

Mass Times

Sundays: 9 am & 11 am
Saturday Vigil: 6.00 pm
Tuesday & Friday: 9.30 am
Fr Colin Doocey Adm.



Baptisms

Joshua Batti.
Conor Paul Collins.
We welcome them into the Christian Family



Recently Deceased

John Bennett, Marian Park
May the light of God surround him forever.



The collection on April 7th.

(Good Friday) is for the Holy Places.
Collection on Holy Saturday 8th. and Easter Sunday 9th.
is for Priests of the Parish

HOLY WEEK 2023

PALM SUNDAY
Blessing of the Palms



HOLY THURSDAY

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.00pm
Holy Hour after at the Altar of Repose

GOOD FRIDAY

Stations of the Cross 12 noon
Passion of the Lord 3.00pm
No stations of the Cross on Good Friday evening.

HOLY SATURDAY

Easter Vigil 7.00pm

EASTER SUNDAY

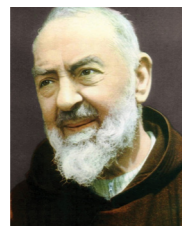
Mass at 9.00am and 11.00am

CONFESSIONS

Fri 31st March, Tue 4th April after 9.30am Mass
After 12.00 Stations and 3.00 Veneration of the Cross
on Good Friday.

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.



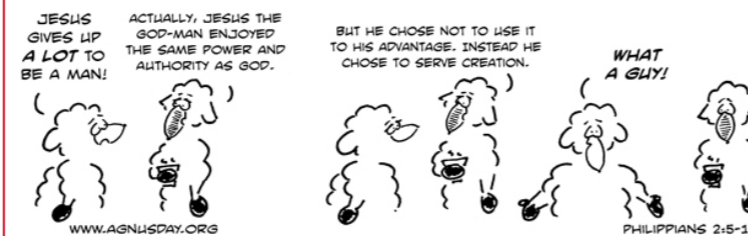
Some thoughts on today's Gospel....

Remorse can kill or can purify. The ability to believe we are forgiven is crucial to our spiritual growth. This was the defining difference between Peter and Judas. Vacillating Peter went from the shame of his threefold denial to become the rock on which Christ's church was founded. Judas could not contemplate the possibility of forgiveness and he went into unimaginable darkness.
Remember each time you fall that you are not back where you were before but are starting again from where you fell.

THE PAPERS SAY....

Irish Catholic. (1) Mary Kenny: Use modern means of advertising to bring people back to Mass. (2) David Quinn: Kerry babies case used again to decry our past. (3). The profound call of Vatican II not only still rings true, but is even more needed to-day, says Archbishop Dermot Farrell. (4) John Allen: Have Europe's bishops followed the American path in choosing a leader?

Tablet of 25/3. (1). Northern Ireland --- still a religious divide. (2). Margaret Hebblethwaite: Every Catholic knows the Hail Mary by heart. But we need a translation that is less archaic, and more accurate. (3). Germany: Synodal reformers warn against moving too fast. (4). Nigeria --- Crisis as herder attacks increase.



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.

On the closing night of the Novena in honour of **Matt Talbot**, we are honoured to have Most Reverend Alphonsus Cullinan, Bishop of Waterford and Lismore as our celebrant and preacher.

Mass and Novena prayers begin at **7.30pm in the Way of the Cross Church, Togher**. The ceremony may also be viewed online at www.churchservices.tv/togher. Petitions can be left at the shrine in honour of Matt Talbot at the back of Togher Church.

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

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



Orservations

On this Sunday, exceptionally, we hear two Gospels. The chief one is the Passion according to Matthew but before that we have the Gospel of the Entry into Jerusalem. The Gospel of the Entry is an invitation to each one of us, too, to make our entry once again into the events of Holy Week.

The story we are about to re-enact, to re-tell ourselves, is familiar, strange and always new. It is familiar, familiar to us all our lives — each element, each character, each anecdote is known to us. At the same time, the story is also always new simply because we are different with the passing of another year.

The story is also strange... it is strange, when you think about, to have the story of a judicial execution at the centre of our faith. Paradoxically, in these days we celebrate the great events which gave us new life in Christ. It does give rise to thought.



Christ enthroned Brera Gallery Milan

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.

Anam Cara Cork, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on **Wednesday 5th April 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.

Thought for the day

Official memorial celebrations are familiar to us, marking wars or national events. Often, these are coloured by a mixture of sadness and gratitude. The Christian memorial of the last week of Jesus' life is entirely different. First of all, we tell the whole story again because he is risen from the dead. Secondly, this memorial is an effective one: as we do this in memory of him, the very same gifts of compassion, forgiveness, love and healing are offered again to all present, precisely because Jesus is risen from the dead. Our Christian memory is not a dead remembering but an effective bringing into the present of the great events that gave us new life in Christ.

Prayer

Saving God, as we recall in word and gesture the great events of salvation, let us know your healing love once more. Amen.

K O'Mahony OSA

Reflections

The account of the Passion is a vivid story with a variety of characters and much action. To enter into the passage we can read the story slowly and see if we can identify with different characters in the story. Also any one scene within the story can provide us with much food for reflection and prayer. Keep in mind that one of the aims in reflecting on the passage is to discover the GOOD NEWS the story has for us. Here are just a few reflections for prayer.

1. The identity of Jesus is revealed as the Messiah and the Son of God, not with a display of human power, but as one who was prepared to suffer unto death to show us how our God loves us. How does the Passion story speak to you as a revelation of how God loves you?

2. Jesus gives us an example of patient endurance and faithfulness in suffering. Suffering is something we all encounter. It is not something that anyone likes but sometimes we cope with it better than others. What have you found helps you to cope better with suffering?

3. As you read through the narrative of the Passion where do you find yourself resonating with a character in the action? Is there any message there for you that is life-giving?

PRAYER

O God of eternal glory, you anointed Jesus your servant to bear our sins, to encourage the weary, to raise up and restore the fallen. Keep before our eyes the splendour of the paschal mystery of Christ and, by our sharing in the passion and resurrection, seal our lives with the victorious sign of his obedience and exaltation.

We ask this through Christ, our liberator from sin, who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, holy and mighty God for ever and ever. Amen.

PARISH DEFIBRILLATORS

There are 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

Sunday Cuppa in the Parish Centre after 11 am mass on **Sunday 2nd April** for tea and refreshments and more chat!

Everyone welcome!

