

St Michael's Parish, Blackrock, Cork

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Pentecost Sunday

WEEKLY MASS LEAFLET UPDATES: Email to : parish@stmichaelsblackrock.ie

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BAPTISMS: Please contact the parish office. MARRIAGES: Minimum 3 months notice required by Church and State. Pre-marriage course required.

Mass Times

Sundays: 9 am & 11 am Saturday Vigil: 6.00 pm Tuesday & Friday: 9.30 am Baptisms are held on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month at 4pm. Fr. Michael Keohane Co-PP



Baptism Lauren Kate Kavanagh. Welcome to the Christian Family.



Recently Deceased Catherine (Kaye) Horgan, Silverdale May the light of God surround her forever.



Pentecost

This weekend we celebrate Pentecost, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the members of the early church and on each of us as we live our faith in God each day. The Spirit gives courage. We need that same courage in our own personal, family and parish life as well as an even greater courage to witness to our faith in God in a changing faith landscape. We have been blessed in a new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV. We pray for him and for one another as we gather for Mass this weekend to be filled with the Gift of the Spirit of God in our lives.



Fr. Michael 085 8735905 frmichael@corkandross.org

Lourdes Pilgrimage from Ballinlough Parish and our Family of Parishes as part of the Cork and Ross Diocesan Pilgrimage 19th - 24th September 2025. Direct flights from Cork. Staying in the Saint Sauveur Hotel. Cost 995 euro per person. For general enquiries 085-2525040 St. Michael's Cemetery Annual Remembrance Mass on Wednesday 25th June @ 7.30pm. 99th Cork Eucharistic Procession on Sunday 22nd June @ 3pm. - Blackrock and Mahon Parishes will be take part this year. As a Family of Parishes we will gather at St. Mary's Church on Popes Quay at 3pm and join the Procession from there this year. State Examinations – we will continue to pray for students undertaking the exams at Masses here in St. Michael's.

An invitation to the 99th Cork Eucharistic Procession: Please join us for the 99th Eucharistic Procession which takes place on Sunday, June 22nd leaving the Cathedral of St. Mary and St. Anne at 3.00pm. It would be great to continue the tradition of parishioners from parishes throughout the city and beyond to walk in the procession. Parking is available in the grounds of St. Anthony's Convent, St. Mary's Road (across from the Cathedral). This year to accommodate the growing large numbers it was decided to take the final prayer and Benediction outside onto a specially constructed platform down at the end of Grand Parade near the National Monument. For more details see www.corkandross.org

BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL June collection came to €1935 Many thanks for your generous continued support.

A brief introduction on Sunday's readings

First Reading Acts 2:1-11 This symbolic tableau gathers together many experiences of the outpouring of the Spirit. As we hear it, we open ourselves afresh to the same life-giving gift. Second Reading Romans 8:8-17 Romans 8 is the great charter of the Holy Spirit in the New Testament. The whole chapter should be read (slowly!), starting out with the crux of the human condition and ending in a shout of triumph. Our short reading puts before us a choice of two ways of living. The heart of it all is in the words "if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you."What more could we ask for? Gospel John 14:15-16,23-26 As Pope Leo XIV OSA has already underlined the heart of our proclamation is Jesus Christ and the heart of our practice is the command to love. We are loved unconditionally and intern we are called to love with reserve. It would all one impossible if we were along but we are not alone. The word translated "advocate" is in Greek "paraklētos", literally the one called alongside us. The Spirit will not only teach and remind but will enable us to love without counting the cost.

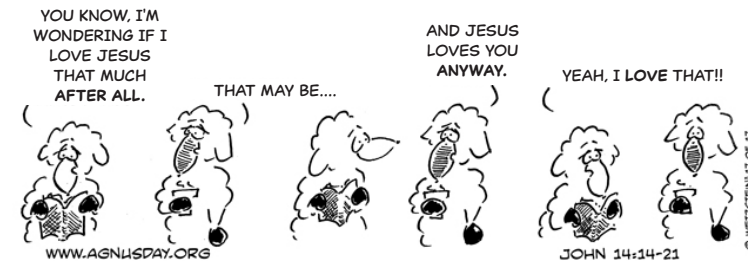
The Papers Say.....

Irish Catholic. (1). New anti-bullying programme must respect Catholic ethos. (2). Glitter on the seats and empty show. --- Some adults hold children back. Not for malicious reasons. They just don't know any better. They think It is for the best. (3). Fr. Barry White: The law of prayer, the law of play ---Sport, when rightly ordered, can point towards God. Lived with integrity, sport cultivates virtues our world desperately needs. (4). Mary Kenny: Artificial intelligence and spirituality. - an unlikely match? There has been an upsurge among generation Z's attendance at church, and their interest has often been sparked via the technology made possible by AI. (5). Pope Leo urges cohabiting couples to get married.

Applications Now Open for Ss Peter and Paul's Young Adult Community!

The Cork Cathedral Family of Parishes invites young adults of faith aged 18–30 to consider living in Saints Peter and Paul's Young Adult Community from September 2025 to June 2026. This community is a place for both men and women, whether you are a third-level student or a young adult already working, to grow in faith, make lifelong friends, and get involved in projects within the Cathedral Family of Parishes. What does community living entail? Weekly community meal Prayer, reflection, and faith formation Social gatherings and community life Volunteering opportunities Spiritual direction (optional) Active involvement in parish life and ministry

Cost: €150 per week plus utility bills. For an application form email youngadultcommunity@corkandross.org. Closing date for applications 23rd of June 2025



Reflections

1.The identity of Jesus is revealed as the Messiah and the Son of God, not with a display of human power, but as one who was prepared to suffer unto death to show us how our God loves us. How does the Passion story speak to you as a revelation of how God loves you? 2.“If you love me you will keep my commandments”, and specifically the commandment to love one another (cf. 13.34). How have you experienced the love of God and love of those around you? 3.Jesus is preparing his disciples for his imminent departure and for a future in which he would be with them in a different way. He would not ‘leave them orphans’ but send an ‘Advocate’ to ‘be with (them) for ever’. How have you experienced the presence of God with you in your life? 4. Perhaps you have also experienced the challenge of preparing another (a child, a friend) for a time when you would no longer be physically together. Recall how you gave the message of your ongoing support. 4. How have you experienced the presence and support of a loved one (parent, spouse, friend) when circumstances have separated you from them? 6. The proof of the ongoing presence of Jesus with his disciples is that “I live and you will live”. Discipleship is about much more than rules and regulations. It is about being alive. How has discipleship helped you to be more fully alive? 7. Jesus seeks to reassure his followers in the face of his imminent death. Although he will be leaving them he promises them the gift of the Spirit. How have you been aware of the gift of the Spirit of God in your life? 8. Remember times of separation from a loved one through change of residence or other circumstances. How has the love between you been a support after the separation? 9. To his followers Jesus, promises ‘we will come and make our home with them’. Our God is not a distant God but one who lives in us. What has helped you to be aware of the closeness of God to you? 10. ‘Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid’. When you have been anxious, who have been the Jesus people for you who were able to calm your anxiety. How did they do this? For whom

Prayer Faithful God who loves us in Christ Jesus, send your Spirit of truth to dwell within us, that we may always reject what is false, live by the commands of Christ, and be true to the love you have shown us. Grant this through Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.



CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP. Meetings each Friday morning are now commencing At 10.15am. in Blackrock Parish Centre. Contact 087 6477841 for information.

Thought for the day

The four marks of our Christian belonging are our personal journey, our community belonging, our practical discipleship and our adult integration of faith and life. None of us “inhabits” all four dimensions fully, all of the time, and yet all four dimensions should in principle be there. The good news of Pentecost is that the Spirit, poured into our hearts, enables all four aspects of our faith to live: the Spirit helps us in our prayer; the body of Christ is animated by the gifts of the Spirit; our service of others gets its energy from the Spirit and the Spirit “reminds us” of all that Jesus taught. Today, we celebrate discipleship in the community of faith.

Prayer We open our hearts and lives to you, Holy Spirit: breathe a breath of new life into us all!

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Observations

The future of synodality and the future of the Church

Pope Leo on the 8th of May (to us all) from the balcony of St Peter's To all of you, brothers and sisters in Rome, in Italy, throughout the world: we want to be a synodal Church, a Church that moves forward, a Church that always seeks peace, that always seeks charity, that always seeks to be close above all to those who are suffering.



Pope Leo on the 10th of May (to the Cardinals) in the Sistine Chapel

In this regard, I would like us to renew together today our complete commitment to the path that the universal Church has now followed for decades in the wake of the Second Vatican Council. Pope Francis masterfully and concretely set it forth in the Apostolic Exhortation Evangelii Gaudium, from which I would like to highlight several fundamental points:

the return to the primacy of Christ in proclamation (cf. No. 11); the missionary conversion of the entire Christian community (cf. No. 9);

growth in collegiality and synodality (cf. No. 33); attention to the sensus fidei (cf. Nos. 119-120), especially in its most authentic and inclusive forms, such as popular piety (cf. No. 123);

loving care for the least and the rejected (cf. No. 53); courageous and trusting dialogue with the contemporary world in its various components and realities (cf. No. 84; Second Vatican Council, Pastoral Constitution Gaudium et Spes, 1-2).

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Tuesday 17th June at 7.30pm in the Fernhill House Hotel, Clonakilty.



This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was. You do not need to register in advance. To find out more call 01 4045378 or email info@anamcara.ie Please note that our meetings will take a break for the summer in July & August and will recommence in September.