

### 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**

Please note the change of Parish email address : [parish@stmichaelsblackrock.ie](mailto:parish@stmichaelsblackrock.ie)



**Maranatha** is a full-day faith-based, high energy music event for young people from parishes across the diocese attending post-primary schools. Students from over half of our post-primary schools have been preparing for Maranatha 2026. This cumulates in a concert in Cork City Hall on Thursday 26th February with over 500 young people singing together. Maranatha was created to bring young people together to celebrate their faith through music and have fun at the same time. Please support our young people by coming to this event. Tickets are €15 (plus booking fee) and are available to book on [eventbrite.ie](http://eventbrite.ie), search Maranatha. Doors open 7pm, with concert beginning at 7.30pm

### Recently Deceased

**Kieran Punch, Cork City**

**Rest in Peace**



### Lent

Ash Wednesday will be celebrated this week and is the beginning of the Lenten Season. Of course the world is changing rapidly and while Lent was once a significant period in peoples lives now it is often reduced in the public consciousness to Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. However, that is to lose the depth and tone of a special time as believers in the life, death and Resurrection of Jesus. In a world of noise and confusion, Lent can be a sacred time of quiet prayer. For those for whom it's possible, why not undertake more regular Mass attendance in the coming weeks? Why not undertake some genuine or real sacrifice that can remind us each day of the beauty of our faith? Why not again encourage children or grandchildren to visit the church or to undertake some initiative for Lent?



Lent is a beautiful time of the year leading us to Holy Week and Easter. This year, the miserable weather adds to our yearning for Spring and Easter. May the coming weeks be a time of renewal and prayer for us. This weekend, we reflect on how we will approach them. Please God, we will come to receive Ashes on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday and humbly begin a special time of the year. Fr. Michael

**New Ministers of the Word & Eucharist** – training for new ministers in Mahon parish and our Family of Parishes will take place in Blackrock Parish Centre on 10th & 19th March provided by the Office of Mission & Ministry in the Diocese.

**Ash Wednesday** – 18th February – Mass and Blessing of Ashes @ 9.30am.

**Trócaire Lenten Appeal 2026** - Trócaire Boxes available in the church.

**Do This in Memory Mass** – welcome to the Communion children and their families to Saturday evening Mass this weekend. This is the fifth of eight such Masses for this school year in preparation for the First Confessions in March and the First Holy Communion in May. May the Lord bless the children, their families, schools and our parish.

**World Day of the Sick** – Celebration of the blessing and anointing of the sick will take place on Sunday 15th February @ 12.15pm Mass in Holy Cross Church.

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## 15/02/2026

## 6th Sunday Ordinary Time

WEEKLY MASS LEAFLET UPDATES:

Email to : [parish@stmichaelsblackrock.ie](mailto:parish@stmichaelsblackrock.ie)

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### BAPTISMS: MARRIAGES:

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

### Thought for the day

It is clear already in the Old Testament that it is not our misdeeds which accuse us before God, but our hearts, fractured and divided as they are. Consistent with Israelite teaching, Jesus insists that we go deeper than our external deeds. The important question is what is going on in our hearts, the source of inner thoughts and motivations? The teaching is presented using various examples, presented sometimes with great simplicity, other times with irony and wit.

### Prayer

O God, you read our hearts and you know us even better than we know ourselves. Let us trust your knowledge of us and your call to true conversion of heart, for you desire only our good that we may be both whole and holy.

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 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.  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee:  
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.



Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly **Parent Support Evening on Tuesday 17th February 2026 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](mailto:info@anamcara.ie)

**AnamCara**  
Supporting Parents After Bereavement

### TARSUS SCRIPTURE SCHOOL LENT 2026

For the coming season of Lent, we are offering a short course which explores the Gospel readings for this liturgical year. Over six pre-recorded inputs, Jessie Rogers, Séan Goan, and Kieran O'Mahony will introduce these texts, provide a commentary, and explore how they help us reflect on the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. In addition to these presentations, there will also be two live webinars: a conversation with the presenters about their topics, and a meditative reading of Scripture. There is also a parish option. For all registration go to [TSS/Lent](http://TSS/Lent)



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

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