

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

Blaise Kevin Cassidy-Cullinane.
Angie Ann Kennedy.



We welcome them into the Christian Family

Recently Deceased

Francis (Frank) Murphy. Mahon.
May the light of heaven surround her always.



The second collection w/e 16th./17th. July is for **DIOCESAN NEEDS.**

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.

BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL
Monthly Church Gate collection will take place on
w/e July 9th/10th 2022
Your support as always, is greatly appreciated.

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) Fact-checking The Journal.ie -- Thousands attend 'Rally for Life'. (2) SVP say budget 23 must make 'real difference' (3) Wherever the synodal process goes, it cannot break with core Church teachings, writes David Quinn (4) Churches and pro-live pregnancy centres attacked in US.

Sacred Heart Messenger. (1) Fr. Terence Harrington OFM Cap: The Mass -- Sacrifice, Memorial and Meal. (2) David Breen: The Visitation and the Magnificat. (3) Fr. Bill Toner SJ: Heaven (Part 1) -- What do we know about heaven? (4) Fr. John Cullen: Mariupol -- City of Mary.

Tablet of 2/7. (1) Roe v Wade overturned -- United States should have learned from Europe. (2) Vatican Diplomacy -- The Pope, Putin and Nato. (3) Synodal Pathways -- Australia First and Foremost.

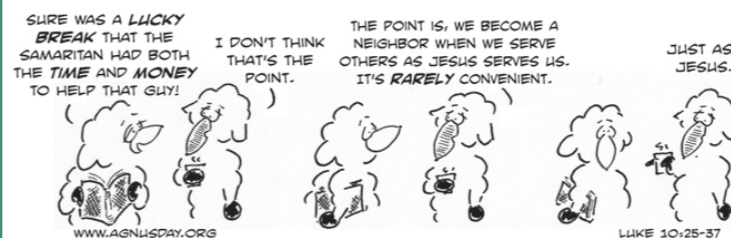
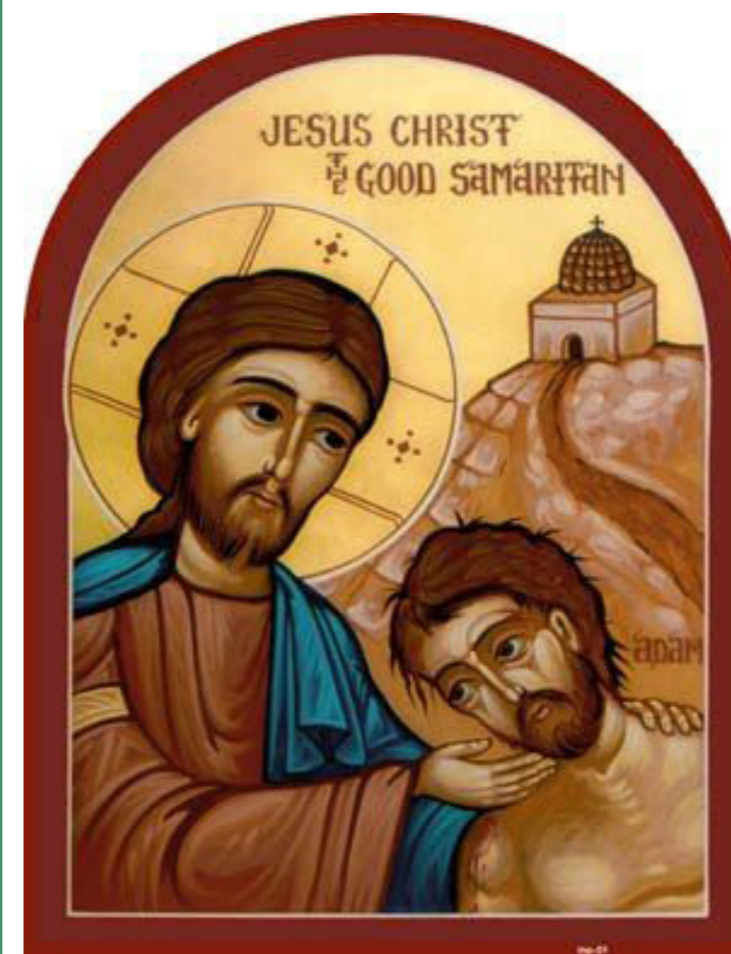
Tablet of 18/6. (1) Ordinations rise among Hispanics and Asians in the US. (2) Bruce Kent R.I.P. -- Peacemaker, priest and prophet.



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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.

Observations

The Gospel this Sunday is familiar — the Good Samaritan — but can be read afresh each time. In reality, the question raised in today's Gospel is never out of date or out of season. It is perfectly natural to think of our neighbours as literally the people next-door, people "like us" as we say. But, that is to stay well within our comfort zone and, as Jesus puts it sharply elsewhere, "even the Gentiles love those who love them." Far more is demanded, especially in today's context of spiralling migration, with all its challenges of finance, housing, income, education of the young, work for the able and so forth. While bearing in mind the practical and social consequences, the whole thrust of the Gospel passage is to see my neighbour as any fellow human being in need.



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Thought for the day

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Prayer

Generous God, as we rejoice in your kindness towards us, help us to imitate your love for all without distinction.

K O'Mahony OSA

Reflections

1. Today's gospel brings us right to the heart of what a Christian life involves: love of God and of neighbour. Jesus tells us that having life both now and in the future is the fruit of living in a spirit of love. How have you experienced the power of love given and received to be a source of life and vitality?
2. With media today we are brought face to face with suffering, poverty and hunger so vast that it can engender a feeling of helplessness and hopelessness. What the parable challenges us about is how we react when we come face to face with a person in need. We may sometimes try to avoid getting involved. Recall when you overcame this reaction and reached out to help. What did that do for you, and for the other person?
3. Bring to mind the people who have been an inspiration to you by the care and attention they have given to others.

PRAYER

In Christ you draw near to us, God of mercy and compassion, lifting us out of death, binding up our wounds, and nursing our spirits back to health. Let such a tenderness as yours compel us to go and do likewise. Grant this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

We extend a warm welcome to holidaymakers who are spending some time in Blackrock. We hope you have a relaxing break in our parish.

