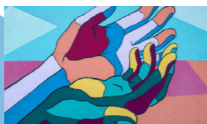


Mass Times

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
Cara Aisling Monaghan



We welcome her into the Christian Family

Diocesan Needs – Quarterly Collection 23/24th April

The faith community is most present in parishes. Some elements of the ministry, services and mission of the local church are organised at diocesan level. These include our Safeguarding Office, Diocesan Education Office, Mission and Ministry, GDPR compliance, communication costs, professional fees, staff and administrative costs. This broad range of diocesan supports and services is funded from the Diocesan Needs Quarterly Collection.

Rosary at the Grotto:

The Rosary will be recited at the Marian Park Grotto on Thursday next, 28th. April at 7.30 p.m. All welcome.

BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL
Monthly Church Gate collection will take place on
w/e 30 April / 1st May 2022
Your support as always, is greatly appreciated.



When you use the newsletter, please take it home with you.
DO NOT RETURN IT TO THE TABLE

Anam Cara Cork, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding it's monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on **Wednesday 4th May at 7:15pm 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.



WHAT THE PAPERS SAY...

Irish Catholic. (1) Fr. Rolheiser: Show me a selfish person who is truly happy (2) Fr. Silvester O'Flynn: The Risen Lord can heal our wounds. (3) David Quinn: The Church in Germany's synodal pathway is the biggest threat to Church Unity since the Reformation. (4) Mary Kenny: How the Church could preside over Ireland's neutrality debate. (5) Fr. Martin Delaney: Why do I remain a priest?

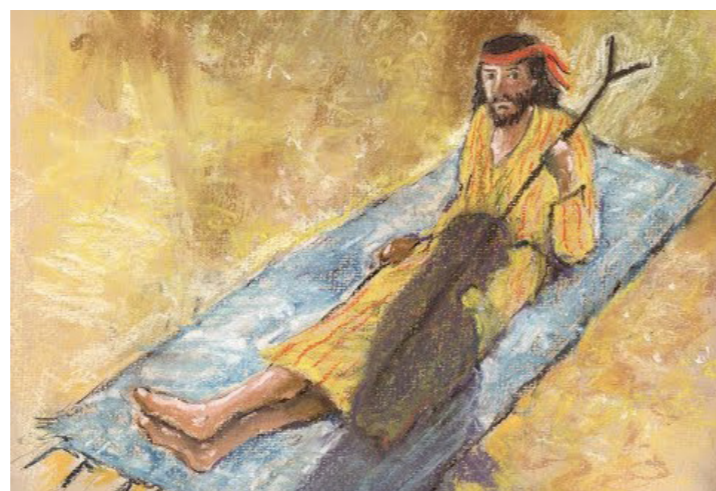
Catholic Voice. (1) Blessed Carlo Acutis listed 32 Italian Eucharistic Miracles. (2) Anne O'Hare: Pal of my cradle days -- an Ode to mothers. (3) Mary Kearns: How to revitalise the Church.

Tablet of 16/4. (1) Invasion of Ukraine -- the philosophers behind the guns. (2) The goodness of life -- Is it OK to be happy when the world is falling apart? (3) Pope calls for Easter truce -- 'Nothing is impossible for God'

Keep up - buy a Catholic Paper!

Young Adult (18 - 40) Catholic Conference
A conference with the theme 'Do whatever he tells you - Trusting God with Mary' will be held in St. Patrick's College, Dublin on Sunday 30th. April from 10 am. to 5 pm. Tickets (including lunch) €25 from Eventbrite. Enquiries to deusetpatria@gmail.com
A Legion of Mary Project

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
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.

Our Gospel for Sunday is the well-remembered story of "doubting" Thomas — it keeps that name in popular memory although the main point of the story is the extraordinary expression of faith at the end. "My Lord and my God" is the highest expression of faith in Jesus in the Fourth Gospel.

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

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

How did any of us make the journey towards faith in Christ? No doubt a great part of it is simply what we received— usually from family. At some point, did I make a conscious choice? Perhaps at other times, I felt like walking away from the faith project? What kept me going? Did a more personal ownership of faith result? Perhaps I felt the intuition of John O'Donahue, "Faith is helpless attraction to the divine." In spite of everything, perhaps in spite of myself, somehow it is part of who I am.

Prayer

Mysterious God, we are those who have seen and at the same time not seen. Help to look beyond the simple gifts of each day to see you the giver behind—and in—every gift. Help us acknowledge Jesus that we may know true blessedness in believing. Amen.

K O'Mahony OSA

Reflections

1. "Peace be with you" was the greeting of Jesus on meeting his frightened apostles. Who has come to you bringing peace at times when you were afraid? To whom have you been able to bring peace?

2. Thomas, doubting and questioning, is possibly a person with whom we can identify. What part have doubting and questioning played on your faith journey? How has your faith been strengthened by such moments?

3. Note the way that Jesus dealt with Thomas. He did not give out because he doubted. He accepted how he felt and led him along to see the truth of his resurrection. Who has been that kind of teacher for you, gently taking you where you were and leading you to a deeper knowledge about some truth about life? For whom have you been that kind of teacher?

4. "Blessed are they who have not seen and yet believed." That requires great trust. Perhaps you have had the experience of being trusted without having to justify every step along the way. What was it like to be trusted in that way? Whom have you been able to trust in a similar manner?

PRAYER

God of life, source of all faith, through the waters of baptism you have raised us up in Christ and given us life that endures. Day by day, refine our faith that we who have not seen the Christ, may truly confess him as our Lord and God, and share the blessedness of those who believe. Grant this through Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who lives and signs 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**