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**WEEKLY MASS LEAFLET UPDATES:**   
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### Mass Times

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



Fr Colin Doocey Adm. Pro Tem

### Baptisms

**Conor Hugh Gallagher.**  
**Aodhán Fionn Gallagher.**  
**Saoirse Maryanne Gallagher.**  
**Ozzie Anthony Sutherland.**



We welcome them into the Christian Family

### Holy Souls Novena Masses

Wed Nov 2nd 9.30am Holy Cross  
Thurs Nov 3rd 9.30am Holy Cross  
Fri Nov 4th 9.30am St Michaels  
Sat Nov 5th/Sun Nov 6th All Weekend Masses Both Churches  
Mon Nov 7th 9.30am Holy Cross  
Tues Nov 8th 9.30am St. Michaels  
Wed Nov 9th 9.30am Holy Cross  
Thurs Nov 10th 9.30am St. Michaels

### Novena Envelopes

Envelopes and lists for the Holy Souls Novena are available on the tables in the church.

### November Cemetery Prayers

Cemetery prayers and blessing of graves will be at St Michael's Cemetery on Sunday 6th Nov. at 3pm

**Online Enrolment** for Admissions for Junior Infants and ASD classes in Beaumont Boys School for the school year 23/24 will remain open from October 1st-22nd, 2022 on our website [www.beaumontboys.ie](http://www.beaumontboys.ie)



**SECOND COLLECTION W/E 16TH. October, 2022. DIOCESAN NEEDS.**

### MASS OF REMEMBRANCE:

Our annual Mass of Remembrance for parishioners who Died during the past 12 months will take place on FRIDAY 4th. NOVEMBER at 7.30pm.

All classes have resumed at **Blackrock Community Centre**, Convent Road as follows:  
Monday – Dance and Exercise 10 – 12 – Arts and Crafts 2 – 4.  
Wednesday Crochet 2 – 4. Thursday – Irish Dance Classes for children – 4 – 6. Outside tutors hold classes in Line Dancing – Monday, Wednesday nights; Tai Chi – Friday mornings and Thursday nights. There will be Flower Arranging Classes on 2, 9, 16 December. We also hold social events – Christmas Coffee morning, Dinner, outings etc. Membership is €15 for the year (September- September), new members very welcome.  
Contact Carmel at 0874155862 for further information.

### WHAT THE PAPERS SAY...

**Tablet of 15/10.** (1). Christopher Lamb: The listening Church — The Synod is reviving the spirit of Vatican II. (2) Justice in jeopardy — Divisions in the top US court question its very legitimacy (3) Mary Kenny: While some honour the memory of selfless priests and nuns, the Ireland of the past is now excoriated as a dark and violent theocracy.

**Tablet of 8/10.** (1). Vatican II and the Mass — Needed: A new liturgical movement. (2) Teresa Devlin's appointment to the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors is welcomed by Archbishop Martin and Marie Collins.

**Irish Catholic.** (1) Michael Kelly: Pause for thought needed on parish clustering model. (2) Open letter — Papal document on ecology hits screens to increase action. (3) John L. Allen Jr: Why don't popes ever win the Nobel Peace Prize? (4) Fr. Rolheiser: How to pray when we don't feel like it.

**Synodal Times.** (1) How religious and missionaries can help the synodal Church. (2) "We have been pruned 'non-existence' by the Church in Ireland" say Irish Women Religious.

**Catholic Voice:** (1) Richard N. Greene: Enoch Burke — Irish prisoner of conscience (2) Fr. Gerald E. Murray: False shepherds leading the sheep astray.

**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**



**Best wishes to Blackrock Senior Hurlers and Management on Sunday.**



### Observations

The parable of the unjust judge portrays an unexpectedly feisty woman. This comes out in a startling way in the Greek. The judge says to himself: "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and and give me a black eye". The original Greek uses the word hypōpiázō, which has three meanings, in order:

1. to blacken an eye, *give a black eye, strike in the face*; 2. to bring someone to submission by constant annoyance, *wear down*; 3. to put under strict discipline, *punish, treat roughly, torment*.

The first option is almost irresistible. The deeper meaning about persistence in prayer is best explored with the help of St Augustine, in his Letter to Proba, worth reading in full. Quite a bit is known about Proba, the recipient. Augustine is clear that there is no need to inform or persuade God in prayer. So why bother?

**BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL**  
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.

**Anam Cara West Cork** the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on Tuesday 18th October at 7:20pm in the **Mill Court, Mill Place, Bandon P72 E938**. This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents. For further information please contact us on 085 288 8888 or [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie)



### Croí na Gaeilge

(Tel. 085 1213189 after 6 p.m. only) is holding a Leaving Certificate Honours Oral Irish 1-Day Preparation Course (worth 40% of total exam marks) open to current Leaving Cert/5th Year students on Sunday October 23rd from 11-6 p.m. given by an experienced Oral Examiner/Teacher. All topics covered (including sraith pictiúr, general conversation, poetry reading, Gaeltacht phrases and nathanna cainte). Míle buíochas, Peadar Ó Murchú.

### 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**

### Thought for the day

There can be no "part-time" discipleship. Likewise, there can be no parttime prayer. The deep reason behind this is that God loves my whole person and desires all that I am. Constancy in discipleship demands constancy in prayer; and constancy in prayer builds discipleship. In other words, they can be no separation of life and prayer—the goal is the same, the integration of my whole self into the Christian project. However, the relationship is primary. It is not that practical action is more important and prayer helps, but that prayer is more important and how I live is the test of my prayer.

### Prayer

*God, who love the human race, your love touches our deepest selves and fills us with joy in believing. Help us to respond to your love in constant prayer and faithful discipleship. Amen.*

K O'Mahony OSA

### Reflections

1. The purpose of prayer is not to change God's mind, but to change ourselves and we can be slow to move. When have you found that persistence in prayer strengthened your faith in the presence of God with you in that struggle?
2. The context of the story may be a concern about the delay in the final coming of the Lord. Have there been times when your persistence in prayer, or action, was eventually rewarded after a period when you had doubts about the outcome? What were the fruits of your persistent prayer?
3. Behind the story lies the final question of Jesus: Who does have faith? Who have been models of faith and trust in God for you? How has that trust been shown in their lives? How is it shown in yours?

### PRAYER

*Lord, tireless guardian of your people, always ready to hear the cries of your chosen ones, teach us to rely, day and night, on your care. Support our prayer lest we grow weary. Impel us to seek your enduring justice and your ever-present help. Amen.*

