

### Mass Times

**Sundays:** 9 am & 11 am  
**Saturday Vigil:** 6.00 pm  
**Tuesday & Friday:** 9.30 am



Fr Colin Doocey Adm.

### Recently Deceased

**Rita O'Mahony, Beaumont**  
May the light of heaven surround her always.



### Cork Regional Pioneer Meeting

The next meeting of Cork Regional Pioneer Council will be held on Wednesday 18th January, in the S.M.A. Parish Centre, Wilton at 8pm.  
Anyone who would like to find out more about the work of the Pioneers is most welcome. Sorcha Uí Laoghaire, Chairperson, Cork Regional Pioneer Council

### FIRST FRIDAY EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

On Friday 3rd February 2023 following morning Mass. Rosary & Benediction at 5p.m.



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.

### Some thoughts on today's scripture.....

Artists frequently depict John the Baptist with one arm outstretched pointing to Jesus. This image accurately reminds us of John's part in the gospel story. It also illustrates his own self-understanding. John is able to identify who Jesus is, but only Jesus "takes away the sin of the world" and "baptizes with the Holy Spirit". It is Jesus who is "the Son of God". In biblical times a person's name had a mysterious identity with its bearer.

This tradition is carried over into today's feast when we honour "The Most Holy Name of Jesus". In the New Testament the name of Jesus is invoked in a variety of ways, perhaps most strikingly in Paul's hymn: "Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Phil. 2:9-11).

### PARISH DEFIBRILLATORS

There are now 2 Defibrillators located in the Parish, one in the village & one outside Murphy's Circle K PetrolStation. The code to operate both is 2017

### THE PAPERS SAY.....

**Irish Catholic.** (1). Latin Mass situation is 'tricky but not an issue in Ireland — Archbishop Eamon Martin. (2) Dail attacks on Church are leading to violence — TDS warn. (3). It is embarrassing to see human rights groups defend safe zones at abortion centres, writes Dr. Leonard Taylor. (4) Catholic schools must be allowed to admit on the basis of religion, writes David Quinn

**Sacred Heart Messenger.** (1) Older Loneliness. (2). Scripture — Salt of the Earth and light of the World (3). Fr. Brendan Mc.Manus SJ. Social Media — Balance and Freedom

**Synodal Times.** (1). The anatomy of a few days in Rome — German bishops and Vatican remain bullish on substantive issues. (2) Michael Kelly: A Synodal Church requires people to take responsibility for their faith. (3) What the Catholic world said during the Synod Continental Stage

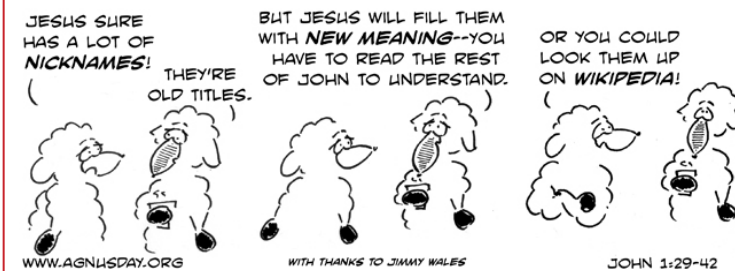
**Tablet Double Issue** has fifty pages of reading for you!

### Study Theology

Study Theology, is this for you? The Priory Institute provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Register before February 8. Find out more on our website, [prioryinstitute.com](http://prioryinstitute.com)

### Medjugorje Pilgrimage

Are you thinking of doing something special for 2023. Join us on our pilgrimage to Medjugorje May 31st to June 7th ex Cork. Cost €849.00 pps. Pay deposit before Feb 17th and get €50.00 discount. Contact Sean O'Shaughnessy 0862959380.



### BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Church Gate collection will take place on w/e 4/5 February 2023  
Your support as always is greatly appreciated.

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



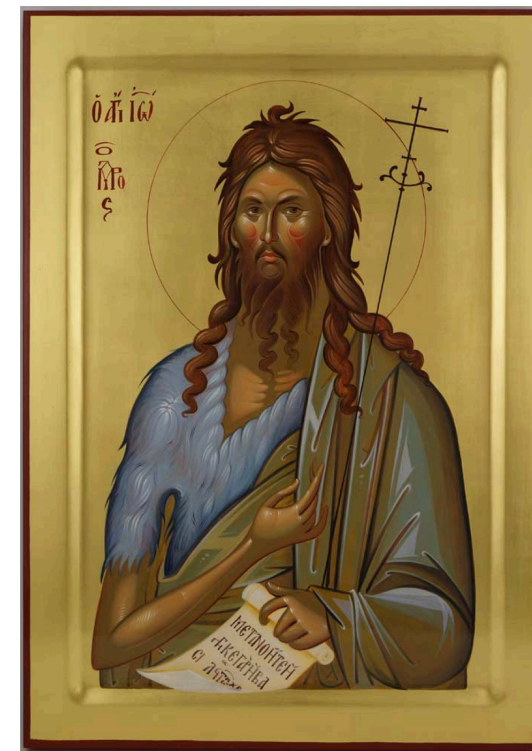
If you would like to receive a weekly commentary on the Weekly Scripture Readings, both in AUDIO, VIDEO and in PDF, please log on to [www.tarsus.ie](http://www.tarsus.ie) and register to receive the emails.

2023 rota for Ministers of the Eucharist is available in the sacristy.

### Observations

Although the liturgical colour changes to green, in fact this second Sunday in Ordinary Time belongs to the three-fold traditional epiphany of the Magi, the Baptism and the Wedding Feast of Cana. In the three-year lectionary, the Cana Gospel comes up in Year C. Accordingly, a corresponding "revelatory" or "epiphanic" scene from John 1 is read on the second Sunday in Year A.

The apparently naive anecdote is amazingly rich. As is often the case in John's gospel, a sounding in one text take you to the Gospel presentation as a whole, one of the breath-taking gifts of the writer(s).

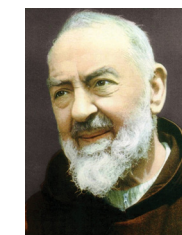


**Anam Cara West Cork** the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on **Tuesday 17th January at 7:20pm in the Mill Court, Mill Place, Bandon P72 E938.** This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents. For further information please contact us on 085 288 8888 or [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie)



### St. PIO Prayer Group of Our Lady of the Rosary

We meet on the last Wednesday of every month with Rosary at 7.45pm followed by Mass at 8pm. In Ardfoyle Convent Why not join us for a quiet unrushed hour? ALL WELCOME.



### 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.

### Thought for the day

In John's Gospel, the first thing that any human being says of Jesus is found on the lips of John the Baptist: *Look, there is the Lamb of God.* We think naturally and correctly of the Passover lamb and of the Passover, the feast which marks the liberation of Israel. To be set free is a wonderful experience and we could reflect on how I experience my freedom in Christ. From what have I been set free? (For example, fear of death, the risk of absurdity, sins and false directions in life...) Even more important, for what have I been set free?

### Prayer

*Jesus, Lamb of God, help me to recognise whatever in me is holding me back from life in abundance: give me your life, your forgiveness, your healing. In you, I put my trust.*

K O'Mahony OSA

### Reflections

1. The words of John point to a deep recognition of Jesus' identity. Can I recall times when this recognition took place for me, first of all on a human level, and then on the faith level?
2. John the Baptist admits to not knowing him—a place of real honesty which is the beginning of the pilgrimage of faith. At some point, perhaps, I heard the words of the Psalmist in my heart: a voice I did not know said to me, I freed your shoulder from the burden (Ps 81).
3. What is my own conviction about being sent and about the one sending me? Prayer of call and response.
4. Jesus baptises with the Spirit—a baptism I too have received, perhaps too young. In later life, there can be an awakening of the Spirit, an inner hunger and thirst, a sense of the Spirit's help in our weakness. Prayer of Romans 8:26-27.
5. Witness is the key. Who have been witnesses to me of the Good News? To whom am I today a witness? Prayer of 1 John 1:1-4.

### PRAYER

*Merciful God, you sent your Son, the spotless Lamb, to take upon himself the sin of the world. Make our lives holy, that your Church may bear witness to your purpose of reconciling all things in Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.*

### SECOND COLLECTION W/E 14TH & 15TH. JANUARY, 2023 DIOCESAN NEEDS.

This quarterly collection contributes to the day-to-day running costs of the Diocese including the cost of personnel, utilities (light & heat, phone, postage & stationery, repairs & maintenance, insurance), professional fees, primary and secondary school religious advisory costs, safeguarding, data protection, mission and ministry and levies paid by the Diocese for national hierarchy costs. People have been very generous to these quarterly collections over the years and your support would be greatly appreciated in the upcoming collection.