

Mass Times

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



Recently Deceased

Patrick O'Sullivan. Mahon Terrace.
Ann Watson. Mahon Park formerly Barringtons Ave.
Mary O'Leary. Marian Park
May the light of God surround them forever



November Lists and Envelopes are available in the church. November Novena for the Dead will be celebrated from Saturday 2nd November – Sunday 10th November this year. Mass will be celebrated each weekday @ 9.30am.

Remembrance Mass for all those who have died during the past year will be celebrated on Monday 4th November @ 7pm. This is always a moving celebration for families and our parish as we lovingly remember those who have died. Please let people know about the Mass in good time.

Blessing of Graves in St. Michael's Cemetery on Sunday 3rd November @ 3pm.

Prayer Petition Slips are on the table as you enter the church and you might wish to take one away to compose your own prayer petition which you can then bring to the North Cathedral or to Clonakilty Parish Church during the visit of the Relics. These will then be brought to the sanctuary in Lourdes at a later date.

RCIA - Would you or someone you know like to become Catholic or know more about the Catholic faith? The Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) will begin in the Visitors' Centre of The Cathedral of St. Mary and St. Anne, Cork, on Monday 21st October (7.30pm – 9.00pm). Please contact the Office for Mission and Ministry <https://corkandross.org/mission-and-ministry>.

Christian Meditation - a group has now been formed in our parish and Family of Parishes. Meetings arrangements will be available soon.

Altar Servers – we now have volunteers but we would love to have more. We are asking families to support any young person who would like to be part of this.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in Holy Cross Church will resume on each Monday morning after 9.30am Mass until 11am commencing on Monday 4th November.

St Bernadette's Relics Pilgrimage to Cork & Ross

For the first time, the Relics of St Bernadette are visiting Ireland, and we will have the privilege of welcoming them to the Diocese of Cork and Ross at the end of this month. The Diocese have put a full programme together to try and recreate something of the experience that Lourdes offers here at home. The Relics will be displayed in the Cathedral of St Mary and St Anne (North Cathedral) on Wednesday October 30th from 4pm, and then on the following day, Thursday October 31st, they will travel to the Church of the Immaculate Conception Clonakilty for veneration starting at 2pm. Full programme of events available on the Diocesan website, www.corkandross.org.

A brief introduction on Sunday's readings

First reading **Isaiah 53:10-11**
This short poem explores suffering. As you listen, you may see why this passage was used by the early Christians to understand the cross.

Second Reading **Hebrews 4:14-16**
What difference does the death of Jesus make to us today? In this reflection, we learn that he can help us because he is like us in all things, except sin.

Gospel **Mark 10:35-45**
What about the exercise of power and leadership in the Church? Just how different should it be, according to the teaching and practice of Jesus?

The Papers Say.....

Tablet of 12/10. (1). A life or death question -- Opinion polls in the UK indicate a high level of support for assisted dying. But a leading pollster warns that the public debate on the issue is framed by questions that contain dangerous assumptions and imperfect information. (2). An ecclesial trauma - A new survey reveals the impact of the sex abuse crisis on the wider Catholic community in England and Wales. (3) Pope Francis writes to Middle East Catholics in a tribute to 'small, defenseless flock'. (4). Austin Ivereigh: View from the Synod.

Tablet of 5/10. As the second and final assembly of the Synod begins, Austin Ivereigh, one of the advisers helping to facilitate discussions summarizes it as a stage in the dramatic transformation of Christianity into a Church that will grow through encounter and witness just as in the first centuries.

Irish Catholic. (1). Synod participants invited to weigh in on document on women and ministry. (2). From Dublin to the heart of the Vatican -- Archbishop John Kennedy reflects on his role in Church's most crucial office. (3). Remaining silent in the face of fury. -- Around 44 million little boys and girls, perished before birth in 2022. This compares to 8 million people who die from cancer (4). Fr. Martin Delaney: How a conspiracy of silence evolves in time.



The **Blackrock Community Association** Committee who organised the fundraising Social for Marymount Hospice
L-R: Marie Delaney, Helen Nolan, Sadie O' Brien, Carmel Hatchell, Secretary / Chairperson, Marion Harrington, Mary O' Connor and Anne Kelleher
pic George Hatchell

Observations

Synod 3: A church which does not serve serves for nothing.

In our time, the naked exercise of power is evident and harmful. We see this clearly on the global stage, with tragic consequences for ordinary people, who would like to live ordinary lives in peace. We see it also in social media, manipulating fear and setting fire to hatred and division. It even happens within families, where different kinds of abuse are really exercises in naked power with terrible consequences.

On the other hand, we see around us as well wonderful kindness and generosity, especially in young people, often concerned about social inequality, injustice and climate change. In spite of the evil around us, there is much goodness in people and in our world.

Our core Gospel message is one of service, loving service, discipleship costing not less than everything, on the model of Jesus' own ministry and destiny. Our task today is to get out that message, so as to counter the naked exercise of power and to affirm and support the goodness and kindness we see around us. We need to get out the message that loving service is the paradoxical path to well-being and happiness.

Reflections

1. Jesus had spent much time teaching his followers that discipleship was a life of service, a life giving oneself for others. In spite of that, James and John were thinking of what they could get out of it. For Jesus, for the apostles, and for each one of us, the glory of God is revealed when we allow God to work through us as we give ourselves for others. When have you found that you reach a fuller life and others benefit when you act in this spirit of service?

2. One of the great problems in a community, a parish or an organisation, is when you have some people jockeying for status and positions of power. The good of the group and the people it serves take second place to personal prestige. You have probably seen this happen. Perhaps you have also witnessed people with a spirit of service that allowed them to value the good of the group over personal rewards. Recall them and give thanks for their witness.

3. Jesus himself is the great model of this spirit of service. Think of the aspects of Jesus' life and ministry that have inspired you to imitate his giving of his life for others.

PRAYER
Most glorious God, in Jesus you show us that your will is to save. Grant to us your people the boldness to desire a place in your kingdom, the courage to drink the cup of suffering and the grace to find in service the glory of your promise. Amen.

Unfolding the Word

Cork Scripture Group in conjunction with the Office for Mission and Ministry are offering two 'Unfolding the Word' workshops. No previous knowledge or experience is required. The workshop will give practical experience of running a session and provide resources that can be used in your parish. **Sacred Heart Parish Hall, Western Road, Cork on October 5th (10.00am to 1.00pm).** **Randall Óg GAA Club, Bunanumera, Dunmanway, Co. Cork on October 12th (10.00am to 1.00pm)** For more details and to register please <https://corkandross.org/mission-and-ministry/unfolding-the-word> or contact the Office at 021-7355517.

Thought for the day

As such, ambition is not quite neutral. We are called to be ambitious, that is, to use our gifts, to inhabit our strengths, to be of real service. St Paul says, be ambitious for the higher gifts. It is not that ambition as such is harmful; however, in the common experience, ambition can be destructively egocentric and based on distorted motivation.

Prayer

Set our hearts free, O Lord, that we may desire what you desire and love what you love. Amen.

K O'Mahony OSA

ENTRANCE – Hail Queen of Heaven

Hail, Queen of heav'n, the ocean Star:
Guide of the wand'rer here below,
Thrown on life's surge, we claim thy care;
Save us from peril and from woe.
Mother of Christ, Star of the Sea,
Pray for the wand'rer, pray for me.

O gentle, chaste, and spotless Maid,
We sinners make our prayers through thee;
Remind thy Son that He has paid
The price of our iniquity.
Virgin most pure, Star of the sea,
Pray for the sinner, pray for me.

RECESSIONAL - 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.
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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.

Ballinlough Meals on Wheels: To ensure the continuity of this valuable service, kitchen assistants and drivers are needed. Please contact Kay 086 8769660.

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.

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

Cork Alzheimers Café Cork

Alzheimers Café a safe place for people with Alzheimers and other dementias, their carers, family and friends along with social and health professionals to meet. Last Friday of each month 11- 12.30 pm in St Finbarrs Hospital, Douglas Road. Light refreshments provided free of charge. All welcome.
***Friday 25th October - Next Meeting**
Art with Gillian & Inga from the Crawford Art Gallery

