

Mass Times

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



Fr Colin Doocey Adm.

Recently Deceased

Helen Twomey, Dundanion Road
John O'Leary, Blackrock

May the light of heaven surround them always.



Baptisms

Mason Alexander Chaloner.
Aoife Elizabeth Tiernan.

We welcome them into the Christian Family



Some thoughts on today's Gospel.....

In the Scriptures, just as light symbolizes goodness, darkness symbolises evil. Jesus described himself as the "Light of the world". Surprisingly, he then went further and said to his followers, "You are the light of the world". He is confident that we will contribute to the enlightenment of those around us to the extent that we are united to Him. "Letting your light shine before others" is not putting on an act or drawing attention to your good qualities.. It is simply acting as best you can according to the lights that you have been given.

This is what we are all called to do. To do this effectively, we should recall the sobering reminder from Jesus:, "Without me you can do nothing". So ask him to help you lighten up any darkness that surrounds you.



SPRING ZOOM MEETING.

For those wishing to explore a Poor Clare vocation

Saturday 18th. Feb. @ 3pm.

Email: vocationspoorclarescork@gmail.com to receive the link.
www.poorclarescork.ie

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

Church collections reverting back to original form on weekend 11th. February, 2023.

There will be 2 collections: The Offertory and the Communion collections will be the basket format.

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.

We would like you to swing by the Parish Centre after 11 am mass on Sunday 5th February for a tea and refreshments and a chat. Everyone welcome!



THE PAPERS SAY.....

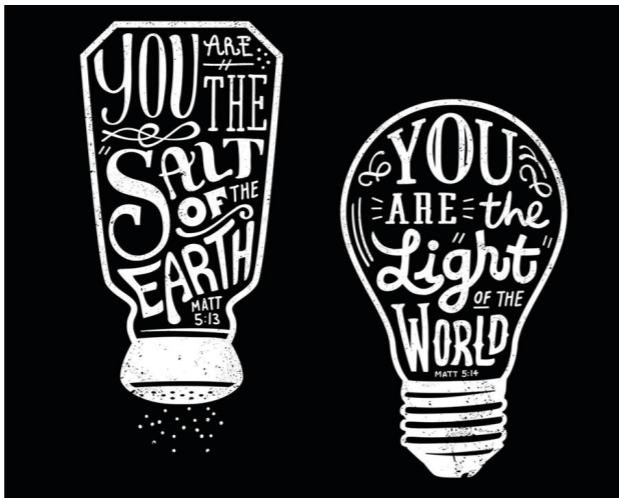
Synodal Times. (1) Pan-Amazon Synod cemented greater recognition of women and work they do for the Church. (2) Nevertheless she persisted -- Rev. Noirin Ni Riain PhD. (3) Lorraine Mulholland: Amazing Irish women -- The brilliance of St. Brigid. (4) Peter Keenan: Keeping Hope Alive - Reflecting on Pope Benedict XVI.

Irish Catholic. (1) David Quinn: Conscientious objection in Ireland is under serious threat. (2) Chai Brady: The call to be counter cultural in consecrated life (3) Ellis Mulroy: Government must listen to voices other than Women's Council on abortion (4) Six ways to make your parish better.

Tablet of 28/1. (1) USA. -- Pro-Life Movement gears up to take fight to each of the 50 State capitals. (2). Melanie MacDonagh: The Christians most exercised about homosexuality are astonishingly lax on divorce. (3). Towards Synodality -- The Pope's reforms need an endgame.

Sacred Heart Messenger. (1) Fr. Peter McVerry SJ: Empty Homes in a Housing Crisis. (2) Scripture -- The Samaritan Woman at the Well of Samaria. (3) Fr. Vincent Sherlock: Pope Francis -- Ten Years.

SECOND COLLECTION W/E 11th/12th FEBRUARY
DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES.



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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.

Special Cork Pilgrimage to Fatima last remaining places 9-14th June 2023 ex Dublin for Feast Day of Saint Anthony Patron Saint of Portugal visit Saint Anthonys birthplace and baptismal font in Lisbon contact James Treacy 061921470

Observations

Salvador Ryan (Maynooth) recently reported a pithy recommendation about evangelisation: "Sometimes the best evangelism is telling people you're a Christian and then not being a complete jerk." (Irish Times, 23 January 2023).

Not a complete picture, of course, as Salvador himself is aware!! But we know what he means. The extremists are guaranteed airspace but the "extreme centre" (Dermot Lane) of everyday discipleship does not attract attention to itself. That does not make it less real or less authentic...on the contrary.

The opening words of Evangelii Nuntiandi (Paul VI, 1975) can still resonate today: *There is no doubt that the effort to proclaim the Gospel to the people of today, who are buoyed up by hope but at the same time often oppressed by fear and distress, is a service rendered to the Christian community and also to the whole of humanity.*

The Alzheimer Society of Ireland Alzheimer Social Club.



The Social Club takes place on the second Wednesday of each month from 1p.m to 3p.m in our Day Care Centre in Bessboro,Blackrock.

Our next Saturday Social Club takes place on Saturday 11th of February. Everyone is welcome and we would appreciate all the support .

World Youth Day 2023

The Diocese of Cork and Ross is delighted to announce that Bishop Fintan will travel with 20 young people (18 - 30 years) from around the Diocese to World Youth Day 2023 in Lisbon (July 31st to August 7th). Two to four million young people from around the world are expected to attend and to pray with Pope Francis. It will be an experience of faith, fun and friendship.



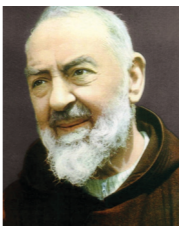
A special "Information Evening" will take place on Monday February 13th at 8pm in Mardyke House Cork City (T12 W8RP). The cost is €500 per person including flights, accommodation, food vouchers, tickets for transport within Lisbon, travel insurance, and bag allowance. Places are limited so if you are interested, please come along on February 13th to register your interest.

Cork Scripture Group

4 Monday nights (27th Feb, 6th, 13th, 20th March) on "Treasures Old and New: The Bible as the Heart of our faith." Presenters: Sean O'Sullivan, Luke Macnamara OSB, Sr Mary T. Brien PBVM, Phil Mortell. Saturday workshop (March 11th) on Matthew and Justice facilitated by Sr Sheila Curran RSM. Cost €50. To book a place, please email corksripturegroup@gmail.com

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.



Thought for the day

We can easily see how Jesus should be the light of the world. Even though the words are familiar, we are perhaps unaccustomed to reflecting on our- selves as the light of the world and salt of the earth. This is an act of pro- found trust in us by God. Jesus has faith in us to be bearers of his Good News in our time. How are we to be that? Not first by our words or even by our deeds. We are the light and salt on account of who we are as disciples. As the Gospel text puts it, a city built on a hilltop cannot be hidden. We cannot help being seen as his disciples, for that is who we are.

Prayer

Jesus, we believe that you are the light of the world and that you call us to bear your light to the world. Help us to be authentic disciples of yours, not drawing attention to ourselves, but to you, the source of our light and life.

K O'Mahony OSA

Reflections

1. Jesus uses the image of salt as something that makes food tasty. Without it food can be tasteless. Who are the people who give zest to your life and make it enjoyable? For whom have you done this? When have you been particularly aware of your potential in this regard?
2. The second image is that of light. Who have been the people who have been a light for you, particularly in moments of darkness? For whom have you been a light? Recall these experiences and give thanks.
3. The images of salt and light can also be applied to communities to which we belong, a family, a parish, or other group. Thinking of the groups of which you are a member, how can the potential be enhanced to enrich the lives of members and offer them a guiding light?

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, you have called your church to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

Give us vigorous faith and a love that is genuine, so that all may see our works and give you the glory.

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

FOLLOW IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS FROM GALILEE TO JERUSALEM

Take the TRIP of a LIFETIME to the HOLY LAND,

29th August-8th Sept. 2023.

Group Leader, Mícheál de Barra and

Spiritual Director, Fr. John Newman

(Scripture Scholar). In association with Premier Travel, Cork

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See also our website: www.carpediemtours.ie



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