



Mass Times

Sundays: 9 am & 11 am

Saturday Vigil: 6.00 pm

Tuesday & Friday: 9.30 am



Fr Colin Doocey Adm.

'Before we can speak to God and with God we must listen to him, and the liturgy of the Church is the 'school' of this listening to the lord who speaks to us.'

Benedict XVI

Baptisms

Molly Julia Doody.

We welcome her into the Christian Family



Some thoughts on today's scripture.....

The numerous geographical details here help to emphasise that Jesus was a particular person who lived out his short life in a particular place and in a particular moment of history. He is 'that man from Nazareth'-- totally human, just like us. He is not a Superman who really belongs to another world. But as the Gospels gradually reveal, he is truly the Son of God, the full self-disclosure of God to an unsuspecting world. When I take time out to pray and to reflect on Jesus, this is the person I am meeting.

He is the One who shares with us the mind of God on how we are to live together in this life and how we are to protect God's creation. When I come to pray I must allow myself to be surprised by him; to be challenged and changed and to see the world as he sees it. Praying is an occupation that carries a health warning: it may lead to significant changes in one's life!

AWA/Pat Schneider Method Creative Writing Workshops

Spring Series 2023 – Online or blended Facilitator:

Maire O'Donohoe 12 Weeks x 2-hours;

Start-date: Last week Jan. Options: Thurs. evg; or Fri. morn.

Fees: Waged: €200; Unwaged: €150; Non-refundable deposit

of €50 secures place. Info: Maire: 087 6420135 after 8.00 p.m.

For registration-info: mairefod55@gmail.com

FIRST FRIDAY EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

On Friday 3rd February 2023

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.

PARISH DEFIBRILLATORS

There are now 2 Defibrillators located in the Parish, one in the village & one outside Murphy's Circle K PetrolStation. The code to operate both is 2017

THE PAPERS SAY.....

Tablet of 7/1. This is a special edition commemorating Pope Benedict XVI. Contributors include the late Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor, Fr. Vincent Twomey, Catherine Pepinster, Joanna Moorhead, Francis Campbell & Margaret Hebblethwaite.

Tablet of 14/1. (1) The Church -- The Year of storm Francis. (2). Birth of a community -- A welcome at the edge of the world on the Beara Peninsula. (3). United States -- Uproar over President's asylum policy extension.

Irish Catholic. (1). Fr. Martin Delaney: Senior hurling dedication needed among laity. (2). It's hugely important to bridge the complicated relationship between Christian communities, Fr. Martin Browne OSB tells Chai Brady in Rome (3). Nuala O'Loan: Cardinal Pell's views on the synod deserve deep analysis and discussion.

Catholic Voice. (1). Mary Kearns: Our Primary Concern should be the Sacred Liturgy. (2) Why is Sunday Mass attendance obligatory? (3) Phil Lawler: Reluctant Pontiff -- the end of the Ratzinger/Benedict era.

Do This in Memory 2023

6.00 Vigil on 4th February



Study Theology

Study Theology, is this for you? **The Priory Institute** provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Register before February 8. Find out more on our website, prioryinstitute.com

Medjugorje Pilgrimage

Are you thinking of doing something special for 2023. Join us on our pilgrimage to Medjugorje May 31st to June 7th ex Cork. Cost €849.00 pps. Pay deposit before Feb 17th and get €50.00 discount. Contact Sean O'Shaughnessy 0862959380.

BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Church Gate collection will take place on

w/e 4/5 February 2023

Your support as always is greatly appreciated.

2023 rota for Ministers of the Eucharist is available in the sacristy.

Observations

Bible Sunday has been long celebrated, typically on a Sunday close to Reformation Day (October 31st, 1517).

In 2019, Pope Francis instituted the Sunday of the Word of God as an annual commemoration in the Roman rite. The occasion was the 16th centenary of the death of St Jerome, the great bible scholar and translator of the Vulgate. The inspiration comes from Francis's own great attachment to the word of God. The document establishing Bible Sunday for Catholics is called He opened their minds, echoing the story of the disciples in the road.

The chosen Sunday is the third Sunday in Ordinary Time. The date is actually very suitable for two reasons. Firstly, although we have been hearing from Matthew since the start of Advent, on this Sunday we start the continuous reading of the Gospel. Secondly, the Gospel portrays the foundational preaching of Jesus, the proclamation of the good news.

Sycamore Series for Young Adults- Exploring Catholic Faith

Have you ever questioned why you are Catholic and wondered why we Catholics believe what we believe? The Sycamore Series is an informal course for those aged 18-35. Join us as we deepen our understanding and knowledge of the Catholic faith. Each session involves a short film and time for discussion, with a meal also included. Everyone is welcome. Start date **Wednesday February 1st, 6.00 - 7.30pm at Presentation Brothers Mardyke House, Cork T12 W8RP.** The course runs for 10 consecutive weeks. The course is free, but places are limited. Please email chaplaincy@ucc.ie or ring 0214902459 to let us know you are interested.

Anam Cara Cork, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on **Wednesday 1st February 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.

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



I'M TELLING YOU, IT'S LIKE JESUS CAN'T GO ANYWHERE WITHOUT FULFILLING SOME RANDOM PROPHECY!



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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.

Thought for the day

The heart of Jesus' proclamation is given in today's Gospel. As is often noted, the word "repent" is not the best translation of the original Greek and it would be better to use some other expression such as "convert." It really means a new way of looking at everything, a new mind or outlook. It may of course include being sorry about the past, but the real energy is towards the future: "convert and put your trust in the Good News." We could put it like this: from what are we called to conversion is important; more important is towards what are we being called?

Prayer

Open our hearts, loving Father, that we may know both healing and hope. Touch our inmost selves and bring us the wholeness we need. Plant in our hearts the vision of your reign that we be people of hope, faith and love.

K O'Mahony OSA

Reflections

1. Jesus moved to Capernaum to establish a home there, a home that would be secure and give him a base for his future ministry. Where have you found a secure base for your life and work?
2. "The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light" ... Jesus applies this to himself and his message. Who have been the Jesus people who have been a source of light to you? Have you been such a light for others?
3. "From that time Jesus began to proclaim...." This marks a turning point in the life of Jesus. From now on his mission was clear to him and he spoke out. Can you recall turning points in your life after which the future became more clear?
4. His message was a call to repentance, to a change of attitude toward God, from seeing God as one to be feared to seeing God as a God of love. When have you heard that call in your life? What was it like for you?
5. Jesus invited disciples to join him in his mission. What have been the occasions in your life when you have had an invitation to join someone in a great project? What was that like for you? Have you given that invitation to others?
6. In responding, the disciples "left their nets" to follow Jesus. Sometimes we have to disentangle ourselves from other things to give ourselves freely and wholeheartedly to a commitment. Have you experienced being "enmeshed" and being free?
7. In v. 23 we have a summary of the ministry of Jesus – "proclaiming the good news of the kingdom" and witnessing to this by teaching and healing. Who has been such a witness to you? What have been the signs that accompanied their witness? When have you done this yourself ?

PRAYER

God of salvation, the splendour of your glory dispels the darkness of earth, for in Christ we behold the nearness of your kingdom. Now make us quick to follow where he beckons, eager to embrace the tasks of the gospel. We ask this 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.

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