

Mass Times

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



Wedding

Congratulations to **Louise Murphy** and **Tom Peilow** who were married in our Church on Friday 5th. May, 2023.
Fr. Pat Fogarty officiated



MASS OF THANKSGIVING.

A Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated in **St Michael's** on **May 20th at the 6.00 vigil**. This Mass is a celebration and thanks to all the groups in our parish that make it a welcoming place to worship. These include all our Ministers of the Word and Eucharist, our Choir and Folk Group, members of SVP, our Collectors, Legion of Mary, Parish Assembly and Office, the Communications Team and our Tea and Flower Ladies and many more. Also the Foggers and Cleaners who kept our church a safe place to pray during covid.

To all we are eternally grateful.

There will be wine, tea/coffee and refreshments afterwards in the Parish Centre. It will be a great opportunity for all those groups to meet and chat.

Put a note in your diary and we'll see you there!

Meals on Wheels need a driver every second Thursday for about an hour. Full training will be given.
Please contact Eleanor - 4291603 or Anne 4295005/087 9569236

BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The Collection last Sunday raised **€2165**
A great response and support from parishioners.
Thank you.

New Parish Assembly for Blackrock Church

The closing date for submitting your applications is extended. Please consider being part of the new assembly and help to grow the Gospel Project. We have a number of nominations but need a few more!



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

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 PetrolStation. The code to operate both is **2017**

Some thoughts on today's Gospel....

Jesus is aware that the imminent loss of his physical presence will be a big blow for his disciples. He reassures them "I will not leave you orphaned". The loss of his physical presence will be made up to them by the sending of the Holy Spirit, who will be with them permanently. In our changing and increasingly secularised society, one can easily feel a sense of loss and abandonment, but the Holy Spirit continues to guide and inspire us into new and creative forms of communicating the Good News in ways that are relevant to today's world.

We do not need to rely on our own resources but turn to God who promises to help us, ready to send the Holy Spirit. To be open to the spirit, we must quieten first our body, then our heart. In this time of quiet God teaches us to see our world differently; we don't act in it alone but are accompanied by God's ever-present Spirit.

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.

Hurling Helmets for Rockies!

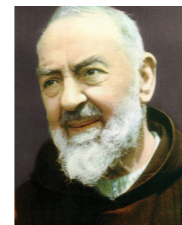
If you have any unused hurling helmets and wish to donate them to Blackrock Hurling Club (Underage Hurling) we will be delighted to accept them and they will be put to good use almost immediately.

Thanking You

Joe Phipps, Blackrock Hurling (Underage)

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.



LOUGH DERG - 4 day Pilgrimage 2023. Leaves Cork Fri. 9th June at 9am. Returning Mon 12th June. Booking & Information Ph. Paddy 021 4502572.



The **Annual Mass at the Marian Park Grotto** will take place this year on Friday 26th May at 7 PM preceded by the recitation of the Rosary at 6.30pm. All Welcome.

The second collection w/e 13th/14th. May is for **MISSION and MINISTRY.**

The Mission and Ministry Office will support/resource parishes and Families of Parishes with training of new Parish Pastoral Councils/Assemblies, baptismal teams, support funeral ministry, and facilitate one-off workshops on such things as Ministers of the Word and Eucharist, altar servers, choirs and music ministry, Alpha courses etc

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). Fr. Bernard Cotter: A new parish name for a family of parishes. (2). Michael Kelly: A synod dominated by elites will do nothing to transform the Church. (3). Nuala O'Loan: A bill threatening immense damage to free speech. (4). David Quinn: Anyone who falls foul of present orthodoxies is at risk under new laws to prosecute people accused of undefined 'hate'.

Tablet. (1). Medieval mysticism —. A tale of two lockdowns. (2) A conversion story. — Paths to Rome: Lead kindly light. (3). A New Pentecost —. Through Vatican II, The Catholic Church reached out to an increasingly secular world. (4) Pope calls for creative effort to secure peace in Ukraine.

Synodal Times. (1) Synod organisers say process should lead to greater local control in Catholic Church. (2) Is there a future for a more democratic Church and more importantly does a synodal Church have a future? (3). The Pope's firm "no" on women's ordination And why we need realism in the debate.

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

SUMMER SCHOOL IN PERSON AND ON LINE



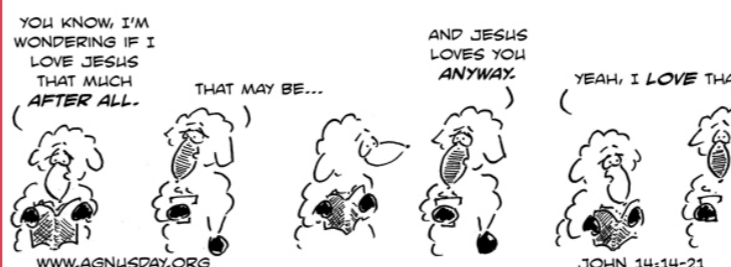
From understanding how the Bible came to be...
...to engaging with the Word of God today

June 12-16
St Patrick's College
Maynooth

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.tarsuscriptureschool.ie



Thought for the day

"The greatest things you'll ever learn is to love and be loved in return." The following words, attributed to Pedro Arrupe SJ, may up lift and inspire. "Nothing is more practical than finding God, that is, than falling in love, in a quite absolute, final way. What you are in love with, what seizes your imagination, will affect everything. It will decide what will get you out of bed in the morning, what you will do with your evening, how you will spend your weekends, what you read, who you know, what breaks your heart, and what amazes you with joy and gratitude. Fall in love, stay in love and it will decide everything."

Prayer

Jesus, you love the human race: let your love of us strike so deep a chord within us that our lives may resound to the music of that grace, drawing others to the leap of faith and the dance of joy.

K O'Mahony OSA

Reflections

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. "If you love me you will keep my commandments", and specifically the commandment to love one another (cf. 13.34). How have you experienced the love of God and love of those around you?

3. Jesus is preparing his disciples for his imminent departure and for a future in which he would be with them in a different way. He would not 'leave them orphans' but send an 'Advocate' to 'be with (them) for ever'. How have you experienced the presence of God with you in your life?

4. Perhaps you have also experienced the challenge of preparing another (a child, a friend) for a time when you would no longer be physically together. Recall how you gave the message of your ongoing support.

5. How have you experienced the presence and support of a loved one (parent, spouse, friend) when circumstances have separated you from them?

6. The proof of the ongoing presence of Jesus with his disciples is that "I live and you will live". Discipleship is about much more than rules and regulations. It is about being alive. How has discipleship helped you to be more fully alive?

PRAYER

Faithful God who loves us in Christ Jesus, send your Spirit of truth to dwell within us, that we may always reject what is false, live by the commands of Christ, and be true to the love you have shown us.

Grant this through Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

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

