



Mass Times

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



Fr Colin Doocey Adm.

Recently Deceased Tony Daly, Templevale. Maire Sexton, Barnstead May the light of God surround them forever.



Baptisms Jens Tilman Moloney. We welcome him into the Christian Family



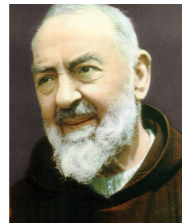
Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday after the 9.30 Mass in St Michaels Church.

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.

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.



Following the successful return of the Sunday Cuppa would like you to swing by the Parish Centre after 11 am mass on Sunday 5th March for tea and refreshments and more chat!

Everyone welcome!



Do This in Memory 2023

6.00 Vigil on 4th March 2023



BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Church Gate collection will take place on w/e 4/5 March 2023 Your support as always is greatly appreciated.

FIRST FRIDAY EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

On Friday 3rd March 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.

Some thoughts on today's Gospel....

At his baptism by John, Jesus had heard the voice of God the Father identifying him, a young village carpenter, as his beloved Son. Here he reflects on the challenges of this radically new mission, human temptations that we all experience.

Am I tempted, like Jesus here, to selfishness, to put my personal needs first? Do I want to attract notice, to be popular, a celebrity? A sense of power is intoxicating. Do I want to be influential, dominating others, rather than serving them, being kind and generous?

Fr Marius O'Reilly will be the celebrant and preacher at the opening Mass of the 2023 Matt Talbot Novena which begins at 7.30 p.m. on Monday next, 27th February in the Way of the Cross Church, Togher. We ask Matt's intercession to help us carry our crosses whatever they may be. Sorcha Ui Laoghaire, Cork Regional Pioneer Council.



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



St Michael's Wall of Prayer will give people the opportunity to express their faith and to be inspired by the faith of others. You can place your prayer on the Wall of Prayer using the cards provided. Each card has a peel off adhesive on the back which will easily stick to the board. Everyone is invited to view and read the Wall of Prayer.

PLEASE DO NOT WRITE YOUR FULL NAME OR GIVE SPECIFIC DETAILED CIRCUMSTANCES

If you would like to receive a weekly commentary on the Weekly Scripture Readings, both in AUDIO, VIDEO and in PDF, please log on to www.tarsus.ie and register to receive the emails.

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



Observations

At least in the northern hemisphere, the days are lengthening and so we come to Lent or springtime. Just as nature is reviving and we see new growth in garden and field, we are stirred to look to our spiritual growth, a Springtime of Faith

Day of Recollection

An afternoon of Reflection and Prayer for Ministers of the Eucharist and Word will take place on 12th March 2023 from 2.30 to 5.30 in the Parish Centre Blackrock.

This is open to Ministers in the Mahon, Ballinlough and Blackrock Parishes.

The afternoon will be facilitated by Fr Ronan Sheehan, Ballincollig who was ordained in the diocese last year. Refreshments provided.

Liturgy of the Word Thursdays at 9:30am

There will be a Celebration of the Word of God and Prayer every Thursday during Lent in Holy Cross Church at 9:30am. All Welcome.

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

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 corkscripturegroup@gmail.com

THE PAPERS SAY.....

Irish Catholic. (1). Michael Kelly: Irish restrictions on the Latin Mass seem heavy-handed in a Synodal Church. (2) Cork-born Bishop David O'Connell shot dead in LA (3) UK priest and lay volunteer acquitted after being charged for silent prayer 'thoughtcrime' (4) Dr, Gillian O'Brien: Convents the backbone of Irish Catholic society.

Catholic Voice: (1) Venerable Fulton Sheen on human love and matters of the heart. (2) Rick Urban: Enough of Immodesty (3) Over 60% of abortions are coerced in some way -- peer-reviewed study. (4) Mary Kearns: Mass connects the Extremes.

Tablet of 17/2 (1) The Catholic dilemma on Ukraine (2) The doctrine of hell -- An infernal paradox. (3) L'Arche report underlines 'the great silence'.



Thought for the day

The temptations of Jesus are not at all temptations to this or that sin but rather fundamental options which matter for the direction of his life. Jesus was tempted in the course of his ministry to choose other ways of being God's prophet, the Messiah or anointed one. In a less obvious way, we too can be attracted by choices which can shape the way our life unfolds. We ask ourselves, what do I live on? What's my true goal? Where is my nourishment? The human, no less than the Kingdom, is more than food and drink. Only the Word of God truly nourishes and illuminates

Prayer

Lord, in you we live and move and have our being and we thank you. Help us to place you and your Word at the heart of all we do and, even more, at the core of who we are.

K O'Mahony OSA

Reflections

1. In today's gospel Jesus is enticed to gratify his own needs, or to perform some spectacular act in public. He rejects the temptation because he chooses commitment to his mission and dependence on his Father over any immediate gratification. We can all be tempted to go for some immediate satisfaction...but is that where true happiness lies? Have you found that sometimes it can be more life-giving to say "no" to your immediate desires for the sake of some long-term goal? What are the goals, aims, values, which inspire you in this way?

2. One way of looking at this gospel is to say that Jesus went into the desert to face his demons. We all have demons we need to face—compulsions, fears, prejudices, anger, and urges that lurk within. It is in facing our demons that we find a way to live a fuller life. Can you recall a time when you grew through facing a "demon" in this way?

PRAYER

Lord our God, in every age you call a people to hear your word and to do your will. Renew us in these Lenten days: washed clean of sin, sealed with the Spirit and sustained by your living bread, may we remain true to our calling and, with the elect, serve you alone. We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

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

