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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.

Baptisms

James Ruben Forde.
Michael Patrick McCarthy.



We welcome them into the Christian Family

Recently Deceased

Catherine Foley, Meadow Grove
Denis Kelly, Beaumont



May the light of heaven surround them always.

BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Christmas Church Gate collection will take place on
w/e December 10th/11th 2022
Your support as always, is greatly appreciated.

The **Annual Memorial Mass** to remember deceased personnel of An Garda Siochaná in Cork will take place on Tuesday, 22nd November at 7.30 pm at St Joseph's SMA Church Wilton, Cork.
The Mass will also be live streamed on <https://www.churchservices.tv/smawilton>

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



PRAYER FOR THE SYNOD

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

THE PAPERS SAY.....

Irish Catholic. (1). Fr. Bernard Cotter: Too many churches, too many Masses. (2). David Quinn: Lessons for Irish pro-lifers in US midterms. (3). Out of sight, out of mind as Ireland seeks to offload harms of surrogacy to other countries, writes Jason Osborne. (4) Breda O Brian When the love of God is rejected then unspeakable evil follows

Table of 19/10. (1) Dubious regimes using sport to trumpet their achievements takes us back to Hitler's Olympics. (2) France —. Veil of suspicion hangs over Church. (3). FIFA World Cup —Qatar treatment of Christians deteriorating, says Open Doors

Tablet of 12/10 (1) Melanie McDonough: Fr. Willie Doyle —. That model of heroic charity is what the Irish Church needs just now. (2). Ireland's finest — Cork's Honan Chapel wins top award for excellence of its restoration. (3). The Father Sheehy Affair — A Storm in Kerry

Catholic Voice. (1). Richard N. Greene: Discipline in Catholic Schools. (2) Fr. Alban Butler: Remembering the Holy Souls in Purgatory (3) Mary Kearns: Celebrating the Kingship. (4). Anne Keeling: Fr. Sean Sheehy interview —. The Truth hurts

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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.

AFTERNOON BRIDGE

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

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

The Kingship of Christ is a paradox, turning conventional expectations upside down. This is supremely clear in Paul, where we read:

For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. (1 Corinthians 1:22–25)

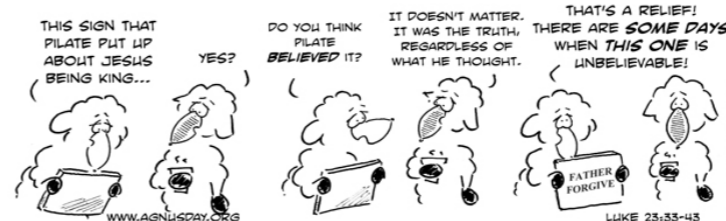
Luke portrays the same life-giving paradox in the form of story: a dying thief turns in petition to a dying prophet and in return the gates of paradise are thrown open.

"Amen I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Each word is richly resonant, inviting slow reflection: *Amen; I; today; you; with me; paradise.* The heart of the Good News is encapsulated in this deceptively simple promise.



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.



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

In A. A. Milne, we read the following scrap of dialogue: "What day is it?" "It's today," squeaked Piglet. "My favourite day," said Pooh.

Today has to be our favourite day because it is the only day we'll ever have. As St Augustine alarmingly noticed, the past is over, the future is not yet and the present, fleeting moment is the future becoming the past. And yet, this flying time is our "today of salvation," a day like no other, not to be repeated. See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! (2 Corinthians 6:2) The pulse of life is the heartbeat of God.

Prayer

In this present moment, Lord, help us to put our fingers on the pulse of life, living fully life in abundance. Amen.

K O'Mahony OSA

Reflections

1. Today's feast puts before us Jesus who never used power to his own advantage. Whom have you known who used power for the benefit of others rather than for their own self-interest? When have you used power in this way?
2. The power of God is shown in an unexpected way in the Crucifixion, not in a wonderful display of spectacular dominance, but in Jesus sharing our human weakness. When has the honesty of another sharing his/her human vulnerability with you had a powerful effect? When has your honesty in that way had a positive effect on another?
3. Jesus is an example of someone in apparent helplessness. It was his trust in the love of God with him that helped him through. It was only later with the hindsight of the resurrection that the moment of helplessness could be seen as one in which the power of God was present. Have you had experiences on which you can look back now and see that the power of God was at work in your moments of helplessness?
4. The scene also puts before us the liberating power of forgiveness. The forgiveness of Jesus brought new life to the criminal hanging on the cross with him. When have you found that forgiveness given, or received, was a source of new life for yourself or for others?

PRAYER

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, you gave us your Son, the beloved one who was rejected, the Saviour who appeared defeated. Yet the mystery of his kingship illumines our lives. Show us in his death the victory that crowns the ages, and in his broken body the love that unites heaven and earth. 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

Do This in Memory 2022

6.00 Vigil on 19th November 2022
6.00 Vigil on 10th December 2022

