

### Mass Times

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



### Baptism

**Cillian Arthur Lee.**  
**Sorcha Aoife O'Regan.**  
**Hailey Rae O'Sullivan.**  
**Hannah Rose O'Sullivan.**  
**Jonathan Kurt Siebenhaar**



We welcome them into the Christian Family

### Recently Deceased

**Valerie Tyrrell, St Michael's Close**  
**Owen Barry, Julianstown, Meath** formerly of Blackrock.  
**Anthony (Tony) Cummins, Boston** formerly of Blackrock. Died on 23/12/22 his ashes will be interred in St. Michael's Cemetery following 11.00am Mass on Monday 3rd. July.  
*May the light of God surround them forever.*



### BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Church Gate collection will take place on  
**Week ending 8th / 9th July 2023**  
Your support as always is greatly appreciated.

### FIRST FRIDAY EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT On Friday 7th July 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.



**Sunday Cuppa continues in the Parish Centre after 11 am mass on Sunday 2nd July for tea and refreshments and more chat!**  
*Everyone welcome!*



### Fr. Mathew Commeration

The Annual Commemoration in honour of Fr. Mathew will take place at St. Joseph's Cemetery, Tory Top Road, Ballyphehane T12 HW89, on Tuesday 4th July at 7.30 p.m. This event is organised by Cork Regional Pioneer Council. We look forward to the attendance of the Lord Mayor. There will be refreshments afterwards in Togher Community Centre on Togher Road, T12TX 2Y  
Beidh fáilte roimh cách. Everybody's welcome

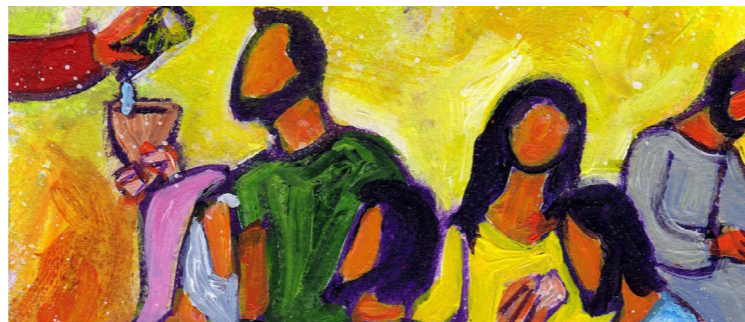
**You may be using your mobile phone for Mass, if so, please ensure it is on silent. If not, please switch it off. Thank you**



Annual Mass in Curraghkippane Cemetery will be celebrated Wednesday 5th July at 7.30 pm.  
All welcome.

### Some thoughts on today's Gospel....

We are rarely asked for a cup of water. But the rewards promised by Jesus extend beyond individual almsgiving to those who work for others in a thousand hidden ways, for instance maintaining a city water system, or caring for public hygiene, as civil servants, plumbers, engineers, scientists, street-cleaners or parents of families. We live in a more complex society, but the same care and generosity are found in all walks of life, wherever people devote themselves to the service of others.  
Thank you, Lord, for the opportunities I have to serve others.



### Synod 2023/2024

The working document for the first session of the Synod has just been published. This is a crucial moment and the document itself is inspiring. We should all give it our attention. [www.synod.va](http://www.synod.va)



### Excerpt from the first session

**The journey so far, especially the continental stage, has made it possible to identify and share the particular situations experienced by the Church in different regions of the world.** These include the reality of too many wars that stain our world with blood leading to a call for a renewed commitment to building a just peace, the threat represented by climate change that implies a necessary priority of caring for the common home, the cry to oppose an economic system that produces exploitation, inequality and a throwaway culture, and the desire to resist the homogenising pressure of cultural colonialism that crushes minorities. Situations of persecution to the point of martyrdom and emigration that progressively hollow out communities, threatening their very survival are deeply lamented. The local Churches have spoken of their concern to be equipped to address urgent social realities, from the growing cultural pluralism that now marks the entire planet, to the experience of Christian communities that represent scattered minorities within the country in which they live, to the experience of coming to terms with an ever more advanced, and at times aggressive, secularisation that seems to consider religious experience irrelevant, but where there remains a thirst for the Good News of the Gospel. In many regions, the Churches are deeply affected by the crisis caused by various forms of abuse, including sexual abuse and the abuse of power, conscience and money. These are open wounds, the consequences of which have yet to be fully addressed. To the penitence it owes to victims and survivors for the suffering it has caused, the Church must add a growing and intensified commitment to conversion and reform in order to prevent similar situations from happening again in the future.

### Observations

The cross-shaped baptismal (right) at Avdat (Negev desert), is a kind of illustration of the second reading from Romans. Three words come to mind: baptism means communion — radical communion, setting aside distinctions and differences; baptism means participation — not only in Jesus' death and resurrection but in the life of the community of faith; finally, baptism means mission — it is both grace and vocation, gift and task. In that vision, baptism is not a fact from our past but a way of being in the present. Those three words — *communion, participation and mission* — might ring a bell. These words describe the Synodal Pathway, initiated by Pope Francis



### ICE CREAM SUNDAY

Great turnout last Sunday - we were lucky with the weather!  
Have a lovely summer!!



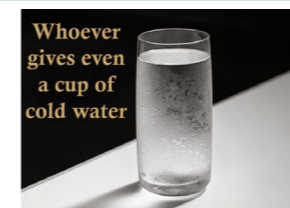
### The Papers Say.....

**Irish Catholic.** (1). Michael Kelly: Euthanasia debate filled with cynical doublespeak. (2). Mary Kenny: The 'brace new world' of the dramatic increase in egg freezing. (3). Breda O'Brien: It will be very hard for RTE to recover. (4). Fr. Rolheiser: The therapy of a public life

**Tablet of 17/6.** (1). Appointment of Bishops —. Give the Laity a Voice. (2) Behind the synodal pathway. — Why the German Church is different. (3). Ugandan Church leaders endorse homophobic laws

**Tablet of 24/6.** (1). Johnson and Trump —. Lies, lockdowns and witch-hunts. (2). The abortion question — Hard cases make bad law.(3). Northern Ireland —. Bishops reject Westminster abortion rule

**Catholic Voice.** (1). Frank Wright: George Soros is funding the destruction of Catholic Ireland: Here's how. (2)Mary Kearns: We often neglect to describe the supernatural. (3). Brian Williams: Seven amazing facts about the Holy Mass.



Whoever gives even a cup of cold water

### Thought for the day

We do have the saying, "goodness is its own reward" and that, no doubt, is true. We don't do good to be rewarded but simply because it is good. At the same time, goodness leads to goodness and kindness inspires kindness. This can be true at the most mundane level: if I am courteous and obliging, say, as a driver, perhaps others on the road will be inspired to be obliging and courteous in their turn. It is even more true at a higher level. Generosity of spirit inspires the same in others.

### Prayer

Help us, Lord, to be kind and generous in our dealings with others today following the example of Jesus. Amen.

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### Reflections

1. Jesus never wanted suffering for any- one but he knew that if anyone was going to follow in his footsteps promoting love and respect for every person, they would meet with opposition. Fidelity has its price, but also rewards. Would you agree?
2. The passage is a call to both radical and practical discipleship. When have you found that in order to achieve a certain objective you had to make it a priority, and then take the practical steps necessary to reach your goal? What were the benefits to you when you did this?
3. 'Hate' (in the Lucan version) is prophetic exaggeration for the uncom- promising loyalty Jesus seeks in disciples. There may be times when people make demands in conflict with fidelity to another relationship. This can be painful. When have you found that being clear about your priorities helped you in that situation?

### PRAYER

All-powerful God, your incarnate Word commands our obedience and offers us true life.  
Make our ears attentive to the voice of your Son and our hearts generous in answering his call, that we may take up the cross with trust in his promises. Through Christ our Lord. 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.

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](http://www.tarsus.ie) and register to receive the emails. K O'Mahony OSA

