

Mass Times

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



Recently Deceased

Mary Griffen. Beaumont.
Chris O'Leary, Ballintemple.
Joe O'Keeffe, Meadowgrove.
May the light of God surround them forever.



Baptism

James Martin O'Sullivan.
We welcome him into the Christian Family



New Parish Assembly for Blackrock Church

Since the present Parish Assembly members are stepping down after a number of years, we are now looking for volunteers and nominations to form the new Assembly. You just need to be someone who wants the parish to **grow, work well, support its parishioners and add value to the parish life**; you will also get a lot of personal satisfaction from being in position to help of the parish. We will have nomination papers in the church this week and we ask that you might consider nominating yourself or someone else you feel would like to be a member. We would encourage younger people to think about making the commitment. Please put the nominations in the box provided. All information is strictly confidential. Thank you.

Collection

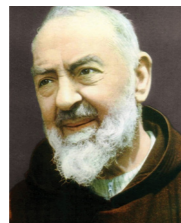
The second collection w/e 22nd/23rd April is for DIOCESAN NEEDS.

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

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.



Cork International Choral Festival Church Interchange Programme 2023

The Choir of St Michael's Church, Blackrock; Conductor Jane Fitzpatrick, Organ John Fitzpatrick will sing at the 11am Mass on Sunday, 23rd April in St Patrick's Church, Rochestown.



On Sunday, 30th April at 11am, as part of the Choral Festival Sacred Trail, we will have the Chamber Choir Orfez SLOVENIA visiting St Michael's Church. They are a 34 member choir and the Conductor is Andraz Hauptman.

Some thoughts on today's Gospel....

This story offers a rich image of prayer. We start out on our own, perhaps quite hopeless, if life has been going badly. Jesus comes by unobtrusively; we welcome him and tell our story. He listens intently, then gently throws light on what had been bothering us.

Friendship grows and by the end of the prayer we don't want him to leave, but you know he will always be watching out for us and will meet us again tomorrow. You can pray: 'Stay with us, Lord, because it is nearly evening and the day is almost over.'

THE PAPERS SAY.....

Irish Catholic. (1). The Joe Biden Visit —. Michael Kelly: What to do with a problem like Joe ... ; David Quinn: No reasonable objection can be made to Joe Biden's Knock visit; Chai Brady: Knock Shrine is 'open to everyone' says Fr. Richard Gibbons after controversial Biden visit and Brendan O'Regan: I wasn't impressed by 'the Joe Show' (2) Holy Week attacks on Christians in Nigeria leave nearly 100 dead

Tablet. (1). Mary Ward's Congregations of Jesus: Sisters reconciled . (2). Irish clerical abuse — The school for scandal. (3). Senior cleric invokes Napoleon to resist being sacked by Rome.

Catholic Voice. (1). Frank D. Flynn: What's the problem with Freemasonry anyway? (2). Fr. Lawrence Carney: The veil of Veronica and the Passion. (3). Mary Kearns: Catholics who walk away. (4). Richard Greene: St. Anne and Ireland's devotion to the Mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

TASTE AND SEE

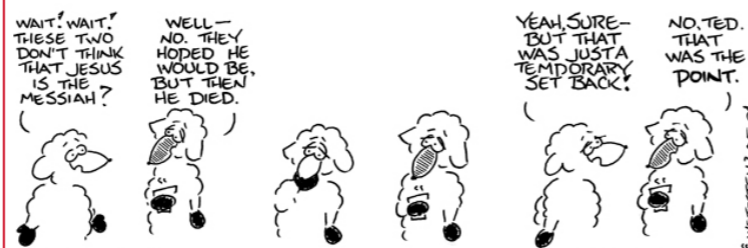
Exploring the Eucharist with the Monks of Glenstal
10AM – 5PM SATURDAY 29 APRIL 2023

Theology of the Eucharistic Celebration Fintan Lyons OSB	Eucharistic Medieval Chants Senan Furlong OSB	Chant and Possibility Cyprian Love OSB	Eucharistic Seals and Patens Luke Macnamara OSB	The Eucharist in Late Medieval Ireland Colmán Ó Clabaigh OSB
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Lunch & Refreshments provided | Suggested donation €70
events@glenstal.com OR PHONE: 061-621005

We welcome the Choir of St Francis Church this morning to sing at our 11.00am Mass. We will enjoy their contribution to the celebration of our Liturgy. Thanks to all.

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. K O'Mahony OSA



Observations

Christ is risen, he is truly risen. Alleluia!
Χριστός Ανέστη! Αληθώς Ανέστη!

Luke is remembered in the tradition as an artist and he is certainly an artist with words, writing very pictorially. The Emmaus story is one at one level very ordinary: two people on a journey, a meal, a return journey. But it is also a story of deep mystery: the self-presentation of the Risen Lord, who is not recognised until the breaking of the bread and at that very moment vanishes.

Luke is trying to help us to see what are typical features of coming to resurrection faith, believing in Jesus risen from the dead.



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Church Gate collection will take place on
Week ending 6th/7th May 2023
Your support as always is greatly appreciated.

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



Medjugorje Pilgrimage from Cork

May 31st to June 7th 2023.
Spiritual Director Fr. Ted Sheehan. Cost €849.00 pps half board staying in Hotel Leone. **6 places still available.** Contact Sean O'Shaughnessy on 0862959380 or Joe Walsh Tours on 012410800.

PYX APPEAL.

If any parishioner has a PYX in their home that they are not using would they kindly return same to the Sacristy please.

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 28th April the next meeting.**



Thought for the day

We come to Easter faith by acknowledging the hungers of the heart ("our own hope had been"), by searching the scriptures ("our hearts burning within us"), by holding on to the story of the first disciples and witness of the women, by the Eucharist ("the breaking of the bread") and by sharing our faith ("they told their story"). Is there more? As the story starts, **he** stops **them**. Towards the end of the story, **they** stop **him** from walking out of their lives, perhaps for ever. The moment of desire leads to the moment of recognition and a life-changing encounter.

Prayer

Open our ears, O Lord, to the words of Scripture, that our hearts may burn within us. Open our hearts to share with others the faith we have received, that "we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith"

K O'Mahony OSA

Reflections

1. Jesus joined them and listened to them. "We had hoped..." They poured out to Jesus their disappointments. When you have been upset or disappointed who has joined you along the road? To whom have you been able to pour out your heart? Who was a 'Jesus person' to you, listening to you in respectful silence? To whom have you been a Jesus person?

2. Jesus then helps them to see things in another light by opening the scriptures to them. Have you had the experience of new hopes being formed after disappointment? When has your heart been burning within you? What helped you to form new hopes in the light of the new reality? Who was with you in this?

3. The disciples invite Jesus to join them at table - there follows a recognition of who he is. We meet many people on the road of life. Usually we meet and pass on. Occasionally we meet someone whom we invite into our homes, into our hearts, in a deeper way, and in a way that leads us to know people and to be known by them in a way we had not done before. With whom has this happened for you? Where in these relationships have you experienced the presence of God or of Jesus?

4. Jesus vanished but first he had given them life and they took up life in a new way. Can you name those moments of disclosure that enabled you to return to daily life renewed?

PRAYER

O God of mystery, out of death you delivered Christ Jesus, and he walked in hidden glory with his disciples. Stir up our faith, that our hearts may burn within us at the sound of his word, and our eyes be opened to recognise him in the breaking of the bread.

Grant this through Jesus Christ, the first-born from the dead, who lives with you now and always in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

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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.