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**WEEKLY MASS LEAFLET UPDATES:**   
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### 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

**Shea Barra Creedon.**  
**Jacob Daniel Frank Crowley.**  
**Adam Joseph McCarthy.**  
**Kate Lauren O'Driscoll.**



We welcome them into the Christian Family

### Recently Deceased

**Esther O'Sullivan, Ballintemple**  
**Rose Connolly, Beaumont.**  
**Mike O'Shaughnessy, Temple Vale**



May the light of heaven surround them always.

### Canon Tadhg and Fr. J.P.

Bishop Fintan Gavin has recently issued a Pastoral Letter to the people and priests of the Diocese of Cork and Ross a summary of which will be available at weekend Masses in all parishes on weekend of 27th/28th August next. In this Pastoral Letter he outlines the rationale for the reconfiguration of parishes into families of parishes working together, sharing resources and with teams of priests working across the parishes in each family of parishes.

12 families of parishes will be established this September and a further four will be established in 2023. Blackrock and Mahon parishes will join a family of parishes with Ballinlough and Blackrock Road in 2023 so we have another year to plan and prepare for this.

As part of phase one of this reconfiguration in the Diocese, Bishop Fintan announced a series of new diocesan appointments. While Blackrock and Mahon parishes will join a family of parishes next year, the announcement of diocesan appointments included two milestone ones for our parishes of Blackrock and Mahon. Canon Tadhg Ó Mathúna will retire after 22 years of diligent priestly ministry in Blackrock. Fr. J.P. O'Riordan CSsR will return to the Redemptorists in Limerick after 11 years of dedicated ministry in Mahon Parish. We are profoundly grateful to Canon Tadhg and Fr. J.P. for their dedicated priestly witness and hard work over many years.

These changes will have an impact on our parishes. Fr. Colin and Fr. Michael will endeavour to maintain the current schedule of weekend Masses in both parishes. However, in consultation with the parish councils in Blackrock and Mahon, we will need to adjust the weekday Mass schedule to take into account that only one priest will be available on weekdays from early September.

These meetings will take place soon with a view to having a plan in place for weekday Masses in September.

Fr. Colin Doocey Fr. Michael Keohane

### WHAT THE PAPERS SAY...

**Irish Catholic.** (1) Elise Ann Allen: Ukraine's Vatican Envoy hints Pope may be set to visit the country. (2) Fr. Thomas Flowers SJ: Allowing ourselves to experience God's mercy in Confession. (3) Ruadhan Jones: Why do young people like conservative Catholic communities (4) TVRadio with Brendan O'Regan: Can you have a civil conversation with someone whose beliefs you disagree with?

**Sacred Heart Messenger.** (1) Margaret Naughton: The God of Resilience, Forgiveness and Reconciliation. (2) Fr. Peter McVerry SJ explores how gratitude, trust and surrender ground our faith life

**Catholic Voice:** (1) David Kilby: Eucharistic Revival -- Kerygma and the Eucharist. (2) Canon De Martin: St. Clare of Assisi. (3) Mary Kearns: Why Rite is important (4) Richard N. Greene: Ireland -- Once the land of Saints and Scholars.

**Tablet.** (1) Sarah Mac Donald: Radical changes to way parishes operate are set in motion in Cork and Ross. (2) James Roberts: Pelosi visit to Taiwan tests Vatican diplomacy. (3). Austin Ivereigh: Inside the synod -- The art of synthesis.

**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**



Just a reminder to take great care in this heatwave. Factor 50 is required!! Stay in the shade when possible and drink plenty of fluids. The elderly are especially at risk, so keep an eye out!



### BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The Collection last Sunday raised €2150  
A great response and support from parishioners.  
Thanks to all collectors.

### 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



### Stars of the Future



These young Rockies starlets had their chance to shine and show their skills at Half Time on the big stage in the Co-Op Superstores Premier SH Championship The Barrs v Rockies SHC A night to remember for them all apart from the Result of the Senior Game!  
Photo : George Hatchell

### Observations

The Sunday Gospel is brief, enigmatic and, to our ears, unexpected. It takes a little bit of digging to see what it could mean for us today. For the text itself, you may find the YouTube video helpful (I hope so!) — exploring the spiritual context of the time of writing.  
[youtube.com/watch?v=togd3p-p-d0](https://youtube.com/watch?v=togd3p-p-d0)

The sense of family division then is different to family division now, of course. Nevertheless, there is some potential for today: families can divide over faith and certainly the family of faith is "rich" in contrasting positions. The latter thought led me to reflect once more on the Synodal Pathway, the contrasting opinions brought to light and how to face them in a synodal manner.



### 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.

### 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!

### Thought for the day

The famous reflection of Teilhard de Chardin suggests itself: *The day will come when, after harnessing the ether, the winds, the tides, gravitation, we shall harness for God the energies of love. And, on that day, for the second time in the history of the world, man will have discovered fire.*

The uncertainties of today are evident, political, economic and environmental. What can we as people of faith contribute? Again in the words of Teilhard, "there is something wonderful afoot in the universe." The eyes of faith see the deeper pattern.

### Prayer

*God of the cosmos, you hold everything in being. God of love, you love the human race. God of our hearts, helps us to see your handiwork not only in the universe, but in the everyday events of our lives. Amen.*

K O'Mahony OSA

### Reflections

1. The commitment of Jesus to his mission is shown in his desire to undergo the baptism that awaits him. Have there been times when there was something you greatly hoped for, even though you knew there would be a baptism of fire along the way? What was it like for you to undergo such a baptism of fire and then arrive at what you desired?

2. Jesus recognised that the message he proclaimed would meet with a mixed reception. This did not hold him back from proclaiming the Reign of God. When have you seen this kind of courage in yourself, or in others?

3. Jesus challenged those listening to him to commit themselves to discipleship, despite opposition from those close to them, even family members. When have you found that being true to yourself and to your beliefs required such courage? What was it like for you when you were able to follow that courageous road?

### PRAYER

*To set the earth ablaze, O God, your Son submitted to a baptism unto death, and from his cup of suffering you call the Church to drink. Keep our eyes fixed on Jesus and give us strength in time of trial to run the race that lies before us. Amen.*

