

Mass Times

Vigil Saturday: 6pm
Sundays: 9 am & 11 am
Working Holy Days: 10 am & 7.30 pm
Monday to Friday: 10 am
Fr Colin Doocey Adm. Pro Tem



Recently Deceased

Chris Herlihy, Silverdale.
Patricia O'Halloran, Beaumont Lawn.
Jim Hennebry, Ashleigh Drive
Irene O'Sullivan, Buckley's Meadow.



Baptism

All baptisms have been cancelled for the moment.

Congratulations



to the children who received their First Holy Communion and the young people who received the Sacrament of Confirmation here in St. Michael's Church recently.

We thank their Teachers for their hard work in preparing the children.

NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE MASS:

Due to current restrictions on numbers attending Mass your loved ones will be prayed for in the Masses which will be celebrated on MON – FRI 2nd. – 6th. NOVEMBER (HOLY SOULS NOVENA).

Now Enrolling for 2021

Beaumont Boys School and Beaumont Girls School are accepting applications for Enrolment for the school year 2021/22 from October 1st- October 23rd 2020.

Please follow instructions for enrolment on www.beaumontboys.ie and www.beaumontgns.com.

Readers

The new Readers Roster is available in the sacristy for those not on the email list.

Thanks - John McAdoo

Welcome to St Michaels for Personal Prayer

To maximise the number of people that can join us for Personal Prayer, we have made a number of changes to both the church so that we comply with HSE guidelines and keep everyone safe.

Please use only the bottom half of the church and exit from the left only, using the one-way system following the arrows.



We have placed **yellow spots** to highlight where people should sit.

We ask that you **do not kneel-down** at anytime

Many thanks for your help and we hope you all keep well.

WHAT THE PAPERS SAY...

Although public Masses are not being celebrated at the moment, the Catholic papers will continue to be available at St Michaels.

Articles this week-end include:

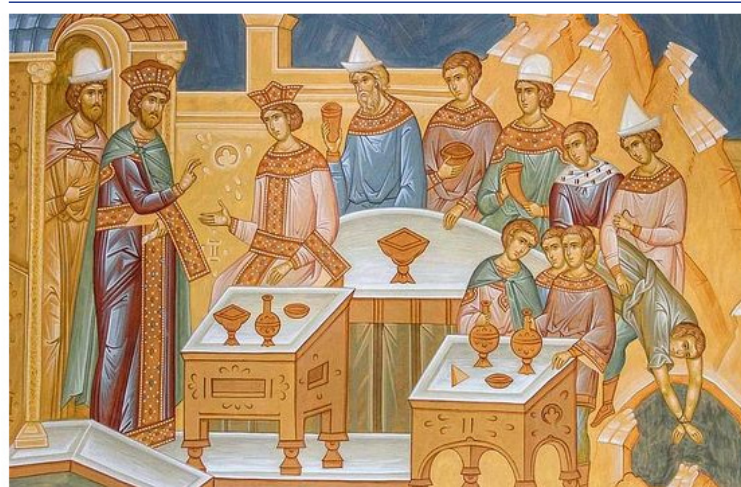
Tablet of 26/9: It's 100 years since the birth of jazz musician and Catholic convert Dave Brubeck. Brian Morton assesses both his orchestral work and the music he wrote for the Church

Tablet of 3/10: Women Religious to-day -- IT isn't difficult to spread the Gospel as a teacher

Catholic Voice: Saint Jerome. -- The Doctor of Sacred Scripture

Irish Catholic. (1) In a world where political leadership has been lacking, Pope Francis has offered hope and guidance in a new encyclical. (2). A piece of our past ... Up in smoke. Skibbereen convent fire is a tragic reminder of what we have to lose. (3) Michael Kelly: Mass is not an optional extra, for Catholics it is central.

(4) The Universe: Europe Losing Virus Fight as public reject restrictions: Vatican offers Comprehensive guide. For end of life care.



Some Thoughts....

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. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Under the current Covid circumstances, 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. Thank you.

OUR CHURCH BELL.

On Wednesday 16th. September our Church Bell tolled for the noon Angelus. It is wonderful to have had the necessary repairs completed and it can now call our parishioners to prayer for the various Masses and especially at Funerals after an absence of several weeks.



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.

Some Reflection....

The Parable of the Wedding Feast

There is much to ponder in the readings for this Sunday. The chief image is that of the banquet — familiar from Isaiah 25:6-10, which is often read at funerals. Psalm 23 is a deeply felt response, using the image of the feast. The parable itself has many layers: imagery taken from the Old Testament (both banquet and marriage); an echo of Jesus' own open table fellowship; an interpretation of Jesus' ministry in the light of the prophets; and finally an accounting for the inclusivity which marked the ministry of Jesus. The icon above gives the moment when the king comes in to inspect the guests. The reading from Philippians, which speaks of a full or empty stomach, makes for a striking counterpoint. It would be worthwhile getting under the skin of this parable — it tells us much about the world of Matthew and it also speaks to us today, in the best prophetic mode.

K O'Mahony OSA

PARISH DEFIBRILLATORS

There are now 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**

Stewards Wanted.

We are stuck for Stewards for the 11 am Mass on Sundays. If you can help, please call Don on **087 052 3442**

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



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Coronavirus COVID-19

Stay safe. Protect each other.

Continue to:



Wash
your hands well and often to avoid contamination.



Cover
your mouth and nose with a tissue or sleeve when coughing or sneezing and discard used tissue safely



Distance
yourself at least 2 metres (6 feet) away from other people, especially those who might be unwell



Coronavirus COVID-19 Public Health Advice