

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

Lilah Rose White.
Jude William White.



We welcome them into the Christian Family

REFLECTION

What can I let go of today?

“Let go of the desire to control. Let go of anger. Let go of shame. Let go of Guilt. Let go of worries. Let go and let things follow their natural course. Let go of the need to use every second to the full. Let go of fear. Let go of tension. Let go of the need to be right. Let go of the need to be successful. Let go of the need to seem strong and know it all. Let go of the future you had charted out for yourself. Let go of the need to be the best. Let go of self-rejection. Let go of the impulse to do more than can reasonably be done in the time available. Let go of regrets and disappointments. Let go of trying to change others. Let go of criticism. Let go of being harsh on yourselves and others. Let go of prejudices and biases. Let go of interfering”

What a powerful reflection. Don't we carry so many unnecessary burdens with us each day.

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



BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Monthly Church Gate collection will take place on
w/e August 6th/7th 2022
Your support as always, is greatly appreciated.

PARISH DEFIBRILLATORS

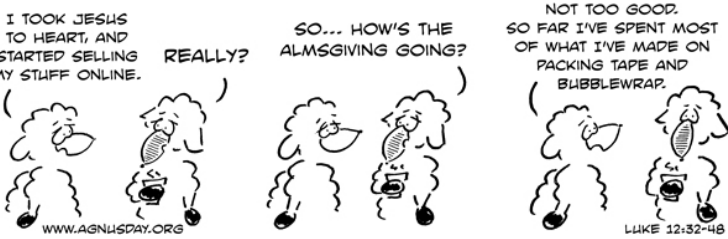
There are now 2 Defibrillators located in the Parish, one in the village & one outside Murphy's Circle K Petrol Station. The code to operate both is 2017

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



WHAT THE PAPERS SAY...

Irish Catholic. (1) 'Our angels have wings' Zelenskyy says on Ukrainian Statehood Day. (2) Mary Kenny: A moment of change for the trans ideology? (3) Nuala O'Loan: The greatest fulfilment lies in living for others (4) David Quinn: 'Safe access zone' law may need to be challenged in court.
Catholic Voice: (1) Those who keep the Faith will save the Church. (2) Fr. Kevin Drew: The assault on the Holy Eucharist. (3) Russell Shaw: Grandparents & Handing on the Faith. (4) Anthony Murphy: Eucharistic Renewal of the Church in Ireland.
Tablet of 30/7. (1) Archbishop Eamonn Martin stresses importance of avoiding polarisation of synodal journey. (2) Archbishop Kieran O'Reilly: Lack of priests will require new ways of 'being church'.
Tablet of 6/8. (1). Philip Mc.Donagh: Ukraine/Russia — The diplomacy of dialogue — It's time to talk. (2) Charismatic Renewal — When ecstasy breaks loose. (3) Pope Francis reflects on his future as he flies home from Canada.
Messenger. (1) RE-LINK, Resource for Religious Studies — Responses to the Search for Meaning. (2) Pope's intention for September asks us to reflect on the abolition of the death penalty.



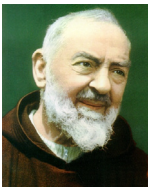
CONNECT 2

Almost 100 young people, aged between 18 to 35, from all over the Diocese, gathered in UCC in May for the CONNECT event. It was a wonderful day of great joy. The Diocese is delighted to announce that CONNECT 2 will take place in UCC, on **Sunday October 16th from 10.30am. Please save the date.**

It promises to be another great day. More details to follow and the opportunity to register. For now - just save the date!

Annual Padre Pio Mass

The annual concelebrated Mass commemorating the day of Padre Pio's ordination to the priesthood will take place on **Sunday 7th August from 2.30pm, in the Church of the Holy Spirit, Dennehy's Cross, Cork.** Confessions will be available from 1.30pm. There will also be the anointing of the sick, benediction, and blessing with First Class Padre Pio relics.



SMA Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

17 – 22 September, 2022
Five nights, full board – Hotel Roissy.
Cost: €789 pps.
For further information please contact Fr Martin Kavanagh SMA at 021 4292871.

Observations

In Luke 12, there are several parables and the Evangelist wants us to catch the interplay between the different parables, a kind of intra-textuality. For example, the soliloquy of the Rich Fool resembles the soliloquy of the Unfaithful Slave. Likewise, the extraordinary reversal of roles in the Parable of Watchful Slaves and the Parable of the Faithful/Unfaithful Slaves should be read side by side. Luke is wide awake and knows what he is doing: he does not want the profound reassurance of the Gospel message to decline into complacency.



Boys and Girls enjoying the Summer Camps at Blackrock and St Michaels
Pics courtesy of George Hatchell

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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.

Thought for the day

It is alarming to think that “where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” To find out where my treasure is I need to look not at what I think but at what I do. How do I choose to spend my time? Where does my best concentration go? What “things” in life provide me with the greatest challenge and the greatest fulfilment? When am I most truly myself? Even more, to know myself spiritually, introspection is only a limited guide. What I really need to do is to take account of how I act. What about the last week, for example? What does that tell me about myself?

Prayer

Lord Jesus, let me know myself and know you, and desire nothing, save only you.
Look upon me, that I may love you. Call me, that I may see you, and for ever enjoy you. Amen.

St Augustine

K O'Mahony OSA

Reflections

1. The opening verses of this gospel invite us to ask ourselves what do we see as our purpose in life? What are our priorities? Is our heart set on material progress and advance, or do we have other priorities? What has helped you to appreciate that there is more to your life than earthly possessions and success?

2. At times, one can sense in Jesus an urgency, as if he wanted to shake people and wake them up to take his words seriously. The parable has that tone: “Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit.” When have you found that being alert enabled you to grasp a moment of opportunity that you might easily have missed, e.g., when a child or friend gives a hint that they would like to talk and a very meaningful conversation ensues.

3. Another consideration that adds to the sense of urgency in the words of Jesus is that we only have one life, and we do not know how long that will last. So Jesus calls us on us to live in the now and to treasure our time. Sometimes we can drift aimlessly through a day, and on other occasions use a day purposefully. What difference does that make, if any, to how you experience the day?

PRAYER

O God, on whom our faith rests secure and whose kingdom we await, sustain us by word and sacrament and keep us alert for the coming of the Son of Man, that we may welcome him without delay. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns, forever and ever. Amen.