

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

Shay Michael Healy
Cara Aisling Monaghan
Easter Vigil Baptism



We welcome them into the Christian Family

Priests' collection for Easter will take place on Easter Sunday

Awaken and Arise

As we celebrate Easter, and all things living, we must remember that God wants to awaken all the dead to life. Many of us have dormant areas, shadows of former joy and vibrancy. God calls us to waken to full life, every day. However, we must allow it to happen.



We ask the Risen Lord for the grace to awaken, to arise and leave the darkness of the tombs in our lives. During the pandemic our world slowed down. For many, life seemed "lifeless" because of inactivity and some became lazy. Over time, we form habits very easily because of external restrictions, which can and do, become internal restrictions. We may even become locked in ourselves.

The Risen Lord wants to free us. His resurrection is not just a past event but is for every moment of our being. As he stands at the tombs of our lives, allow him to enter with that breath of life; listen with courage to his words; get up; wake up; come out into the dawn of an Easter Morning.

Blessed Easter to you and your loved ones.

Fr. Colin

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PARISH DEFIBRILLATORS

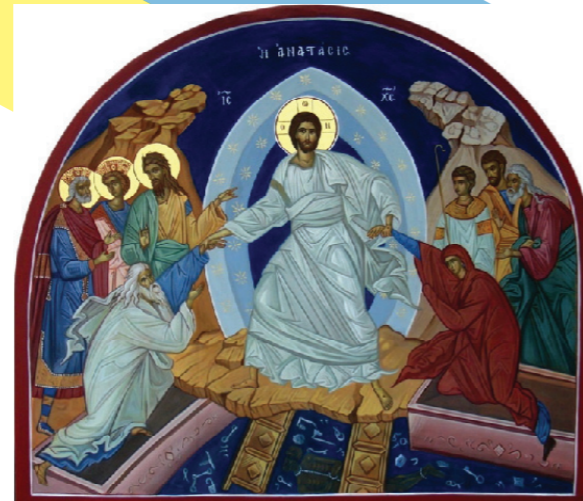
There are now 2 Defibrillators located in the Parish, one in the village & one outside Murphy's Circle K Petrol Station. The code to operate both is **2017**

WHAT THE PAPERS SAY...

Irish Catholic. (1). Mark Wahlberg says 'Fr. Stu' found him, not the opposite. (2) Vatican looking at implications of possible papal visit to Kyiv. (3) David Quinn: Church must regain the nerve to teach unpopular things (4) Uncovering the role of women in the early Church (5) Mary Kenny: French Catholics and President Macron.

Catholic Voice. (1) Bernadette of Lourdes. (2) Understanding the Spiritual Power of Holy Water (3) Is it futile to fight overwhelming force?

Sacred Heart Messenger. (1) Fr. Gerard Condon, Cloyne diocesan adviser for religious education explores the changing face of First Communion (2) The Pope goes shopping in Rome.



Alleluia! Christ is risen. He is truly risen. Alleluia.

Totus Tuus Pilgrimage to Fatima

September 5th -12th 2022
Seven nights in Hotel Steyler. Price: €735 pp
Spiritual Director: Fr. Marius O Reilly
Phone Damien 087-2049048 for more details

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



Anam Cara West Cork the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on Tuesday 19th April 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 call 01 4045378

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen. He is truly risen. Alleluia.

Two passages from Paul stand out when we reflect on the resurrection. Not, this time, the obvious ones from Romans or 1 Corinthians. Instead, these two:

For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, whom we proclaimed among you, Silvanus and Timothy and I, was not "Yes and No"; but in him it is always "Yes." For in him every one of God's promises is a "Yes." For this reason it is through him that we say the "Amen," to the glory of God. (2 Corinthians 1:19-20)

For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. (2 Corinthians 4:6)

In these darker times, perhaps we need to hear this "yes" of God as never before.

EASTER CREED

Do you believe in God, Source and incarnating power of the immense cosmic space and time, who personally knows and cares about each person in the small and most intimate moments of our lives? **I do.**

Do you believe in God who is intensely personal, Taking flesh in fathers, but is much more than fathers, Taking flesh in mothers, but is much more than mothers, who is ultimately MYSTERY and before whom we must stand wordless and in awe? **I do.**

Do you believe in the divinely human Jesus, born of Mary, Who emerged from among us to open our eyes to the presence of God working in all creation? **I do.**

Do you believe in Jesus as the special revelation of our knowledge of God, Who sometimes used images of women and men, birds and trees, seeds and weeds to help us sense the incredible power and earthy intimacy of God's love? **I do.**

Do you believe in Jesus who from the cross in agony found the strength to love and forgive those who betrayed, tortured, reviled and executed him, And who rose to offer comfort, love, forgiveness and hope And to entrust his mission to us? **I do.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit of God working in and through creation to forgive and comfort, heal and rebuild Communities of hope and love in universal solidarity? **I do.**

Do you believe that you are a part of this community in Christ's Spirit, called every day to spread this hope and comfort in rebuilding our communities, our Church, our nation, our world? **I do.**

We, in and of your immense universe of cosmic time and space, give you our deepest thanks, our Loving God, through Christ our Lord and in the Living Spirit. **Amen.**

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.

Thought for the day

Traditionally, we have found it easy to think of the cross as the measure of God's love for us. Because of the focus on the cross, we find it more difficult to think of the resurrection as also the love of God, perhaps "all the more so"! The originality of the Fourth Gospel says it all: the disciple Jesus loved, the head cloth recalling Lazarus (see how much he loved him) and, not least, the great figure of Mary Magdalene (Mary!). In summary, Jesus died and rose again for love of us.

Prayer

Loving God, you love us more than we can imagine or take in. Help us to allow ourselves to be so loved by you, that your love may penetrate our hearts, our lives and our loves. We ask this through Jesus, who died and rose for love of us and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

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Reflections

1. The disciples are in a state of shock after their traumatic loss. Jesus, the one in whom they had placed so much hope, has been murdered and buried. Then, before they have time to recover they get another shock. The body of Jesus is missing. Have you had experiences in which one tragedy or crisis follows quickly after another? What was that like for you? How did you cope? Who, or what, sustained you?

2. Mary and Peter, and the other disciple, came and discovered that the tomb was empty. In this text no explanation is given. They are left in a state of bewilderment 'for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead'. Have you been in situations, faced with events you cannot explain, possibly events that have dashed your hopes in another person, or in God? What has that been like for you?

3. Yet in spite of the lack of explanation, the beloved disciple 'saw and believed'. Have there been times when others have done something that you could not understand, and which they could not explain at the time, and yet you believed that all was not as it seemed; times when you decided to trust in spite of the evidence? Have there been times when others have shown this kind of faith in you, when you were not able to offer satisfactory explanations, and all you could say was 'trust me'?

4. Have there been times in your relationship with God when you have felt that you were faced with an empty tomb, and still you believed? What have you learned about life, about love, from such experiences?

PRAYER

God of undying life, by your mighty hand you raised up Jesus from the grave and appointed him judge of the living and the dead. Bestow upon those baptised into his death the power flowing from his resurrection, that we may proclaim near and far the pardon and peace you give us. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, first-born from the dead, who lives with you, now and always, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.