it was like for you?
3. For the disciples, the experience also served as a reminder that their task as they accompanied Jesus on the road to Jerusalem was really to listen to him. This puts our Lenten efforts in context. What have you found helpful to get you to listen and to understand more deeply the meaning of the life and message of Jesus?

PRAYER

God of the Covenant, your presence fills us with awe, your word gives us unshakable hope. Fix in our hearts the image of your Son in glory, that, sustained on the path of discipleship, we may pass over with him to newness of life. We make our prayer through Christ, our deliverance and hope, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.



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