

Mass Times

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



Recently Deceased

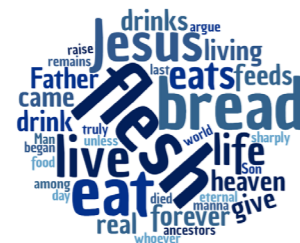
David Cummins, Dunlocha
 Pat Gunn, Douglas.

May the light of God surround them forever.



Reflection

What we receive in the small piece of bread or the sip of wine at the Eucharist is the gift of life from Jesus. This is a sharing in the life of God; in the fragility of the bread and wine is strong food, and joyful drink - fruit of God's creation and work of human hands. It is the gift of God who has become one of us. It is the gift of love with sacrifice. If we have put self out for others in big or small ways, or have cried for another's woes or laughed for another's joy, or held a hand in sympathy or just listened when there were no answers, we know the quality of this gift. In the Eucharist God is close in his creation, In Jesus we can recognise God near at hand. Pope Benedict writes - 'we have to rediscover God, not just any God, but the God that has a human face, because when we see Jesus Christ we see God'.



Mass Cards

Mass cards are available in the sacristy after every mass both at weekend and weekdays.

Anam Cara are holding an ONLINE Bereavement Information Evening on Tuesday 3rd of September at 7pm. Our guest speaker for this month's talk is Bryan Nolan. Bryan has an M.A .Healthcare Chaplaincy DCU , Certified Healthcare Chaplain, End of Life and Grief and loss specialist, Training and facilitation expert.?

If you are supporting any bereaved parents through your line of work, please let them know of this event. The link to join is below:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAqf-6gqT4vGtf09D7YFGe9vJbbfNz82QEA>

The Priory Institute two week on-line Summer School is reflective, informative and interactive and will run from 19 August. The course includes eight recorded presentations and three on-line zoom discussions and is very flexible as it is delivered entirely online. Find out more and register click prioryinstitute.com

A brief introduction on Sunday's readings

First Reading Proverbs 9:1-6
 Here is a delightful invitation to Wisdom, portrayed as a woman. She invites us to her home, into her presence, so that we may walk the path of insight and enjoy life in abundance.

Second Reading Ephesians 5:15-20
 We all have to make choices, especially choices about the quality of life we would like to have, the kind of life we would like to lead. Here's an invitation not to sleepwalk through life, but to stay awake and be fully alive.

Gospel John 6:51-58
 Today's Gospel puts before us an essential question: Where do we look for nourishment in our lives? We all need such nourishment...but is it the real thing? Its not just a matter of receiving communion; rather it is a question of where my treasure is, because there my heart will be.

Betty's Tea Party

in Aid of Marymount Hospice Cork
 Join us for this year's delightful Betty's Tea Party in support of Marymount Hospice Cork! The event will take place on **Saturday, August 24th from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM** at Thomond Square, conveniently located across from the South Infirmity Hospital. Free parking available at the South Infirmity Hospital. Come along and support Marymount Hospice Cork while enjoying a great day out. See you at the Betty's Tea Party!

The 2024 Rockies Golf Classic



Monkstown Golf Club on the 29th and 30th of August



Mahon Point Shopping Centre are once again Title Sponsors of the Rockies Golf Classic. Pictured at the Launch in the Centre are I-r Peter Linehan Blackrock Senior Hurler, Roger Ryan Organising Committee, Clare O Neill Marketing Manager Mahon Point SC, Justin Young Mahon Point Centre Director, Donal Downey Chairman organising Committee Blackrock Hurling Club, Niall Cashman Blackrock Senior Hurler. pic George Hatchell

If you are interested in participating in the event or sponsoring a tee-box, or you know some who would be, please contact **Donal Downey on 087-1250710.**

BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL
 Fr. Michael 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.

POINTERS FOR PRAYER

1. In John's Gospel, the author frequently presents people as misunderstanding what Jesus says. Jesus then uses the mistake to lead his hearers to a deeper understanding of his teaching. When have you found that clarification of a misunderstanding helped you to greater wisdom or deeper faith?
2. Recall some treasured gifts that you have received. Then think of people who gave you something of themselves. Is it not true that such a gift outweighs any material present? When have you received such a gift? To whom have you given this gift?
3. In this gospel faith is not a concept but a relationship. Faith leads us to believe in Jesus and to trust him who gave his life for us. As you look back on the development of your faith, what has helped to increase your trust in Jesus so that you believe that you are never on your own no matter what difficulties arise in your life?
4. Jesus promises that those who come to him will have life. In what ways have you found that believing in God's love, and believing that Jesus came to tell us about that love has been life-giving for you?

PRAYER

Wise and gracious God, you spread a table before us and nourish your people with the word of life and the bread from heaven. In our sharing of these holy gifts, show us our unity in you and give us a taste of the life to come. We make our prayer through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.



They brought glory home! Congratulations to the Blackrock girls on the victorious Cork Intermediate and Senior Camogie teams I-r Erin Curtin, Hayley Ryan and Cliona O Callaghan. Pic George Hatchell

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.

Thought for the day

One could launch the reflection by recalling significant situations in which the costly gift of self nourished others, leading perhaps to the gift of new courage and new life. Christians believe that Jesus gives life by giving himself. This is also the path of discipleship—the believer also gives life by the gift of self. Such memories may lead to the real heart of what is being said here: faith in Jesus and the meaning of his death and resurrection. At this point, questions arise such as, what is at the centre of my life? What give me nourishment and energy? How has that actually taken place in my own, quite personal journey? It might even help to come up with a personal faith statement at this point. Above all, this is an invitation to faith, understood as deep, deep trust. In the words of another text, we believe God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself (2 Cor 5:19).
 Prayer
You are the mystery at the heart of it all and at the heart of your mystery we find self-giving, sacrificing love. Help us to know you as you truly are and as you have shown yourself to be in Jesus your Son. We ask your blessing as we follow your Son Jesus, our bread of life. May we in turn be able to nourish others.

K O'Mahony OSA

The Papers Say.....

Irish Catholic. (1). Has God ever given a gift that is not perfect - A conversation with Sr. Bridge McKenna (2). David Quinn: Pupils want to learn more about religion. (3) Elise Ann Allen: Pope confirms desire to visit China, says criticisms are 'always helpful'. (4) Fr. Bernard Cotter: What is a Co-PP?.

Tablet of 10/8. (1). Vatican Bureaucracy -- What is the Roman Curia for? (2). Mary Kenny on Edna O'Brien, The country girl. Without the passionate intensity and ardour of her Catholic upbringing her work would not have been so deeply felt. (3). Fr. Shay Cullen: Child abuse and trafficking. -- Redemption city. Fr. Shay arrived in the Philippines 55 years ago and has been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize four times.

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PARISH DEFIBRILLATORS

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