

Mass Times

Sundays: 9 am & 11 am
Saturday Vigil: 6.00 pm
Tuesday & Friday 9.30 am



Fr Colin Doocey Adm.

Baptisms

Aisling Mary Noreen Kelly.
Leo Raphael Walsh.

We welcome them into the Christian Family



Canon Tadhg Ó Mathúna - An Appreciation

This weekend marks the end of a very important era in the life of the Blackrock Community. After 22 years serving us both as Parish Priest and later in "semi-retirement", Canon Tadhg will be retiring from active ministry to take a well-deserved rest.



Canon Tadhg started his ministry in 1966 and was subsequently appointed as Inspector of Schools for the Dioceses; following a number of appointments he was appointed PP in Ballyphehane where he spent many very happy years. It was probably with a heavy heart that he left Ballyphehane to come to Blackrock, however, he was immediately welcomed and recognised for his personality, great warmth and the ability to get things done!

Canon Tadhg was actually ordained in this Church 2 years after it was built in 1966 – little did he know what a critical part he would play in the life of the Blackrock community and in the survival of the church building. Shortly after his appointment it was discovered that the integrity of the windows was critically impaired; Canon Tadhg had to use all of his ingenuity to solve this problem and in conjunction with a dedicated group of parishioners, restored and modernised the church so that it could continue to serve the community in Blackrock in a changing world.

In recognition of his contribution to the Church (and Blackrock), the Bishop elevated him to the Chapter of Canons in 2008; in 2012 he stepped back from the position of Parish Priest and was initially succeeded by Fr Jerry Cremin and then the late Fr (later Canon) Kieran Twomey with whom he had a close friendship and missed terribly following his untimely death in 2019.

We were pleased to learn that Canon Tadhg will continue to live in Blackrock, therefore, we will continue to have the benefit of his wisdom and friendship. A man of great faith, compassion and understanding, Canon Tadhg continues to be an influential force in the lives of the parishioners of Blackrock. We all owe him a tremendous debt of gratitude and on all of our behalf, wish him every happiness in his retirement.

Go raibh míle maith agat!

WHAT THE PAPERS SAY...

Irish Catholic. (1). Michael Kelly: It would be good to see the enthusiasm for diaconate translate to priesthood. (2) David Quinn: The Vatican's neutrality in the Ukrainian war is defensible. (3) Mickey Rourke: The rosary saved my life. (4) Fr. Rolheiser: A biblical formula for forgiveness. (5) Fr. Martin Delaney: Church gatekeepers did not suppress fresh synod voices

Catholic Voice. (1) Rick Urban: The Sybodal Pathway -- the road to where? (2) Eucharistic Revival Pillar Three -- Empower Grassroots Creativity. (3) Bishop Wilhelm Stockums: The Supernatural Character of the Priest. (4) Niall Carroll: Recorded music in the liturgy

Sacred Heart Messenger. (1) Grainne Doherty: Addressing the Role of Women in the Church. (2) Sr. Stanislaus Kennedy: The Right to Dignity. (3) Fr. Peter McVerry SJ: Housing Revisited

Tablet of 3/9. (1). Mother of Kolkata -- The Spirit of the Gutter. (2) Melanie McDonagh: Teenagers will assume that the Church equals oppression - Something to be overthrown. (3). Christopher Lamb: 'Unprecedented' Synod process moves into the next phase



BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL
The Collection last Sunday raised €2245
A great response and support from parishioners.
Thanks to all collectors.

IRISH DANCING CLASSES for children with Niamh Hatchell SD will recommence at Scoil Ursula on Tuesday 13th September at 4pm. Tel 0879950521 or email niamhhatchell@hotmail.com for further information.

Cork College of FET - Tramore Road Campus (formerly CSN) have vacancies for a number of our QQI Level 5 and 6 courses. Walk in interviews talking place every day or contact us on 021 4961020, info@csn.ie or www.csn.ie

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**

Observations

The Parable of the Lost Son (which one?) or the Compassionate Father is both too familiar and almost too rich. It is certainly brimming over with themes: grace, compassion, lost-ness, being found, extending forgiveness, the outsider, the insider who is really an outsider, older and younger brothers from Genesis and so on. Romans 9 comes to mind as well (even if disconcerting).

It is not as though the word of God had failed. For not all Israelites truly belong to Israel, and not all of Abraham's children are his true descendants; but "It is through Isaac that descendants shall be named for you." This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as descendants. For this is what the promise said, "About this time I will return and Sarah shall have a son." Nor is that all; something similar happened to Rebecca when she had conceived children by one husband, our ancestor Isaac. Even before they had been born or had done anything good or bad (so that God's purpose of election might continue, not by works but by his call) she was told, "The elder shall serve the younger." As it is written, "I have loved Jacob, but I have hated Esau." (Romans 9:6–13)

WEXFORD CYCLE 2022

Thanks to each of the 78+ people who have contributed to the Wexford Cycle — the amount collected so far comes to €5,985 — with a little bit to go to get to the goal €10,000. To be part of this charity cycle as a donor, please go to www.tarsus.ie and follow the link. Thanks. Kieran OSA



Meals on Wheels need drivers for every second Thursday morning for about an hour. Please contact - Eleanor - 429 1603, or Anne - 429 5005 / 087 9569236.



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



Italian Language & Culture Classes in Blackrock.

The Dante Alighieri Society based in The Ursuline Secondary School offers face to face Language & Culture Classes for the coming Academic year, commencing on the 19th September and continuing till the end of April next year. Classes are on Monday nights from 8-9pm and our teachers are native Italians, living in Cork for many years and speaking fluent English. In all 23 language Classes and 4 Cultural events will be covered at a cost of 140 Euro for the year. Three language levels will offered... Beginners Class, for those with none or only a little Italian, Intermediate for those with a moderate level of the Language and Upper Intermediate for those with more proficiency. Classes are conducted in a pleasant learning environment and our Cultural evenings also offer a practical social dimension. Associate Membership for those wishing to attend Cultural Evenings only is also available at a cost of 50 Euro for the year. For further information on enrolment details please contact our Chairperson Leo at... 087 2405212 before 18th September.

Thought for the day

Happiness in believing is possibly out of fashion and even out of sync with the times. And yet, engagement with the Good News should surely lead to a profound happiness, even exuberance. Just because we don't feel it all the time doesn't mean it isn't real! The joy of the Gospel is part of who we are.

Prayer

As we place our trust in you, as we are loved by you and love you in return, unlock our hearts that we may know true and lasting joy in believing.

K O'Mahony OSA

Reflections

1. Like many a parable, this story makes its point in what seems to be unfair: the spendthrift son is rewarded and the elder son is hurt and angry. Jesus is telling us that love is a free gift, not something we earn by our goodness. This is true of human love, and is also true of God's love. When have you experienced this truth in the love you have received from others? When has the experience of human love prompted you to reflect on God's love for you?

2. After some time the younger son 'came to himself' and returned home. Where and when have you experienced a homecoming after a time of exile and alienation? What helped you to come to yourself and make that journey home?

3. The older son resented the welcome given to the younger son after his wandering and dissolute life. This contrasts with the welcome the father gave the younger son. Perhaps you have experienced these differing attitudes in yourself. What were they like for you? Where was there life for you or for others?

PRAYER

Undaunted you seek the lost, O God, exultant you bring home the found. Touch our hearts with grateful wonder at the tenderness of your forbearing love. Grant us delight in the mercy that has found us and bring all to rejoice at the feast of forgiveness.

Interested in learning Spanish?

CORK SPANISH CIRCLE, (Established 1949, serving Cork for 73 years) will be holding night classes for adults at four levels from Beginners to Advanced. Classes are held on Wednesday nights in Cork Bridge Club, 37 Patricks Quay, Cork. Suitable for people who want to do the Camino de Santiago or to be a lay missionary in Spanish speaking countries or who just want to learn Spanish or to improve their level. Registration Wed. September 14th 7.30p.m. to 8.30p.m. Classes commence: Wed. 21st September at 7.30p.m. for first and third years and at 8.30p.m. for second and fourth years Fee: €100 (Please note this fee is for the year, from September 2022 to May 2023). Enquiries: Phone (021)4341409 after 6p.m. or www.corkspanishcircle.com