

Mass Times

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



BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Church Gate collection will take place on
Week ending 1st/2nd April 2023
Your support as always is greatly appreciated.

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

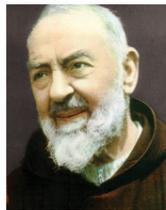
Mass at 9.00am and 11.00am

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 Ardfoy Convent
Why not join us for a quiet unrushed hour?
ALL WELCOME.



Wearing of Face Coverings No Longer Necessary

It is no longer required to wear a face covering while
distributing Holy Communion for either priests or Ministers of
the Eucharist.

Please note that the wearing of facemasks is optional.

Reception of Holy Communion on the Hand and on the Tongue

The faithful have a right to receive Holy Communion either on
the hand or on the tongue. This will be facilitated by all priests
and Ministers of the Eucharist.

Holy Land Christmas 2023 Ex Dublin, taking in Bethlehem,
Jerusalem, Nazareth, Dead Sea, Sea of Galilee, Last Supper
Room, Garden of Gethsemane, Mount of Olives with full day
in Bethlehem on Christmas Day.

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

Everyone welcome!



Some thoughts on today's Gospel....

Jesus reminds us many times that, if we have faith, nothing
is impossible. Martha's faith is indomitable. Knowing that
the tomb contains the decomposing body of her beloved
brother, she can still summon up the words, "even now I know
that God will give you whatever you ask of him". Do we truly
believe that anything is possible for one who believes?

THE PAPERS SAY.....

Irish Catholic. (1). Fr. John Harris OP: Assisi — A place
imbued with openness to God (2) Michael Kelly: Parishes
between a rock and a hard place on schools. (3). Ruadhan
Jones: Parents and teachers want to keep local Catholic
schools. (4) Pope Francis — Gender ideology is 'one of the most dangerous ideological colonisations to-day'.

Catholic Voice. (1). Thomas a Kempis on the Final
Judgement (2). Mgr. Charles Pope: Lenten Reflection —
Mortal Sins. (3). Rick Urban: Enough of Gender ideology
(4). Act of Consecration to St. Michael.

Sacred Hear Messenger. (1) Colm Brophy: Anger
and Violence. (2) Children's and Adult Crosswords. (3).
Reimagining Religion.

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

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.

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.

The Alzheimer Society of Ireland Alzheimer Social Club.

Cork Alzheimers Café
a safe place for people
with Alzheimers and other dementias, their carers, family and
friends along with social and health professionals to meet.
Last Friday of each month 11am to 12.30pm in St Finbarrs
Hospital Activity Centre, Douglas Road.
Light refreshments provided free of charge. All welcome.
Friday 31st March the next meeting.



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**



Observations

Even if we don't know Latin, usually we are familiar with
the term "homo sapiens" — that evolutionary stage of our
species, from which we are all descended. Sapiens points to
knowing or understanding.
Not everyone is happy with the term and some cultural
commentators propose a different one — "homo narrans" or
story-telling "man" — as an alternative. The scripture readings
in Lent have given us a mighty series of stories, starting on the
first Sunday of Lent with Adam and Eve and ending today with
Mary, Martha and Lazarus.
Part of the Adam and Eve mythology is the discovery of
mortality — not just death but awareness of death. The
Lazarus story is a moving portrait of hope: *Lord, if you had
been here, my brother would not have died.*



The Raising of Lazarus Vincent van Gogh



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



Medjugorje Pilgrimage

ex Cork May 31st to June 7th 2023. Only 9 places remaining.
Spiritual Director Fr. Ted Sheehan. €849.00 pps. €300 deposit
secures place. Contact Sean O'Shaughnessy 086 2959380 or
contact Joe Walsh Tours 012410800

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

The historical Jesus was guarded in declaring his identity
but by the time the Fourth Gospel was written, Christians
had arrived at a rich understanding of the mystery of Jesus, the
Son of God. John's Gospel puts before the believer a grand
assemblage of 7 **I AM** sentences, rooted in the name of *God*
in Exodus 3:14, I AM WHO I AM. I am the bread of life. (John 6:35,
48, 51); *I am the light of the world* (John 8:12; 9:5); *I am the
gate for the sheep* (John 10:7, 9); *I am the good shepherd*
(John 10:11, 14); *I am the resurrection and the life* (John
11:25); *I am the way, and the truth, and the life* (John 14:6);
I am the true vine (John 15:1, 5).
We are reminded that we believe first of all in a **person**, not
in a philosophy. Anyone one of these images would take us
deeply into our encounter with the Risen Lord, none more so
than "*I am the resurrection and the life.*"

Prayer

*Jesus, present to us always, you wept at the tomb of your
friend Lazarus. As we face the mystery of death, our own and
that of those we love, help us to place our trust in you, the
resurrection and the life. Amen.*

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Reflections

1. Martha and Mary are portrayed as people of faith but Jesus led them to an even deeper faith. Who were the people who led you to a deeper faith in Jesus? Remember them and give thanks.
2. Martha and Mary were struggling to come to terms with their bereavement. What has helped you in similar situations?
3. The concern of Jesus is palpable and touching. Recall those who matter to you and to whom you matter. Such love mediates God's love, which surpasses human love with the gift of new life and Easter joy.
4. One can imagine Lazarus as a symbol of people and groups that are written off as dead (sometimes by themselves), and yet through faith come back to life again. Have you had the experience of being revived by faith? Has faith helped to free you from what held you in bondage, or was destructive of your life?

PRAYER

*Merciful God, you showed your glory to our fallen race by
sending your Son to confound the powers of death.
Call us forth from sin's dark tomb: break the bonds which hold
us, that we may believe and proclaim Christ the cause of our
freedom and the source of life, who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. Amen.*

