

St Michael's Parish, Blackrock, Cork

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26th Sunday Ordinary Time

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



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



Our Parish – Thanks to those who got in touch after last weekend to let us know that they would like to be involved in some parish ministry. This is much appreciated. Our parish needs new volunteers to be involved so hopefully you can give this some consideration and let us know if you want to offer your help.



Very soon we will begin the Do This in Memory Masses for the First Holy Communion children. This year, we will also have occasional Masses for the Confirmation candidates and their families. We are always looking at ways to try and welcome and include as many people as possible. This is what our parish is about. In the end, we are all trying to bring people and families closer to God through a good experience of parish life and parish celebrations in the church. Fr. Michael

Alpha Programme – commenced last Wednesday in SMA Blackrock Road and continues there each Wednesday evening at 7.30pm until 20th November. People are welcome any Wednesday evening to participate.

Gougane Sunday – This Sunday 28th September – during this Jubilee Year of Hope it is possible for people to gain an indulgence through participation

Do This in Memory - parish based programme for the First Holy Communion children and their families begins on Saturday 18th October @ 6pm with an Enrolment Mass.

Altar Servers Training – has begun and we look forward to the involvement of a small number of servers initially in our Sunday Mass.

The SMA Parish Newsletter is here in St. Michael’s while the SMA church remains closed temporarily following recent damage to the church ceiling there.

SMA Annual Novena – continues in St. Joseph’s Church Wilton until next Wednesday 1st October due to the current closure of the SMA Church, Blackrock Road. A different SMA priest will lead the Mass each evening at 7.30pm with various visiting choirs each evening as well.

Annual Remembrance Mass - for all those who have died in our parish over the last year will be celebrated on Monday 3rd November @ 7pm. Fr. Michael 085 8735905 frmichael@corkandross.org

A brief introduction on Sunday's readings First reading Amos 6:1, 4-7 Social justice is an intimate part of our faith. Amos lampoons the rich for their ill-gotten wealth and their ostentatious excess. Second reading 1 Timothy 6:1-11 What qualities do we look for in a leader and, in particular, in a pastor? Gospel Luke 16:19-31 Jesus tells a dramatic tale of reversal of fortune. It had, perhaps, even greater shock value in the past when material prosperity was regarded as a distinctive mark of God’s blessing.

The Papers Say..... Irish Catholic. (1). Has establishment politics lost confidence in itself? Who were the 75% that said no to the family and care referendums? (2) David Quinn: The day an 'Anthrax' package arrived at my office. What are we to make of all this? The incident was not a totally isolated one. (3) The lifesaver amongst legends - Cork's Dr. Con Murphy. (4). John L. Allen Jr. : New book captures Pope Leo's three-step approach to predecessor's controversial legacy. (4). What will be discussed at the upcoming Pre-Synodal Assembly? Tablet (1). Austin Ivereigh: Pope Leo XIV -- Made in Peru. Will Pope Leo be a cautious consensus-builder or will he continue the Francis upheaval? The first biographer to draw on in- depth interviews with him may have the answer. (2) US immigration -- Fear and loathing in Los Angeles . . (3). Vatican -- Pope Leo says synodal process can meet global challenges (4). Increase in counseling for abuse in Ireland. Support the Catholic press and keep in touch with the Church Buy and read a Catholic paper/magazine weekly

FIRST FRIDAY EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Rosary and Benediction will commence at 4pm. each First Friday. There are time sheets on the tables in the Church where Parishioners can indicate the times most suitable for them to attend. We would like, if possible, if there could be 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

BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL August Church Gate collection will take place on Week ending 5th October 2025 Your support as always is greatly appreciated. THERE WILL BE ONLY 1 COLLECTION ON THE SVP WEEKEND

Breast Cancer Awareness Month takes place October 1st-31st. For further information, please log onto www.breastcancerireland.com.



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

Mater Dei Academy – Cork’s Independent Catholic Secondary School for boys and girls hosts an Open Evening on Thursday 9th October @ 7pm. Register at www.materdeiacademy.ie or call 021 2021229

CONNECT 7 – an invitation to young adults (18 to 35 years) Connect 7 will take place on Saturday 18th October in the Cathedral of Saint Mary and Saint Anne, Cork City. The day begins at 2pm and includes keynote talks from Fr. Conor McGrath (Vocations Director, Diocese of Down and Connor) and Lorraine Buckley (Faith Development Coordinator, Diocese of Cork and Ross). This year’s theme is: ‘Finding purpose – God’s plan for my life’. As well as the talk, we will have Mass, adoration, pizza, a panel discussion, confessions and much more! Registration is €10 on Eventbrite.ie – search CONNECT 7.

The rich man and Lazarus It is easy to see from today's gospel story why people thought St Luke was not only a medic but an artist. The word-picture he gives us today flashes stubbornly on the inward eye. Perhaps it is the details which do it: the dogs licking the sores, the finger to touch the tip of the tongue, the yawning, unbridgeable chasm. Across the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles, Luke is wary of money. Not that we don’t need it; not that we can’t have it; but that money easily becomes a kind of god. Across the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles, Luke is wary of money. Not that we don’t need it; not that we can’t have it; but that money easily becomes a kind of god. The second teaching of Luke is not to lose the opportunity of the present moment. In this, he is a faithful student of St Paul, who wrote in 2 Corinthians: Look, now is the acceptable time; look, now is the day of salvation! (2Corinthians 6:2)

Reflections 1. The first of the faults attributed to the rich man is his insensitivity to the abject poverty of those around him. When have you discovered that it is when you are aware of the needs of those around you and seek to make some response that you bring out the best in yourself ? 2. The second fault attributed to the rich man is the way he ignored the word of God coming through Moses and the prophets. How have the gospels, the scriptures or your faith opened you up to a deeper and more satisfying perspective on life? 3. Some people look to the spectacular for a sign of God’s presence and action. For Jesus, the lessons we need are not to be sought in the spectacular, but in the ordinary things of everyday life. Where have you found sacraments of God’s presence in the world around you?

PRAYER O God of justice, hear our cry and save us. Make us heed your word to the prophets; rouse us to the demand of the gospel and impel us to carry it out. We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

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.

Marymount Fundraising Social in Blackrock Community Centre, Convent Road. Friday October 3rd 2025 3-5 pm. Everybody welcome to come along and support this great cause and have a really enjoyable afternoon Music by Pat Hurley. Performance by Niamh Hatchell Dancers. Refreshments will be served - all for €5 Many Prizes -€5 per strip

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

Sunday Cuppa continues in the Parish Centre after 11 am mass on 5th October for tea and bikkies and more chat! Cheaper than the Village 'cos it's free!! Everyone welcome - Ah go on!



Thought for the day Irony and sarcasm somewhat resemble each other, with some notable differences. Sarcasm, easily enough achieved, is often wounding. On the other hand, irony, using “cognitive dissonance”, prompts insight and triggers memories. There is a good example in today’s Gospel: “if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.” Will they really? By the time of writing, Jesus himself had already risen—and still conversion was as remote as ever. With all our convictions and doctrines, what is holding us back? Prayer God of all life, you have given us the greatest assurance of your love in raising Jesus from death. Help us to live every day from your reassuring love. K O'Mahony OSA

ENTRANCE Be Still, for the Presence of the Lord Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here. Come, bow before him now, with reverence and fear. In him no sin is found. We stand on holy ground. Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around; He burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned. How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of Light! Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place; He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace. No work too hard for him; in faith receive from him. Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

RECESSIONAL Christ be beside me Christ be beside me, Christ be before me, Christ be behind me, King of my heart. Christ be within me, Christ be below me, Christ be above me, never to part.



Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all around me, shield in the strife. Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting, Christ in my rising, light of my heart.

Christ be in all hearts thinking about me, Christ be on all tongues telling of me. Christ be the vision in eyes that see me, In ears that hear me Christ ever be.

