

Mass Times

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



Baptism

Darragh Tony Fleming.
Lily Mary Nolan.

We welcome them into the Christian Family



Some thoughts on today's Gospel....

They looked down from heaven – the Father, Son and Holy Spirit – with love for their people - for all of us. They could see men and women of all races, colours, ages, faiths, holiness and sin. They knew help was needed for the human race and they waited a long time before the time was right. Prayer inserts us into our true space of belonging – into the community of the Trinity, and in that prayer we are called to bring this divine help to the human race. In love for us, God desires our salvation, our being made whole.

THE PAPERS SAY.....

Irish Catholic. (1). Fr. John Harris OP: Diocesan priests deserve support and prayers. (2). The Taoiseach says 'I do not agree with forced secularisation of our education system'. (3) Elise Ann Allen: In snub to Russia, Ukraine's Orthodox Church moves Christmas to December 25. (4). Breda O'Brien: An urgent need to address children's smartphone use. (5) New Angelus films unveiled by RTE.

Messenger. (1). Fr. Tom Cox reflects on the need for trust and welcome in Irish society. (2). Fr. John Cullen works with an interfaith group in London with the homeless. (3). The Pope in South Sudan. (4) Pope urges ethical use of Artificial Intelligence.

Catholic Voice. (1). Two Troubling Questions about The Hate Speech Bill. (2). Fr. Richard Hellman: This Eucharistic Revival will bring everyone back to the Church. (3). Bullet Proofing your Marriage. (4). What a Eucharistic Civilisation looks like.

Trinity Sunday

Probably we don't often think about the Trinity but today is a good opportunity. Our "story of God" is a rich one. We affirm the origin of everything in God and God's presence in everything. We affirm Jesus Christ, his ministry and teaching, his death and resurrection, as the culmination of God's engagement with humanity through history. We affirm the Spirit within, God's presence in the hearts of us all, in the voice of conscience but also in the gift of love. As St Paul puts it: the love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. Our story is rich and, like all things profound, it evades, even resists definition.

Nevertheless, as an attempt to "hold" these relationships in hobbling human words, the doctrine of the Trinity evolved quite early on. It may help to say that doctrines are not really descriptions – we are talking of things beyond our words. Instead, doctrines, if I may put it like this, are language rules, to orient us towards the mystery, to hold us before the presence of God and, not least, to preserve us from any simplification or "domestication" of the mystery.



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

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.

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 Trinity is not first of all a puzzle, which in principle could be solved, but rather a mystery, a relationship which is first of all lived, never exhausted and only inadequately spoken of in words. This is true of any of the significant relationships in our lives and true, therefore, all the more so of God. Within the mystery of that relationship, we recognise God, from whom we come, in whom we live and move and have our being. We recognise the Son, the way, the truth and the life. We recognise the Spirit, who helps us to pray when we do not know how to pray as we ought.

PRAYER

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be upon us all. Amen.

K O'Mahony OSA

Reflections

1. Jesus speaks of himself being lifted up, a term that can mean a physical lifting, or also exaltation. By this play on words the evangelist explains to us that Jesus' gift of himself in the passion was a glorious revelation of love, despite all its injustice and brutality. Bring to mind occasions when the love shown by Jesus in his passion was a sacrament of God's love for you.

2. It would be very cushy for us if we could be a source of life to others with- out cost to ourselves. The true life-givers know that they need the generosity of being lifted up by giving their lives so that others may have life. Recall when you have had that generosity and give thanks for others who have been like that for you.

3. We receive life from God when our faith enables us to trust in God's love for us. We give life to one another when the love between us is trustworthy. Recall memories of that kind of trustworthy love. For whom have you been able to be a 'Jesus person' and give a love that another could trust? Who has shown that kind of love to you and been for you a sacrament of God's love?

4. People loved darkness rather than light...so that their deeds may not be exposed. Judgment and condemnation are very inhibiting forces and we easily slip into them. Occasionally we meet someone who is non-judgmental, who does not come into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved. What has it been like for you when you met a non-judgmental person? What has it been like for you, and for other people, when you have been able to adopt a non-judgmental approach to them?

PRAYER

Merciful and gracious Father, you showed the fullness of your love when you gave your only Son for our salvation and sent down upon us the power of your Spirit.

Complete within us the work of your love, that we who have communion in Christ may come to share fully the undying life he lives with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

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

BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Church Gate collection will take place on **Week ending 3rd/4th June 2023**
Your support as always is greatly appreciated.

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!



Our **Parish Choir** finishes up today for the Summer break. We thank them for making the Eucharist a meaningful and prayerful occasion each Sunday. Enjoy the break ladies and gent!



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

Last remaining places for special **Cork Pilgrimage to the Holy Land at Christmas 2023** taking in *Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Nazareth, Dead Sea, Sea of Galilee, Last Supper Room, Garden of Gethsemane, Mount of Olives* with full day in Bethlehem on Christmas Day. Contact James Treacy 061921470 jamestreacyphotography@gmail.com

Novena to the Sacred Heart,

Sacred Heart Church, Western Road, Cork.
Thursday June 8th to Friday June 16th 2023.
Daily 10am & 8pm

Thrs 8th June to Sun 11th June - Bro. Barry (Alexian Bro)
Fr. Manus Ferry MSC Monday 12th to Thurs 15th June
Frances Hogan Thurs 15th (3pm to 5pm) Friday 16th June

Mass at St. Michael's Cemetery Blackrock on Wednesday 28th June at 7.30 pm.

Family members, friends and neighbours of all those buried in St. Michaels Cemetery are invited to attend. Please bring your own chairs as seating will not be provided. In the event of bad weather Mass will be celebrated in Holy Cross Church. Extra Parking and toilet facilities in St. Michael's GAA grounds.

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



CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

FAITH FORMATION FOR FAMILIES AND PARISHES

PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF KNOCK

International Eucharistic and Marian Shrine
SATURDAY 17TH JUNE 2023

Celebrant of Holy Mass and Homilist
MOST REV. BRENDAN KELLY Bishop Emeritus of Galway

The Procession will follow a new route concluding at The Church of St Peter and Paul, Paul Street, for a Homily and Benediction celebrated by Most Reverend Fintan Gavin, Bishop of Cork and Ross. People are welcome to join at the start or any part of the Procession from the Cathedral or attend directly at St Peter and Paul.

THE 97TH EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION on the Feast of Corpus Christi

Sunday 11th June, 2023
3rd Beginning at the Cathedral of St. Mary and St. Anne

