

Mass Times

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



Fr Colin Doocey Adm.

Wedding

Congratulations to **Ian Buckley and Natalie Whittaker** who were married in our Church on 5th. November, 2022.
Fr. Michael Keohane officiated.



Recently Deceased

Ann Dixon, Gate Lodge

May the light of heaven surround her always.



St Michael's welcomes Bishop Fintan Gavin.

l/r John Fitzpatrick, Bishop Fintan, Phil O'Mahony
Eileen Kidney, Jane Fitzpatrick, Kathleen Dineen
Photo courtesy George Hatchell

HOLY SOULS VIGIL: You are very welcome to join us for a special Vigil for the Holy Souls in **St. Patrick's Church, Rochestown on Wednesday 16th November from 3pm.** Mass will be celebrated at 3.15pm and again at 8.30pm. There will be Adoration, Confessions, Rosary and prayers for the Holy Souls. Tea and coffee break at 6pm.

AFTERNOON BRIDGE

Beaumont Bridge Club are holding open bridge in Cork Constitution every WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON at 2.30pm
€6 table money & Plenty of parking.

THE PAPERS SAY.....

Synodal Times. (1) The International survey of Catholic Women. (2) Concerned about the lack of youth in the Church? It's simple —. Go to them! (3) Themes from the Continental Stage of the Synod. (4). Prof. John Warhurst: Reflections from my participation in the Australian plenary Council

Tablet of 5/11. (1). Safeguarding — The Tangled Roots of Abuse. (2). The Bible in Translation — Unauthorised Versions. (3). Cause opens for First World War Hero, Fr. Willie Doyle

Catholic Voice. (1). Anthony Murphy: Authority and obedience are defined by their limits. (2) Rick Urban: Enough of the 'me too' movement. (3). Paul Kengor: Pope John Paul II and the gift and duty of our talents

Irish Catholic. (1). Chai Brady: A pro-life movement with huge potential. (2) Fr. Martin Delaney: Is there creeping secularism in death rituals? (3). Michael Kelly: How can there still be people who don't 'get' abuse crisis? (4) The Sunday Gospel with Fr. Sylvester O'Flynn: Purgatory — therapy of divine love

BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL
Christmas Church Gate collection will take place on
w/e December 11th/12th 2022
Your support as always, is greatly appreciated.

Advent and Christmas 2022

The very first volume of the **Hearers of the Word** series is devoted to the readings for Advent and Christmas in Year A. The book is available online from **Messenger Publications**. It is also available for Kindle. *K O'Mahony OSA*

Medjugorje Pilgrimage ex Cork 31st May to June 7th 2023. Cost €749.00 pps if booked and paid in full by mid December 5th. Full price of €849.00 applies after this date. €200 deposit secures place. Half board accommodation in Hotel Leone. Optional insurance €39.00. Spiritual Director Fr. Ted Sheehan. Contact Sean O'Shaughnessy 0862959380 or Joe Walsh Tours 012410800. Places limited.

Anam Cara West Cork the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on **Tuesday 15th November 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

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.

Observations

One of the differences between the Jewish Bible and the Christian "Old Testament" is the order of the books. The Jewish Bible ends at 2 Chronicles thus:

"Thus said King Cyrus of Persia: The Lord God of Heaven has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and has charged me with building Him a House in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Any one of you of all His people, the Lord his God be with him and let him go up." (2 Chronicles 36:23 JPS)

Closing the Bible on a note of invitation is very appealing and, so it would seem to me, intentional.

By contrast, the Christian Old Testament closes with the prophet Malachi, looking forward to the "Elijah" to come:

Lo, I will send you the prophet Elijah before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. He will turn the hearts of parents to their children and the hearts of children to their parents, so that I will not come and strike the land with a curse. (Malachi 4:5-6 NRSV)



Part of the Temple in Jerusalem today

East Cork Choral Society is pleased to announce its forthcoming concert featuring Mozart's Vespers and Exultate Jubilate; Vierne's Messe Solenne; and Vaughan Williams' Serenade to Music..

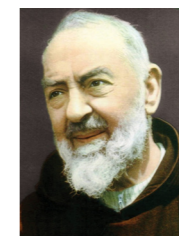
The Concert will take place at **8pm on Saturday November 26th at St. Francis Church, Liberty St. Cork.**

Tickets € 18/20 will be available from Pro Musica, Oliver Plunkett St; from St. Francis' Church, and From East Cork Choral Society Members.

St. PIO Prayer Group of Our Lady of the Rosary

We meet on the last Wednesday of every month with Rosary at 7.45pm followed by Mass at 8pm. In Ardfoyle Convent. Why not join us for a quiet unrushed hour?

ALL WELCOME.



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

When the news from the Middle East — the cradle of civilisation and faith — is so consistently dreadful, our dismay can easily devolve into despair. What about all the innocent lives lost? What of the old, the new-born, the newlyweds and so on? The devastation can be overwhelming, leaving us feeling both powerless and furious. And yet, at the centre of our faith is a deep conviction that the forces of evil and destruction are not, and will not be, the final word. Yes, it is terrible; but no, it is not the last word. God's faithfulness in Christ's resurrection assures us and invites us too to the same witness of fidelity, even against the odds.

Prayer

God of peace, in our time we hear of wars and rumours of wars. Help us not to fear, not to lose hope, but to trust you, our Rock, our only hope.

K O'Mahony OSA

Reflections

1. Luke presents Jesus as a prophet, capable of reading the signs of the times, and one who offered wise and insightful advice on how to cope with difficult times. Who are the people you see who act like this in the troubled times we live in today? Maybe you yourself have been a calming influence in the face of turmoil within your family, parish, church, workplace, or elsewhere. Can you claim that gift and give thanks for being such a person?

2. Jesus alerts his listeners to the transitory nature of human grandeur and splendour. How have you been reminded of this truth? What lessons has this given you about life?

3. In any walk of life troubles will come. Jesus encourages his listeners to stand firm in such circumstances, telling them 'your endurance will win your your lives'. When you are in the midst of innerturmoil and/or outer trouble or opposition, what have you found gives you the strength and ability to endure?

PRAYER

*Lord God of all the ages, the One who is, who was, and who is to come, stir up within us a longing for your kingdom, steady our hearts in the time of trial, and grant us patient endurance until the sun of justice dawns.
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.*

