



### Mass Times

**Sundays:** 9 am & 11 am  
**Saturday Vigil:** 6.00 pm  
**Tuesday & Friday:** 9.30 am  
**Fr. Michael Keohane Co-PP**



### Baptism

**Oliver Finley O'Leary.**  
**Adam Philip Wheatley.**  
**John Aran Wheatley.**



We welcome them into the Christian Family

### Recently Deceased

**James Nation, Blackrock**  
**Anne Greene, Meadowgrove**

*May the light of God surround them forever.*



### Finding Hope

In the course of the past week there have been several tragedies throughout the country bringing families, schools and parishes into sudden grief, suffering and the unknown. This weekend, we think of the young people who died tragically in Clonmel, their families, their schools, their friends and parish communities. We think also of the grandparents and their grandchild who died tragically in Cashel, their wider family and all those who are shaken by this sudden grief.



These days we listen to the words spoken at their funeral Masses. In tragedy, it's impossible to find words or answers. People find silent comfort in simply being together at times of tragedy. People also find great comfort in the familiar words and actions of a Requiem Mass. More often than not, it can be the silence that is more powerful and eloquent than many words. While social media etc has great opportunities it's the powerful prayers and ritual that can reach hearts. It's in these too that despite the darkness of sudden and tragic death, the presence of God can point to some hope and the glimmer of resurrection.

This weekend in the gospel, Jesus points to the Cross and will not be deflected by Peter who has just declared his faith in Jesus. Jesus points to the reality of the Cross as a glorious Cross which is our hope. This weekend, we think of families, young people, schools, parishes and communities that are facing the cross of bereavement and pain. May the words of Jesus help them and all of us facing the Cross and help us to find hope.

**Fr. Michael**

During the past week, I had the privilege of visiting a number of people in their homes with Holy Communion for First Friday. It's a great comfort to people to receive Holy Communion and a blessing. I expect that there are others who would like such a visit so you might let us know by contacting the Sacristy or calling 021 2396963.

Fr. Michael

### The Papers Say.....

**Synodal Times.** (1). Garry O'Sullivan: The Dominicans can show us how to be a Synodal Church. (2). Papal delegate returns to Rome as liturgy row worsens in India amid threat of schism. (3) Fr. Kieran O'Mahony OSA: Learning from the women of St. Paul. (4). Michael Kelly: Pope Francis is very keen to underline the fact that the World Youth Day is not just a day.

**Tablet Doube Issue.** (1). Pope's visit to Mongolia. -- Learning from Buddhism. (2). Seamus Heaney suggests we turn to poetry in the face of war's brutality for a fleeting glimpse of a transcendent equilibrium beyond the ugliness of conflict. (3). Adrian Chiles: The harsh reality of fantasy football.

### Sycamore Series for Young Adults- Exploring Catholic Faith

Have you ever questioned why you are Catholic and wondered why we Catholics believe what we believe? The Sycamore Series is an informal course for those aged 18-35. Join us as we deepen our understanding and knowledge of the Catholic faith. Each session involves a short film and time for discussion, with a meal also included. Everyone is welcome. Start date Wednesday October 4th 2023, 6pm-8pm at Presentation Brothers Mardyke House, Cork T12 W8RP. The course runs for 10 consecutive weeks. The course is free, but places are limited. Please email [chaplaincy@ucc.ie](mailto:chaplaincy@ucc.ie) or ring 0214902459 to let us know you are interested.



### BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Church Gate collection will take place on  
**Week ending 2nd/3rd September 2023**  
Your support as always is greatly appreciated.

### BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The priests have 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.

**Sunday Cuppa continues in the Parish Centre after 11 am mass on Sunday 3rd September for tea and refreshments and more chat!**  
*Everyone welcome!*



### Bon Secours Hospital Cork/Wilton Parish International Fun Day, Sunday 10th September, 2pm-6pm.

All are welcome to join us on Sunday 10th September on the grounds of St. Joseph's Parish, Wilton in celebrating the rich tapestry of cultures and nationalities that we enjoy here in Cork. Throughout the afternoon, we promise that you will enjoy a wide range of exciting activities, stage performances and a variety of other activities including games, arts and crafts for young and old! There will also be a variety of food stalls with a diverse array of cuisines brought by our nurses and other members of the multicultural community for all to sample. All are very welcome. Entrance free of charge.



Pictured at the event that celebrate Corkonians embarking on new diplomatic postings in the coming weeks. The Lord Mayor was delighted to host this event on behalf of the people of Cork.  
l/r Colum Hatchell, Ambassador-Designate to Chile, Ecuador and Peru (based in Santiago, Chile) Lord Mayor of Cork, Cllr. Kieran McCarthy, Méabh Ní Drisceoil, First Secretary at Ireland's Permanent Representation to the European Union. pic George Hatchell

**Anam Cara Cork**, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on **Wednesday 6th September at 7:15pm in the Maryborough Hotel, Maryborough Hill, Douglas, T12 XR12.**



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

Each year, I undertake one charity cycle for the homeless — the **Peter McVerry Cycle.** This year, there is a new circular route around the Dublin and Wicklow mountains on Saturday, September 16th 2023 Please do consider making a donation.



[www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/Wexford2023Kieran](http://www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/Wexford2023Kieran)  
I am unable to cycle just at the moment but it is possible to do the distance privately at another time, which is my intention. It doesn't mean you can't donate!!! *Thanks, Kieran*

**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**



### Thought for the day

Jesus had the gift of saying things directly and plainly, with a power to penetrate all our defences and lead us to a new awareness. Today's message puts before us the paradox of the Gospel: we gain life by letting go of it. If I put my happiness, my being loved, at the centre of my life, then I will surely fail, even though to be loved and to be happy are really important. If on the other hand I put the happiness of others first and love them unconditionally, then I too will know unselfish love and deep happiness. This is the very insight and wisdom that Jesus puts before us as the key not just to love but to life and within that, the key to authentic discipleship precisely as a way of life.

### Prayer

*Teach us, Lord, that nothing is more life-giving than to love and be loved in return.*

K O'Mahony OSA

### Reflections

1. Short-term loss is sometimes necessary for long-term gain as a student studying or an athlete training can testify. When have you found that denying yourself proved to be worthwhile because of what you gained afterwards.
2. Jesus was teaching his followers that the path of discipleship would involve pain and suffering. Peter would have none of it. When have you found that taking up your cross brought you life, even though at the time it may have been difficult?
3. Jesus knew that because his good news message was not acceptable to the authorities he would suffer and die, but God would see that evil would not have the last say. Have you seen a good news message survive even though opponents tried to stifle it?
4. Jesus promised that those who suffer for the kingdom would be rewarded. Perhaps, even in this earthly life, you have experienced reward.

### PRAYER

*O God, whose word burns like a fire within us, grant us a bold and faithful spirit, that in your strength we may be unafraid to speak your word and follow where you lead.*

*We make this 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.*

### 40TH. ANNIVERSARY OF CLOSURE OF IRISH DUNLOP CO.

The 6pm Mass on Saturday 30th. September will be offered for the living and deceased ex-employees of Dunlops, Cork. Please spread the word on social media or any other means. Everyone welcome in the Parish Centre after Mass for a cuppa and a catch up.

