

Mass Times

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



Wedding

Congratulations to **Aisling O'Sullivan** and **Roy Heaphy** who were married in our Church on Saturday 20th, May, 2023.
Fr. Colin Doocey officiated.



Recently Deceased

Margaret Patricia Ginn, Beaumont.
Freda Shorten, Menloe Gardens.
May the light of God surround them forever.

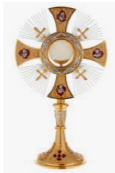


Sunday Cuppa in the Parish Centre after 11 am mass on Sunday 4th June for tea and refreshments and more chat!
Last one for the Summer!!
Everyone welcome!



FIRST FRIDAY EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT On Friday 2nd June 2023

There are sheets on the tables in the Church where Parishioners can indicate the times most suitable for them to be present. We would like that there would be at least 2 people present for each period. If there are vacant periods we would appreciate volunteers to fill these times by putting their names on the list.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION.



MASS OF THANKSGIVING.

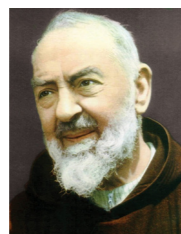
A Mass of Thanksgiving was celebrated in St Michael's on last Saturday. This Mass was a celebration and thanks to all the groups in our parish that make it a welcoming place to worship. These include all our Ministers of the Word and Eucharist, our Choir and Folk Group, members of SVP, our Collectors, Legion of Mary, Parish Assembly and Office, the Communications Team and our Tea and Flower Ladies and many more. Also the Foggers, Stewards and Cleaners who kept our church a safe place to pray during covid. Great to see such a marvelous turnout for the cuppa afterwards.

We are very grateful for the help in our parish, Thank you all.

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.



Some thoughts on today's Gospel....

Jesus passed through the locked doors of the house in which the disciples were. His arrival among them was completely unexpected. Did they dread his reproaches, all but the beloved disciple, having abandoned him in his terrible hour of need? Before they could express any remorse, he simply said to them, 'Peace be with you'. It is an expression of unconditional love. We are called on to show the same unmerited forgiveness in our own lives. Only when we believe ourselves to be forgiven, can we do the same to others. Is there someone I need to forgive this very day? In a gesture of wonderful intimacy, Jesus 'breathed' the Holy Spirit into his disciples. The act evokes God's promise to Ezekiel centuries earlier, to give us hearts of flesh instead of hearts of stone. If we refuse to believe ourselves forgiven, how can we forgive others?

THE PAPERS SAY.....

Irish Catholic. (1). Book Review: Mary, Founder of Christianity. -- Exploring the role of Mary in the early days of the Church. (2). Fr. Rolheiser: Four distinct kinds of Christian prayer. (3). Mary Kenny: Sexual violence report -- why such high statistics? (4) Only 47% of eligible couples availing of Catholic marriage. (5). Michael Kelly: A small group of people can't continue to carry the entire parish.
Sacred Heart Messenger. (1). Bishop Paul Dempsey looks at a way forward for parish ministry. (2). Fr. Brendan Comerford SJ : Courageous Witnesses -- Frank Duff. (3). Fr. Gerry O'Hanlon SJ : The Sacred Hear To-day. (4) Children's and Adult Crosswords.
Catholic Voice. (1). Have your loved ones turned their backs on God? Do what Elizabeth Leseur did. (2) Three fatal flaws in the abortion review that the media ignored. (3) Pope Francis upholds Catholic ban on contraception.



Feast of Pentecost

The story of Pentecost is a kind of symbolic synthesis of the experience of the Spirit. Powerful imagery is used: wind, flame, sound, languages. Hidden within the story is a reversal of the Tower of Babel -- not so much the obliteration of languages but a proclamation which can speak to every human heart.

Not only that, but across the Acts of the Apostles, there are further "Pentecosts" as the Spirit irrupts in people's lives. The original Pentecost story is located in Jerusalem but the other mini-Pentecosts can be found in Samaria (Acts 8) Caesarea on the coast (Acts 10-11) and in Corinth (Acts 19). Our originating story is programmatic.

Vatican II (1962-65) was approached at the time as a New Pentecost experience, as the Spirit brought about profound changes in what it meant to be Church in our time. The opening up (aggiornamento) of the Church was later hindered -- sometimes by the leadership -- but the work of the Spirit went on and continues today in the **Synodal Pathway**.
Come, holy Spirit!

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

Eventbrite booking

www.tarsusscriptureschool.ie

Anam Cara Cork, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding it's monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on **Wednesday 7th June 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



BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Church Gate collection will take place on **Week ending 2rd/4th June 2023**
Your support as always is greatly appreciated.

CORK CITY MARATHON. SUNDAY 4th. JUNE, 2023.

There will be traffic restrictions on Castle Road, until 11am. Access to the South City Link from the Boreenamana Road won't be possible between 10am and 12.15pm.

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**

Thought for the day

The four marks of our Christian belonging are our **personal journey**, our **community belonging**, our **practical discipleship** and our **adult integration of faith and life**. None of us "inhabits" all four dimensions fully, all of the time, and yet all four dimensions should in principle be there. The good news of Pentecost is that the Spirit, poured into our hearts, enables all four aspects of our faith to live: the Spirit helps us in our prayer; the body of Christ is animated by the gifts of the Spirit; our service of others gets its energy from the Spirit and the Spirit "reminds us" of all that Jesus taught. Today, we celebrate discipleship in the community of faith.

Prayer

We open our hearts and lives to you, Holy Spirit: breathe a breath of new life into us all! Amen.

K O'Mahony OSA

Reflections

1. Jesus comes into a room full of fear. Sometimes it is fear itself that makes us close the door on others and on God. Occasionally a person comes along with the gift of breaking through our closed doors, a person who comes to be with us in our fears. Do you have memories of people getting through to you and being with you despite your closed doors? Who brought you peace in a time of anxiety?

2. Jesus showed his wounds to his friends. Moments of grace can occur when another shows us their vulnerable side, or when we do that with them. Let your memories speak of such experiences to you.

3. As Jesus was sent by the Father, so he sent out the disciples. This evokes images of receiving and handing on the things that give life: values, meaning, sense of purpose, love. Who are the people who gave you life by what they handed on to you? To whom have you handed on what is life-giving?

4. In our tradition the final verse reminds us of the Sacrament of Reconciliation but its meaning is broader than that. Spirit-filled people are people who forgive. You might like to recall memories of when you have forgiven, or retained, another's sins. What difference has it made to you and others when you forgive rather than hold sins against others?

PRAYER

Send down, O God, upon your people the flame of your Holy Spirit, and fill with the abundance of your sevenfold gift the Church you brought forth from your son's pierced side. May your life-giving Spirit lend fire to our words and strength to our witness.

Send us forth to the nations of the world to proclaim with boldness your wondrous work of raising Christ to your right hand.

We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, 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

