

Mass Times

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



Sunday Cuppa in the Parish Centre after 11 am mass on Sunday 7th May for tea and refreshments and more chat!



Everyone welcome!

BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL

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

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.

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.

New Parish Assembly for Blackrock Church

The closing date for submitting your applications is shortly. Please consider being part of the new assembly and help to grow the Gospel Project.



Please make yourself familiar with the **Synodal Pathway**, www.synod.ie as this is an important event in the history of our church.

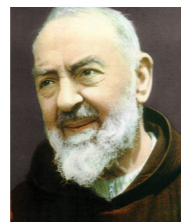
The hope is that after many centuries of excluding the gifts of the whole membership, now is the time for people to come forward and offer their gifts and energy for the well-being and flourishing of the whole community. This both old and new: a vision of a servant church, going back to the example of Jesus himself. It is new once more in our time: we are (re)discovering the Gospel of service, at this critical juncture in our world and in our church. In word: we cannot hope to build the future by micro-waving the past.

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



Some thoughts on today's Gospel....

Everything that Jesus did was through the power of the Holy Spirit. It is astounding that the Father gives us this same Holy Spirit so that we can do the works that Jesus did. As Saint Paul said, "I can do all things through him who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13).

Jesus is the first born of the new creation - the Holy Spirit inspired community. In our lives through surrendering to the gift of his Spirit we are called to become his body and are destined to do great things.

"Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth."



SUMMER SCHOOL IN PERSON AND ON LINE

From understanding how the Bible came to be...
...to engaging with the Word of God today



Keys for understanding today

For booking, content, timetable and hospitality please go to the TSS website

Jessie Rogers ✓ Cost: €50 (in person or on line; lectures only)
Sean Goan ✓ In person: daily Eucharist / cafeteria / accommodation
Kieran J. O'Mahony ✓ On line: live-streaming and recordings

Eventbrite booking

www.tarsusscriptureschool.ie

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.

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*

THE PAPERS SAY....

Irish Catholic. (1). Pope Francis speaks to the heart of Europe in Hungary. (2). David Quinn: The Irish Government can't pretend gender ideology is not controversial. (3). Breda O'Brien: Legal abortion will be looked on in horror in future. (4). Freedom of conscience protections mustn't be eroded after abortion review, says Irish doctor. (5) Decapitations, mutilated bodies and gunfire haunt a Nigerian priest now based in Ireland, but adoration always helps.

Sacred Heart Messenger (1). Fr. Brendan Hoban: Are we in Ireland racist? (2). Bishop Paul Dempsey: Parish Pastoral Councils. (3). Fr. Gerry O'Hanlon: The Sacred Heart T0-day. (4) Atriving for Fulfillment.

Tablet. (1) Irish priest hits out at lack of funds pledged in UN for Syria (2) Religion and the British monarchy. — King of Harmony. (3). Synodal Report — **Pastoral councils are the way forward**

Catholic Voice. 1). Mary Kearns: Band of Brothers sent forth. (2) Join thousands of people across Ireland to pray for life! (3). Evangelising our Reality Denying Nonculture.

PENTECOST SUNDAY RETREAT AFTERNOON

(Free Event)

Rochestown Park Hotel

28th May 2.30p.m. - 6.30p.m. (Tea/Coffee provided)

This retreat will interweave Music, Meditation, Poetry, Scripture and Ritual.

The afternoon hosted by Martina Lehane Sheehan and the Ruah Retreat Team will also draw from Martina's new book 'The Promise' which portrays the courageous journey of her husband's illness and death.

This unique experience offers connection to anyone who knows broken dreams and seeks to rise again.

Bookings to info@ruahrest.com

CHECK IT FITS IS COMING TO

CORK

WHERE	WHEN
ALDI, Mallow - Dublin Rd, Ballinwillin, Mitchelstown, Co. Cork, P67 TD37	Tuesday 23 rd May 10:00am - 5:30pm
South Ring Business Park, Kinsale Rd, Ballyphehane, Co. Cork, T12 HTV0	Wednesday 24 th May 10:00am - 5:30pm
O'Mahony's SuperValu, Bellevue Stores, Ballydalin, Mallow, Co. Cork, P51 F3CH	Thursday 25 th May 10:00am - 5:30pm
Bella Baby, Tullagreen, Fota Retail & Business Park, Co. Cork, T45 EF40	Friday 26 th May 10:00am - 5:30pm

Walk-in appointments only.

Visit www.rsa.ie/checkitfits for more information.



Bessboro Social Club-Tea Day Party

13th May, 1pm - 3pm

There will be refreshments, spot prizes and accepting donations on the day

JOIN US

Bessboro Daycare, Blackrock, T12H HF70

Contact Jerry at 021 4972504 or jeremiah.foley@alzheimer.ie

Our Club is a social gathering where people can access information and support, meet other people as well as to exchange ideas and experiences.

For more info: www.alzheimer.ie

The Alzheimer Society of Ireland, National Office, Temple Road, Blackrock, Co. Dublin. Charity Number: CMT788

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HEY! WHAT HAPPENED TO THE MANSIONS? DIDN'T THERE USED TO BE MANSIONS? THAT'S AN ARCHAIC TRANSLATION. BESIDES, IT'S NOT ABOUT THE ARCHITECTURE, IT'S ABOUT OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE FATHER THROUGH JESUS. I GET THAT! ALL I'M SAYING IS I WISHED THAT THE FATHER HADN'T DOWN-SIZED!



Thought for the day

Jesus is already now, today, our way, our truth and our life. As the Gospel says, to have eternal life is to believe in him whom God has sent (Jn 5:24; 17:3). This is a reality for us now and it guides our life, in matters great and small. At the core of this reality is trust, that is, the capacity to entrust all that we have and are to the living God and to his Son, raised from the dead. It is not an accident that the verb "to believe" occurs no fewer than ninety eight times in the Fourth Gospel.

Prayer

You gave us Jesus, the Word made flesh as Mediator, and he has spoken your words to us and called us to follow him. He is the way that leads us to you, the truth that sets us free, the life that fills us with gladness. Amen.

K O'Mahony OSA

Reflections

1. "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God. Believe also in me." Trust in another person can help us in difficult times. Remember and give thanks for the people you were able to trust in difficult moments. Remember also when your faith in God helped you through anxious moments.

2. Thomas struggled with the desire, which is in all of us, to know exactly the destination before we set out. Jesus invites us to make an act of faith and to take one step at a time. Can you recall times when it helped you to take that trusting attitude to life?

3. Jesus proposed himself to Thomas as the way, the truth and the life. In what ways has Jesus been the way, the truth and the life for you on your faith journey?

4. Philip wanted Jesus to give him a glimpse of God and got the surprising answer "whoever has seen me has seen the Father". Jesus put a human face on the love of God. Who are the people whose love has helped you to believe in the love of God? To whom have you given an occasional glimpse of the divine?

PRAYER

We have beheld your glory, O God in the face of Christ Jesus, your Son. Enliven our faith that through Christ we may put our trust in you. Deepen our faith that in Christ we may serve you. Complete our faith that one day we may live with you in that place which Christ prepares for us, where he lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

Anam Cara Cork, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding it's monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on **Wednesday 10th May 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**



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