

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



Baptisms

Lachlan Stephen O'Donoghue.

We welcome him into the Christian Family



Recently Deceased

Jeremiah Heskin, Well Road

May the light of heaven surround him always.



Special Collection for Ukraine

Weekend of 26 -27
March 2022



"In the name of God I ask you: stop this massacre!"
- Pope Francis

The proceeds of this Special Collection will be directed to Caritas Internationalis which is the helping hand of the Church on the ground in Ukraine and surrounding areas.

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CORK SCRIPTURE GROUP

Workshop with Sr Sheila Curran on:

"Faith and Action: Exploring the Letter of St James.

Sr Sheila worked for many years in South America and will bring her lived experience to this topic.

Venue: **Scala, Blackrock from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm on**

Sat 26th March. Cost €10. For booking please contact

corksripturegroup@gmail.com

PARISH DEFIBRILLATORS

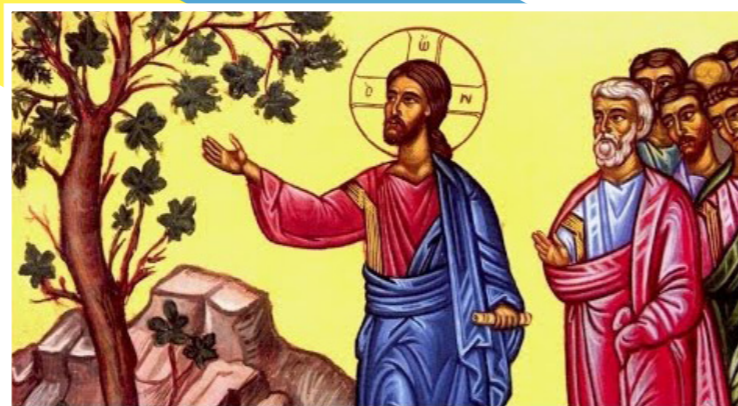
There are now 2 Defibrillators located in the Parish, one in the village & one outside Murphy's Circle K Petrol Station. The code to operate both is **2017**

WHAT THE PAPERS SAY...

Irish Catholic. (1). Sunday obligation in Ireland to return after Easter. (2) Mary Kenny: Would you defend your country (3) Irish doctor in UK, Dr. Dermot Kearney, vindicated following baby-saving ban (4) Tackling misogyny while promoting abortion and pornography is like fighting with one hand tied behind your back, writes Ruadhan Jones (5). Nuala O'Loan: We must intensify the isolation and ostracising of Vladimir Putin and his closest oligarchs.

Tablet. (1) Christopher Lamb: Is there any role for the Pope in helping to end the war in Ukraine? (2) Bruce Kent warns London rally of nuclear war threat.

A Coffee Morning will be held on Sunday March 27th in the Parish Centre 9 to 1 in aid of Ukraine Your support would be greatly appreciated. Kind regards, Anne Walsh



Times are hard today, but times have always been hard



We do well to keep in mind the early Christians and our many brothers and sisters throughout history who were filled with joy, unflagging courage and zeal in proclaiming the Gospel. Some people nowadays console themselves by saying that things are not as easy as they used to be, yet we know that the Roman empire was not conducive to the Gospel message, the struggle for justice, or the defence of human dignity. Every period of history is marked by the presence of human weakness, self-absorption, complacency and selfishness, to say nothing of the concupiscence which preys upon us all.

These things are ever present under one guise or another; they are due to our human limits rather than particular situations. Let us not say, then, that things are harder today; they are simply different. But let us learn also from the saints who have gone before us, who confronted the difficulties of their own day. So I propose that we pause to rediscover some of the reasons which can help us to imitate them today." (263)

Inspiration

The readings for the middle Sunday of Lent take us to the heart of the season: conversion to God, "whose name is mercy" (Pope Francis).

The revelation of God's name as "I am who I am" (whence YHWH) is foundational for the faith of Jews and Christians, especially as expanded in Exodus 33: "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The Lord'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy." (Exodus 33:19)

Matt Talbot Novena

On **Monday 21st March at 7.30pm** in Togher Church, Fr. Robert McCabe National Spiritual Director of the Pioneers will join us for the Matt Talbot Novena. On Monday 28th March it will be a great honour to have Bishop Fintan Gavin as our celebrant and preacher. www.churchservices.tv/togher. Petitions can be placed in the box at the Shrine of Matt Talbot in Togher Church. SORCHA UÍ LAOGHAIRE, Cork regional Pioneer Council

Vigil Mass - Recessional Hymn

In solidarity Ukraine, the Folk Group will sing the hymn 'Circle of Friends' normally sung by the children at the end their Do this in Memory mass. You are invited to join the Folk Group in singing this beautiful hymn.

Circle of Friends (Frank O'Connor)
**You have friends, you are not alone.
Thanks to them, you're not on your own.
You are strong, even when you feel small.
From the rain, they will shelter you.
In your pain, they will comfort you.
They will always pick you up when you fall.**

Chorus:
Circle of friends, all around you.
Circle of friends, strong and true.
Circle of friends, always there for you.

Even when you are far apart.
To your friends, you're joined heart to heart.
Far away, you are not on your own.
You're not there, but they think of you.
In their prayers, they remember you.
You are never ever truly alone.
Chorus

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Thought for the day

We are all aware of the fleeting nature of time and we all have experience of the missed opportunity, the moment of grace—however secular—overlooked. At the same time, we know that our God is the God of second chances and that it is never truly over. Like Augustine, we hear the insistent murmur, "if not now, when?" That future moment of grace will be just like this one, ordinary, nothing special, fleeting and yet it is the only moment that exists, the "now" of our everyday.

Prayer

Patient and insistent God, knock again on the door our hearts. We are never really ready—a sign perhaps of our everyday need of you. Help us undertake again to dig around and manure, so that under your grace, we may bear fruit, fruit that will last. Amen.
K O'Mahony OSA

Reflections

1. Jesus rejects the idea that personal misfortune is God's punishment for sin. Yet a serious illness or accident can serve as a wake-up call about how we live our lives. How have such experiences given you a greater appreciation of the value of your life and relationships, and of the time and opportunities at your disposal?

2. "I'll wait till tomorrow to do that." Have you ever said that and then found the chance is gone the next day? In the story, we are called to recognise God at work in our lives and respond to Him. NOW is the opportune moment. When have you been glad you did not put off action to the following day?

3. Perhaps there have been times when you saw yourself like the tree in the parable—useless, merely a waste of space. Think of friends who came to you at such a time, people who saw your potential and were prepared to give you another chance, people who also dug the soil around you and gave you the helps you needed to grow. Perhaps in your turn you have been able to do this for others.

PRAYER

God of salvation, we stand before you on holy ground, for your name is glorified and your mercy revealed wherever your mighty deeds are remembered. Since you are holy and forbearing, turn us from every rash and shallow judgment to seek the ways of repentance. We ask this through Christ, our deliverance and our hope, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, holy and mighty God for ever and ever. Amen.

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