

### Mass Times

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



### Baptism

**Fallyn Marie O'Flynn.**  
We welcome her into the Christian Family



### Falling Leaves

Autumn is finally upon us. Over the last few days, leaves are everywhere and we are blessed with beautiful autumn colours. Hopefully we can enjoy these things and see the greatness of God in them.



Our minds and hearts begin to turn to remembrance and prayer for those who have died recently or perhaps many years ago. The falling leaves and changing season move our hearts and minds to pray and remember.

In our church, the Remembrance Tree close to the altar carries many names of those who have died. The names there are like leaves that have grown back on the tree bringing it back to life, an image of death and eternal life, of autumn and then a new springtime, of sadness and loss transformed to acceptance and new life.

This autumn, may we see the beauty of the changing season and the hope that our faith in God and eternal life brings.

Fr. Michael

### November Novena for the Dead

Mass for the November Novena will be celebrated each weekday morning from Thursday 2nd - Friday 10th November this year. November Lists and envelopes will soon be available in the church for this.

### Confirmation 2024 & First Holy Communion 2024

**Confirmation 2024**  
The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Wednesday 13th March 2024 at 10.30am.

### First Holy Communion 2024

Saturday 27th April	Scoil Barra Naofa Buachaillí
Saturday 18th May	Scoil Barra Naofa Cailiní
Saturday 25th May	Scoil Ursula, St. Michael's, School of the Divine Child.

### Remembrance Mass

Our annual Remembrance Mass for those from our parish who have died since this time last year will be celebrated on All Souls Day, Thursday 2nd November at 7.30pm. Families who have been bereaved during that time are warmly welcome and you might begin to spread the word about this.

**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**



### The Papers Say.....

**Irish Catholic.** (1). David Quinn: 'Liberal' Ireland's growing intolerance revealed. (2). Fr. Andrew McMahon: Hollowness of 'enlightened' sex education documentary. (3). Fr. Rolheiser: our lifestyle and our over-strained planet. (4). Fr. Bernard Cotter: (a) Being thankful for RTE and (b). Enhancing baptism

**Sacred Heart Messenger.** (1). David Breen: Practising What is Preached. (2). Comforting in Grief. (3). The Suppression and Eventual Restoration of the Jesuits

**Synodal Times.** (1). Garry O'Sullivan: Tackling the Cardinal Sin of disinformation about the Synod. (2). Synod will not discuss changes to doctrine says prominent figure involved in process. (3). The Synod restarts a process that will take decades

**Tablet.** (1). The Christian idea of chastity is scoffed but a monk and bishop reminds us of the beauty and subtlety of a lost language of wholeness. (2). Christian Unity —. The bridge that still needs to be crossed.

*Support the Catholic press and keep in touch with the church  
Buy and read a Catholic publication every week!*



Second Collection w/e 21/22 October  
Propagation of the Faith.

**Anam Cara West Cork** the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on **Tuesday 17th October at 7:20pm in the Fernhill House Hotel, Clonakilty, P85 X322.**



This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents. For further information please contact us on 085 288 8888 or [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie)

**Beaumont Girls' School** are advertising for a new caretaker/ janitor. We are using local social media sites and information boards to advertise the position.

We also accepting enrolments for the 2024 school year. Admissions are now open for Junior Infants and school transfers.

Visit our website for more details:  
[www.beaumontgns.com](http://www.beaumontgns.com)



### Fr Colin - Mass of Thanksgiving

Fr. Colin has accepted our parish invitation to celebrate 11am Mass on **Sunday 22nd October** next. We will make him a presentation to honour his dedicated ministry in our parish as Administrator from 2019 until this summer particularly through the time of the pandemic. There will be a reception in the Parish Centre after Mass and everyone is invited to the Mass and the reception afterwards.

### Reflections

1. Scripture often speaks of the kingdom of God as a banquet. It is not meant to be taken only as referring to life after death but it also shows how God wants us to be in our relationships with one another in this life. The image of people being at a meal where everyone is happy and welcome and where all hunger and thirst is satisfied gets across the idea that God loves, accepts and welcomes us and wants us to make that experience available to one another. Think of times in your life when you have had "banquet" experiences and when you have felt accepted and loved?

2. The host enlists the help of his servants to invite people to the banquet. We are commissioned by the Lord to invite people to the banquet of the kingdom, to the fullness of life—as parents, teachers, friends, etc. What has it been like for you to play a part in leading others to a fuller life?

3. There are many ways in which we can reflect on the guests invited, e.g. a) The ones invited first all found excuses to refuse the invitation. How do you feel when someone turns down an invitation you offer? Have there been times when you have found excuses to refuse an invitation from the Lord, or from others? What effect did this have in your life, or on others? b) The second round of invitations went out to "everyone in the streets, good and bad." What is it like for you to receive an invitation, particularly when you do not consider yourself worthy of that invitation? c) Notice that the banquet of the kingdom is an inclusive one. When have you given an open, inclusive invitation to others?

4. As in the parable last week there is a message about being alert to invitations that offer a fuller life and the danger of losing out if we neglect to respond to such invitations. Perhaps there have been opportunities offered to you that you missed, and now regret. Think also of the blessings you received because you seized the moment and took an opportunity that presented itself.

5. The second parable puts the focus on how we respond to invitations. Some invitations are ones that challenge us to change, to conversion, to put on a 'wedding garment'. What has been your experience of changing in response to an invitation you received?  
**PRAYER**

*God of all goodness and kindness, you invite all peoples to the banquet and offer them a feast beyond compare.  
Give us your saving grace to keep unstained the robe of our baptism until that day when you welcome us to heaven's joyful table.*

**Croí na Gaeilge** (Tel. 085 1213189 after 6 p.m. only) is holding a Leaving Certificate 2024 Honours Irish Oral/ Written 2-Day Exam Preparation Course on Sunday October 29th / Sunday November 19th 2023 from 11-6 p.m. given by an experienced Oral Examiner / Exam Corrector / Teacher. All topics covered (including sraithpictiúir, Gaeltacht phrases, poetry, próis, essays, comprehension, & grammar).  
*Míle buíochas, Peadar Ó Murchú.*

### Prayer for the Synod

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.



### Thought for the day

In the parables of Jesus, wedding feasts are mentioned from time to time. The original parable may have ended with the words "invite everyone you can find to the wedding." The detail of the troops—highly unlikely as an actual part of a wedding invitation(!)—realistically portrays the later destruction of Jerusalem, which Christians did indeed look back upon as punishment precisely for that rejection. The final verse is difficult for us today on a spiritual level. However, it is meant to provoke (re)conversion in a possibly (!) complacent church.  
*Prayer*  
*Lord, we know that you love us and invite us to the wedding feast of the Lamb. Help us to respond to your love that we may be followers of your Son not only in name but also in fact.*

K O'Mahony OSA

### Be Still, for the Presence of the Lord

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here. Come, bow before him now, with reverence and fear. In him no sin is found. We stand on holy ground. Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around; He burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned. How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of Light! Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place; He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace. No work too hard for him; in faith receive from him. Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

### How Great Thou Art

Oh Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds Thy hands have made I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed.

*CHORUS: Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee:  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee:  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart; Then I shall bow, in humble adoration, And then proclaim, my God, how great Thou art.  
*CHORUS: Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee etc.*

**Fundraising Social for Marymount** will be held at Blackrock Community Centre, Convent Road on **Tuesday 17th October at 7.30 pm.** There will be music on the night with Par Hurley, Tim and Friends. A dance performance by the award-winning dancers of Niamh Hatchell School ID and Special Guests on the night. Refreshments will be served. A super night's entertainment for €5 plus raffle for many prizes while supporting this great cause. Everybody welcome.

The next meeting of **Cork Regional Pioneer Council** will take place in the Parish Centre Wilton at 8p.m. on Wednesday 18th October. Anyone who would like to find out more about the work of the Pioneers is invited to come along. An afternoon of prayer will be held on Sunday 19th November in St. Benedict's Priory, Cobh. Full details will be available shortly.