

Mass Times

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



Baptism

Conor Mc.Cabe,
Eilis Grace Holland,
Dara Thor Giltinan
Ben Coyne.

We welcome them into the Christian Family



Recently Deceased

Margaret Patricia Ginn, Beaumont.
Breda Shorten, Menloe Gardens.

May the light of God surround them forever.



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 **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.

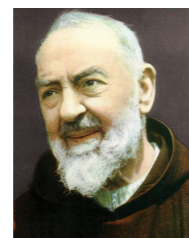


Meals on Wheels need a driver every second Thursday for about an hour. Full training will be given.
Please contact Eleanor - 4291603 or
Anne 4295005/087 9569236

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.

The next meeting will take place on 31st.
May and will be the last until September.



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....

Today, as we celebrate the feast of the Ascension of Jesus, we are invited to reflect on this event. What does it mean for us? Perhaps, like some of the disciples in today's Gospel, we are doubtful. We talk to Jesus very honestly about my doubts, knowing he will understand. We notice that he gives the same mission to those who believe and those who doubt.

Note Jesus' final words: "I am with you always." Hear these words now addressed to us: "I am with you always, I am with you at this moment, no matter what is going on in your life right now. I am with you."

THE PAPERS SAY.....

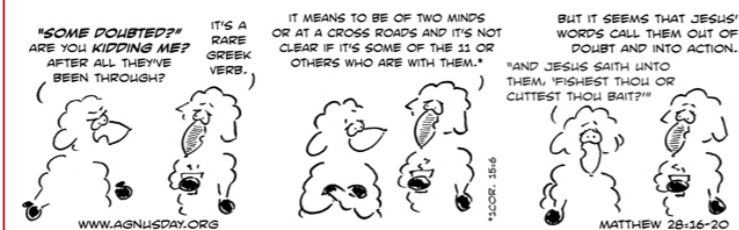
Sacred Heart Messenger. (1). Re:Link.(the resource for Junior Certificate Religion Studies). — How to Spend the Summer. (2). Nora Corcoran, an Irish traveller, writes about the mental health crisis facing Travellers. (3). Young children's pages.

Irish Catholic. (1). Trump remains vague on abortion policies. (2) A high-level Vatican meeting hopes to end protests and brawls over liturgy changes in India. (3). Will the rural independents answer Ireland's call?

Synodal Times. (1) US Bishops: 'Synodality — There is no going back'. (2). Synod organisers say process should lead to greater local control. (3). The Pope's firm 'no' to women's ordination And why we need realism in the debate.

Tablet. (1). Oliver Cromwell — a comprehensive collection of all his personal writings only adds to the paradoxes and ambivalences surrounding the life and personality of one of the most bitterly contested figures in British and Irish history. (2). Encounter with the Jewish Jesus.

Catholic Voice. (1) Pope Francis upholds Catholic ban on contraception. (2). Three fatal flaws in the Abortion review that the media ignored. (3) Have your loved ones turned their backs on God? Do what Elisabeth Leseur did.



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



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

Feast of the Ascension

All writers choose how to end an article or a book or even a podcast and how they choose to end is revealing. The famous ending of James Joyce's Ulysses (yes, yes, yes) is, well, justly famous. The author of Mark's Gospel ended the original text in an arresting way: "They (the women) said nothing to anyone for they were afraid." The lasting line of the Acts of the Apostle is striking: "He (Paul) proclaimed the King of God and the Good news about Jesus Christ fearlessly and unhindered." The very last word in Greek is "unhindered"! Likewise, our Gospel today shows how Matthew chose to end his story of Jesus:

'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

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.tarsusscriptureschool.ie

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)

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!



The Synodal Pathway
of the Catholic Church in Ireland

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.

Thought for the day

We could ask how is the Risen Lord with us? The New Testament and the church tradition offer a rich array of "presences." Christ is present in the neighbour in need, in created reality beautiful and awe-inspiring, whenever the disciples gather, in the word proclaimed, in the sacrament celebrated and through the Holy Spirit. Perhaps we do not always feel this presence, but the words of Jesus are a guarantee that no matter what is going on in my life or my community or my church, he is with us, our Emmanuel.

Prayer

Emmanuel—God with us—we thank you that you are indeed always with us. Help us to find you and recognise where you truly are and not just where we want you to be.

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Reflections

1. It is time for Jesus to return to his Father. He meets his disciples for the last time. His final words give them direction for their future. Perhaps you can recall such parting moments in your own life - leaving home, school, college, training, the death of a loved one. What was that like for you? Was there an occasion when words spoken then gave you direction for your future?
2. Perhaps you can identify with Jesus in the story, when as a parent, teacher, or in some other way you sent someone on his/her way in life knowing you would not be with him or her as in the past. When did the way you parted help the other to make his or her own way in life?
3. Jesus told his disciples that although he would not be with them as in the past he would be with them in a new way right through their lives. Have there been times when you were reassured by the love and support of another even though s/he was not physically present with you?
4. In parting with his disciples Jesus gave them a mission for the future. Where, when and how did you get a sense of the meaning and purpose of your own life? How does that sustain you now? Is there any way in which that purpose ties in with the mission given to the eleven to make disciples of all the nations?
5. Matthew's Gospel begins by introducing Jesus as "Emmanuel – God with us" and ends with the promise of Jesus to be with his disciples until the end of time. That promise is also to us. What are the things which help you to be aware of the presence of Jesus with you on life's journey?

PRAYER

God of majesty, yours is the power that raised Christ from death, yours the glory that exalted him to your right hand. By the mystery of the Ascension, sustain our hope as we bear witness to our baptism.

By the perpetual outpouring of your Spirit confirm your Church in its mission of salvation. Grant this through Jesus Christ, the first-born from the dead, 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

