

Mass Times

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



Recently Deceased
John Dowling, Blackrock.



May the light of God surround him forever.

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

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!



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



Some thoughts on today's Gospel....

Jesus reminds me that we do not have to have all the answers or convince everyone. In God's time, not ours, all will be made clear. But Jesus mentions fear five times here: does fear sometimes make me betray the truth? Perhaps we may know what to do in a situation but we do nothing for fear of the reactions of others. We ask to believe that God knows us fully and values us limitlessly, so we need not fear.

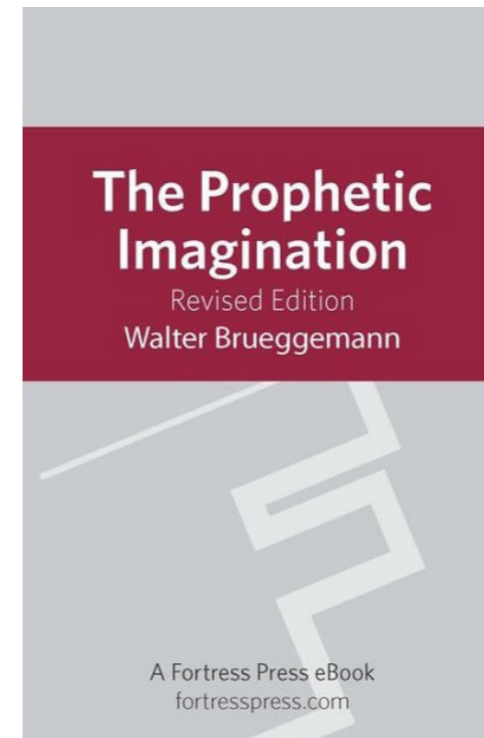
Cork Alzheimer Café
Last Friday of 'every' month
11am to 12.30pm
Activity Centre, St. Finbar's Hospital,
Douglas Road, Cork

The Café is a warm and welcoming place for people to come free of charge, and meet others also living with dementia/cognitive impairment, their Carers and Health and Social Care Professionals.

To find out more: call 085 1485800 or email corkalzheimercave@gmail.com
No booking required. Just come along on the day.
Tea/Coffee, sweet and savory snacks provided.



More Valuable Than Sparrows
Matthew 10:26-33



Observations

With the graphic above, I'm drawing attention to a classic of Walter Brueggemann, The Prophetic Imagination. The book is a stand-out study of two contrasting systems, the royal system of reassurance and complacency versus the prophetic system of protest and rebellion. Brueggemann writes with great power. To give you an example:

"Sabbath, in the first instance, is not about worship. It is about work stoppage. It is about withdrawal from the anxiety system of Pharaoh, the refusal to let one's life be defined by production and consumption and the endless pursuit of private well-being."

The prophetic voice is needed today as never before.

ICE CREAM SUNDAY

Our annual Ice Cream Sunday will take place on **Sunday 25th June after 11.00 mass**. Please join us when we will have an ice cream van ready to serve refreshing goodies outside the parish centre!!
Please bring the kids along!!
Open to everyone - see you there.



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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.

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

While it is not comfortable, to be in crisis is probably the natural state of the Christian project. Even in Jesus' day: "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets. (Luke 6:26) Likewise, quite early on, the story of the storm at sea was read as a kind of allegory, representing the (later) church undergoing trials. The natural feeling of being abandoned is captured in the raw emotion of Mark's account. Mark also tells us where to seek help: Who then is this? Like the disciples, we have no full understanding of Jesus and yet, like them, to him we turn.

Prayer

Lord, the sea is so wide and my boat is so small. Be with me.
Breton fisherman's prayer

K O'Mahony OSA

Reflections

1. The image of a boat in a stormy sea is a symbol of life in difficult times and can represent inner turmoil, anxiety and high emotions. When you have been in such circumstances, perhaps a "Jesus person" came to your assistance and calmed you down? Recall that person with gratitude.

2. The image can also be applied to a family, a community, a parish, or any other group. Remember people who have had a gift of bringing peace to troubled situations.

3. The significance of miracles in the Gospels is that they show Jesus as one who brings God's power to bear on human need and suffering. Have there been times when you have been a channel for this healing power of God, holding a crying child in your arms, calming the anxiety of a friend, or being a peacemaker in a group to which you belong?

Prayer

In the beginning, O God, your word subdued the chaos; in the fullness of time you sent Jesus, your Son, to rebuke the forces of evil and bring forth a new creation.

By that same power, transform all our fear into faith and awe in your saving presence. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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