

Mass Times

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



Recently Deceased

Joe Dennehy, Ballintemple
Arthur Russell, formerly of Ardfoyle Place
May the light of God surround them forever.



Baptism

Sophie Grace O'Leary.
We welcome her into the Christian Family



November

November can be a very dreary time and exactly mirrors our liturgical time of remembrance and prayer for the faithful departed. The falling leaves mirror the cycle of life and death.



As always, Jesus Christ guides us to places where He has already gone Himself. That is the hope of our Christian remembrance and Christian prayer. Beginning on this Thurs. Nov. 2nd, we will remember and pray for those who have died with reverence and love. We remember as a Christian people reassured by a new and eternal life for those who have died and Christian hope for the bereaved. Death is not a distressing fracture but a continuity of life into eternal life. May all who have died rest in the peace of the Lord.

*Lord God,
Whose days are without end and whose mercies beyond counting,
Keep us mindful that life is short and the hour of death unknown.
Let your spirit guide our days on earth and in the ways of holiness and justice,
That we may serve you in union with the whole church,
Sure in faith, strong in hope, perfect in love.
And when our earthly journey is ended,
Lead us rejoicing into your kingdom,
Where you live forever and ever, Amen.
(Order of Christian Funerals 332)*

Fr. Michael

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.

FIRST FRIDAY EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT On Friday 3rd November

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.



The Papers Say.....

Irish Catholic. (1) Elise Ann Allen: Pope calls Biden amid escalating conflict between Israel and Hamas. (2) Mary Kenny: Truth is we're in a complete middle about drugs. (3) David Quinn: Have we really changed for the better since we joined the EU? (4) Nuala O'Loan: Do not forget how quickly world war can come.

Tablet. (1). Two-state solution. - Uncompromising toughness does not pay. (2). The Synod. — The journey of Synodality that Pope Francis is advocating is an audacious attempt to set the Church a new path — but he is following a model of change with roots deep in the history of the Church. (3). A Catholic new deal. -- An economist argues that Catholic Social Teaching - which has always opposed free-market capitalism and defended workers' rights -- finds its closest modern incarnation in a strongly green-tinged social democracy.

Catholic Voice. (1) Mons. Charles Pope: Unbelief in our culture is more serious than most imagine -- a reflection on the First Commandment. (2). Fr. Ed. Brem: Mary's two greatest desires.

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Purchase and read a Catholic publication every week!*

Do This in Memory Programme

This parish-based preparation programme for second class children and their families preparing for the Sacraments of First Confession and First Holy Communion will begin on Saturday 11th November at 6pm Mass.

Life Love Loss - An Online Afternoon Retreat
Sunday 5th november 3p.m. - 6pm. A sacred time to honour our losses and remember our loved ones. Input, Scriptural Reflections, Music, Meditation & Remembrance Service. Martina Lehane Sheehan with Fr. Ronald Rolheiser OMI. For further information & booking: www.ruahrest.com or Email: info@ruahrest.com Donation: €20

The Blessing of the Graves at St James' Cemetery, Chetwynd, Togher, will take place on Sunday 5th November, at 3.00pm

Resources for our Time of Crisis.

There are huge resources available on www.tarsus.ie relating to the War in the Holy Land, the roots of the Israel-Palastine conflict and a reflection by Fr Laurence Freeman OSB, recently returned from the Holy Land.

BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Church Gate collection will take place on
Week ending 4/5th November 2023
Your support as always is greatly appreciated.

Sunday Cuppa continues in the Parish Centre after 11 am mass on 5th November for tea and refreshments and more chat! Everyone welcome!



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 are available in the church for this.

Reflections

1. You may feel some sympathy with the Jews struggling to cope with 613 laws and wondering which were the important ones. But have you ever felt overwhelmed by the rules and regulations of your own tradition? And have you ever been blessed by meeting someone, or reading something, that was able to cut through all the layers and point out to you what is essential in life? Who was that person? What did s/he say or do? Is there some phrase or text that encapsulates such wisdom for you?
2. If you were asked what is most important in life, what would your answer be? Recall the experiences and relationships you have had. Which are the ones that you treasure most? What has particularly enriched your life? How would you encourage another person who asked you how s/he could live a full life?

PRAYER

*Your love, O God is boundless.
We who were strangers have been made your children.
We who were defenceless have been brought into your household.
Keep us mindful of your deeds of mercy, that we may love you with all our heart and love our neighbour as ourselves.
We ask this 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.*



Come to the Quiet. An Afternoon of Prayer will be held on Sunday 19th November 2023 at SAINT BENEDICT'S PRIORY, BEECHMOUNT, COBH, CO CORK P24 C438.

Gathering for Lunch at 12:45 pm. Concluding after Vespers at 5pm. Cost €25. Organised by Cork Regional Pioneer Council. Beidh fáilte roimh chách. Everybody is welcome. Booking Essential. Contact sorchaol@gmail.com / 0863642619.

Anam Cara Cork, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding it's monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on **Wednesday 1st November 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

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.

Thought for the day

Jesus does not pluck his summary teaching from the air— He quotes from the Shema Yisrael, the great daily prayer of Judaism found in Deuteronomy 6. The second part about the love of neighbour is taken from Leviticus 18. This mission statement stands as a resounding appeal to us today. We are asked not just to believe that there is a God, but to love God. We are asked not just to respect our neighbour, but to love our neighbour. Love is not only the truth about human beings but also the truth about God, who is love itself.

Prayer

Great and loving God, your love for us is beyond what we can grasp with our minds and hearts. Let such great love for all awaken in us a true love of you and lead to authentic service of our neighbour.

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.

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

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