

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

Bonnie Maria Holland.
Zach Colman Donal McDonagh.
Tess Ann Keohane.
Charlie Daniel Wyse.



We welcome them into the Christian Family

Recently Deceased

Kathleen P. Martin.
Canada formerly from Blackrock.
May the light of heaven surround her always.



PRAYER FOR THE SYNOD

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.

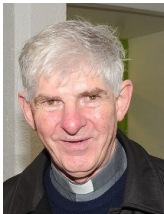
We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.

All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever.
Amen.

Anniversary

27th June marked the 3rd anniversary of the death of our beloved Canon Kieran Twomey PP Blackrock.
We remember him fondly in our prayers.
May he rest in perfect peace.



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) First married couple beatified together feature at World Meeting of Families (2) Michael Kelly: A key achievement will be making parish life synodal (3) David Quinn: Repeal of Roe v Wade gives us hope - Irish pro-life movement must play the long game (4) John Lavenburg: US bishops react to overturning Roe v Wade

Catholic Voice. (1) John Lacken: Papal Authority and Obedience. (2) Richard Greene: Venerable John Bradburne - God's vagabond! (3) Fr. William Rock FSSP: Effects of Holy Communion (4) Joshua Nelson: Embracing the Cross is superior to 'feeling good'

Tablet of 25/6. (1) Irish Church seeks new ways of communicating the faith (2) Christopher Lamb: Resistance to Vatican II reforms is 'Church's main problem' (3) Conflict in Ukraine -- Can Kyiv hold the line?

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Observations

These days, I tend to "hear" gospel stories in the light of our Synodal Pathway. Next Sunday, the Gospel is the sending of the Seventy(-two) — a very suitable text for the journey we are on. Faith and mission belong together, as these citations illustrate:

Faith: The Christian faith is first of all the welcoming of God's love revealed in Jesus Christ, sincere adherence to his person, and the free decision to follow him. Directory for Catechesis (2020). §18

Mission: The pilgrim Church is missionary by her very nature, since it is from the mission of the Son and the mission of the Holy Spirit that she draws her origin, in accordance with the decree of God the Father. Vatican II, Decree on the Mission Activity of the Church (Ad Gentes) §2.

As observed in the notes and the YouTube video, there are historical problems with the sending of the Seventy. It occurs only in Luke and is not referred to again. The story is constructed on the sending of the Twelve and seems to be a retrojection into the ministry of the expansion noted from Acts 8 onwards. That expansion took place not without challenges and Luke further legitimises it, in advance, with this account. Already in the foundational tableau of 4:16-30, Luke is not afraid to look well beyond the ministry of the historical Jesus to the inclusion of the Gentiles.

Such considerations need not deter us from using the Gospel for a deeper reflection on the missionary dimension of today's church, also "not without challenges"! It is not all burdensome, of course, and we can welcome the note of joy from Isaiah.



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Thought for the day

How to be an evangeliser today? The question is not limited to so-called "professionals," but forms part of the role and identity of every believer. It is, of course, not easy. The "marks" of bearers of the Good News surely include the following. Firstly, an awareness of the hungers of the human heart, recognised or not. Secondly, in a metaphorical way, to travel light, with little attachment. Thirdly, to do so confidently but not overbearingly. Fourthly, to do so joyfully. Finally, in the time-honoured phrase, to have an account of hope you have in you (1 Pet 3:15), when the appropriate moment for words opens up.

Prayer
Help us, who have heard your Good News, to help others to be open to the Christ and his teaching, that people everywhere may know your salvation.

K O'Mahony OSA

Reflections

1. Jesus sent out his disciples on a mission to let people know "The kingdom of God has come near to you." Recall when you have reached out to another in word or in deed to help them realise that they were cherished, perhaps by a word of sympathy or encouragement, or by giving a hand with a difficult task. What was it like for you to experience yourself as a person bringing help and encouragement to another?

2. Jesus sent the disciples out two by two. When have you found it beneficial not to be working alone, but with another by your side? How did companionship change the experience, or what you were able to achieve?

3. The instructions Jesus gave the disciples suggest appropriate attitudes for the one who 'goes before Jesus'. Let the images speak to you and evoke memories of times when you were welcomed and times when you were not. When have you found that it was good news to have the attitudes Jesus describes?

4. When the disciples returned Jesus warned them not to focus on the thrill of what they had been able to achieve. It was more important that their "names are written in heaven." Sometimes we also need reminders that who we are is more important than what we do. Who have been the people who brought this home to you? Have there been experiences that helped you to appreciate this?

PRAYER

Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory and in your presence angels stand in awe.
Enlarge our vision, that we may recognise your power at work in your Son and join the apostles and prophets as heralds of your saving word.
We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.