

### Mass Times

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



Fr Colin Doocey Adm. Pro Tem

### Recently Deceased

**Riobárd (Bobby) Langford, Silverdale**  
May the light of heaven surround him always.



To mark the close of Creation Time, the Holy Cross and St. Michael's Environment Group are organizing a Prayer Service on the Feast of Francis of Assisi



Tue evg Oct.4. 7.30 - 8.15 in Holy Cross Church Mahon

Local people, young and "not-so" are invited to come together to recall, before our God and one another, that we humans are the ones appointed as stewards of Creation.

We remind ourselves that the welfare of our children, grandchildren, and brothers and sisters in far-flung lands, depend, for better or worse, on choices we make today.

Our courage to change lifestyle, and our commitment to influence those we have elected to lead us: these are two great calls our times are issuing to us Western democracies.

Mother Earth our common home needs each of her children to play our part. The opportunity to heal our environment and manage our climate is available still, but it won't last. Scientists tell us that ours is the last decade that we can take action in order to avoid the worst.

Please, let's come, consider, and let's pray. Together.

The Service needs 6 volunteers to lead short prayer/reflection.

For more information, contact Máire at: 087 6420135

### WHAT THE PAPERS SAY...

Irish Catholic. (1) Babies in the womb grimace for greens and smile for carrots. (2) David Quinn: Anti-social behaviour is a symptom of a broken society. (3) The unprecedented consultation process reveals that many self-styled liberals are intolerant of those who differ from them, writes Fr. Andrew McMahon. (4) Making room -- Catholics with disabilities hope synod will hear their voices (5) The Sunday Gospel with Fr. Sylvester O'Flynn OFM Cap: Keeping going when there are no signs of gratitude

Tablet of 24/9. (1) Pope Francis advocates patience and dialogue with China's rulers. (2). Divisions over conduct of Synodal plenary. (3) Benedict Rogers: Power of Prayer -- The Way of the Saints

Catholic Voice. (1) Richard N.Greene: Counselling from a Catholic perspective. (2) Anthony Murphy: NCCA: Specifications for a new Curriculum

**An Invitation to Remember...**

A Service of Remembrance will be held

By Cork University Maternity Hospital

On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 7.30pm

In the Sacred Heart Church, Western Road, Cork

All who have experienced pregnancy or infant loss are welcome to attend

The Service of Remembrance will also be livestreamed at this link/ QR Code  
<https://www.dunshahservices.tu/sacredheartcork>

### Cork Scripture Group

4 Monday nights of October: To appreciate *Women in our Scripture and our Tradition* (Marian Mortell, Lorna Downey and Rosalie Moloney) and Saturday workshop on *Biblical Roots of Women's Leadership* with Fáinche Ryan (Loyola Institute, Trinity College). Cost €50.

To book a place please email [corkscripturegroup@gmail.com](mailto:corkscripturegroup@gmail.com)

**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.

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



### The Synodal Times.

Ireland's Synodal pathway is ongoing and The Synodal Times has 32 pages of news, analysis and commentary to break down what the synod is and what it means for the future of the Irish Church. In the September issue, now available in the church, it discusses Ireland's crisis of faith and how we can solve ongoing concerns.

### Observations

As is well-known, faith means two things. It means what we believe (the fides quae, traditionally) and the act of trust by which we believe (the fides qua of old). Today's Gospel is about the second of these. The phrase used by the disciples is striking: increase our faith. How would you do that? What would an increase of faith even look like? In other words, what steps can we take to nourish our faith?

### 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.

**Anam Cara Cork**, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding it's monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on **Wednesday 5th October at 7:15pm in the Clayton Hotel, Silver Springs, Cork City.** This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. We also offer an online service. For more info call 01 4045378



CONNECT 2  
GO & SHARE

October 16th, 2022 | 10.30am to 5pm  
The UCC Devere Hall | 18- 35 years

To Register, go to [corkandross.org](http://corkandross.org) or use the QR code!

### Connect 2

Almost 100 Young adults (18 - 35 years) from across the Diocese joined Bishop Fintan for CONNECT in UCC in May. We are delighted to announce that you can now register for CONNECT 2 in UCC on Sunday October 16th. The day begins at 10am and ends with Mass at 4pm in the Honan Chapel. It promises to be a great day of faith, fun, food, and sharing. We will explore how we can all become better Missionary Disciples for the Lord. To register simply visit [www.corkandross.org](http://www.corkandross.org)

### 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

The cry of the disciples to the Lord, "increase our faith," resonates very much with us today. Is being a person of faith harder today than it has ever been? In one sense no: previous generations too had to struggle. But today has its particular challenges. For the most part, public discourse is against faith in general and against church in particular. It would be easy to lose heart. Just holding on to faith would be enough, not to mention growing!! We grow in faith by desire and by practice—desire for God and the practice of prayer. The times call us to focus on the heart of the Christian project—Jesus and the Gospel—and on the heart of discipleship—love and service.

### Prayer

"Lord, increase our faith!" Open our hearts to your presence in our lives.

K O'Mahony OSA

### Reflections

1. Faith can move mountains... well it can certainly get us moving. Recall a time when you were full of self-doubt, skepticism about a project, or lacking trust in God. What was that like? Contrast this with times when you believed in yourself, or in the value of a project you had undertaken, or when your faith and trust in God were strong. What kind of faith have you found enriched your life?

2. Faith is like a mustard seed—small— and sometimes we may be tempted to wait till our faith grows. Part of the message in the gospel is to use the faith we have, even though it may be small. That is how we grow in belief in ourselves and in God's presence in our lives. Does your experience back up this?

3. It is nice when what we do is recognised and acknowledged, but the desire for recognition leaves us vulnerable. It is not always forthcoming. It can be helpful if our main motivation in doing something is the value of the action itself. Have you experienced this?

4. Love is a free gift. What is given lovingly is not given because of a claim. What is your experience of the freedom of love, given and received?

### PRAYER

God, the rock of our salvation, whose gifts can never fail, deepen the faith you have already bestowed and let its power be seen in your servants.

We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

### BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Monthly Church Gate collection will take place on **w/e October 1st & 2nd 2022**  
Your support as always, is greatly appreciated.

### FIRST FRIDAY EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

On Friday 7th October following morning Mass.  
Rosary & Benediction at 5p.m.



There are sheets on the tables in the Church where Parishioners can indicate the times most suitable for them to be present. We would like that there would be at least 2 people present for each period. If there are vacant periods we would appreciate volunteers to fill these times by putting their names on the list. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION.

### FIRST FRIDAY EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

On Friday 7th October following morning Mass. As there will be another event in the Church that afternoon the Exposition will conclude with Rosary & Benediction at 2 p.m. There are sheets on tables in the Church where you may indicate the time most suitable to be present. Thank you.