

### 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**

### Baptisms

**Brid Kate Collins.**

**Ciarán Prince Ben Senouci-Conway.**

**Oisín Daniel Cronin.**

**Welcome to the Christian Family.**



**First Holy Communion Celebrations** – We had a wonderful Mass last Sunday morning with all the First Holy Communion children and their families. Many remarked that there was a lovely atmosphere in the church for the Mass. It also helped to see that we pray as a parish community to support the children, their families and schools. The ice-cream for the children after Mass was a big winner too! Thanks to the parents who have supported the parish based Do This in Memory programme throughout the past year. Children and families felt very comfortable in the church for all the celebrations. The wider parish becomes very much part of the celebrations throughout the year and this gives us all a lift and encouragement. May the Lord bless all involved and may the children grow in their love of the Eucharistic in their lives. St. Michael, pray for us. Fr. Michael.

**Annual Cemetery Mass** on Wednesday 24th June @ 7.30pm in St. Michael's Cemetery.

**Celebrating 40 Years of Mahon Parish** – if you have any photographs of the early years of Mahon Parish or construction of Holy Cross Church, you might like to make them available. These can be handed into the Mahon Parish Office during office hours.

**100th Cork Eucharistic Procession** – Blackrock Parish will be joining with Ballinlough, Blackrock Road & Mahon Parishes on next Sunday 7th June. People are encouraged to gather initially near the former Dominican Pastoral Centre at 2.30pm before joining the Procession from the Cathedral of St. Mary & St. Anne.

**Corpus Christi Novena Invitation** - People throughout the diocese are warmly invited to pray the Corpus Christi Novena during the nine days leading up to the Feast of Corpus Christi. Copies of the prayer to St. Carlo Acutis have already been distributed to parishes. Short daily video reflections, led by different people, will be available online each day at 12 noon beginning Friday 29th May. Please join us in prayer.

**Cork & Ross Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes | September 18th to 24th.** The Cork and Ross Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from the 18th to the 24th this year under the patronage of Bishop Fintan Gavin. Flights are from Cork Airport direct to Lourdes Airport. Choice of hotels are available from €939. Call Joe Walsh Tours on 01 2410 800 to book a place. For any general enquiries email or call Mary on [lourdes@corkandross.org](mailto:lourdes@corkandross.org) or 085 2525 040.

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### A brief introduction on Sunday's readings

#### First reading

**Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9;**

Who is "god" for you? In the classical tradition, God is beyond (greater than our minds) and yet within (closer to us than we are to ourselves). Though our reading is quite brief, it is deep, bringing out these two dimensions of our Emmanuel, God-with-us.

#### Second reading

**2Corinthians 13:11-13**

Why do we believe in the Trinity? Because in our experience God is both origin and beyond (the Father), who spoke to us in history (the Son) and who lives in our hearts (the Spirit). The paradox of doctrine tries to hold this extraordinary reality.

#### Gospel

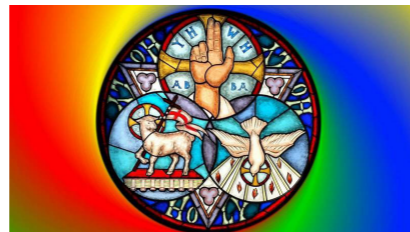
**Jn 3:16-18**

How do we know that anyone loves us? How do we know that God loves us? Not only "how" but "why" and "so what?" all come to mind as we hear this reassuring and yet unsettling reading.

### The Papers Say.....

Irish Catholic. (1) The Synod that forgot to save the Church. The Irish Synodal Pathway process is a serious undertaking by serious people, But who is it for? (2). Garry O'Sullivan: Meet the Synodal Pathway Working Groups members. (3) Ten things to know about Pope Leo's encyclical on AI. (4) Is the President trying to be cool and edgy by endorsing children's transitioning? (5) Fr. Kieran O'Mahony OSA: For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son

Tablet of 16/5. (1)The madness of the West. An increasingly individualistic and rootless civilization is hurtling towards destruction. Only a recovery of the sacred can save it. (2). Learning to be Catholic -- Can the Church discuss same-sex relationships honestly? The report of the Synod on Synodality's Study Group 9 suggests a way forward. (3). Catholic bishops in Africa backed efforts to integrate traditional medicine into national health systems



### 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.**

**Sunday Cuppa continues in the Parish Centre after 11 am mass on 7th June for tea, bikkies and more chat!**

*Everyone welcome - Ah go on!*



**BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL Church Gate collection will take place on Week ending 7th June 2026**

Your support as always is greatly appreciated.  
THERE WILL BE ONLY 1 COLLECTION ON THE SVP WEEKEND

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

### Trinity Sunday

#### God's story and our story...

As we affirm every Sunday: we believe in one God. At the same time, we have a story to tell, a story of God, both beyond history and within history and within each of us.

Trinity marks all we do in prayer Every time we gather, we start with the Sign of the Cross. Every Sunday, we recite the Creed. Both are evidently and robustly Trinitarian. It is worth recalling that behind the doctrine of one God in three persons stands not a set of ideas but an experience, a story: the story of the creator, the story of the saviour and the story of the sanctifier. That story, that experience is what the doctrine is trying to hold.

#### Pope Leo's 'Magnifica humanitas'

AI must serve humanity not concentrate power

Marking the 135th anniversary of Rerum novarum, Pope Leo XIV releases his first encyclical, entitled 'Magnifica Humanitas: On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence.' He appeals for the safeguarding of humanity, promotion of truth, dignity of work, social justice, and peace. Available on the Vatican website.

#### Reflections

##### POINTERS FOR PRAYER

1. Jesus speaks of himself being lifted up, a term that can mean a physical lifting, or also exaltation. By this play on words the evangelist explains to us that Jesus' gift of himself in the passion was a glorious revelation of love, despite all its injustice and brutality. Bring to mind occasions when the love shown by Jesus in his passion was a sacrament of God's love for you.
2. It would be very cushy for us if we could be a source of life to others without cost to ourselves. The true life-givers know that they need the generosity of being lifted up by giving their lives so that others may have life. Recall when you have had that generosity and give thanks for others who have been like that for you.
3. We receive life from God when our faith enables us to trust in God's love for us. We give life to one another when the love between us is trustworthy. Recall memories of that kind of trustworthy love. For whom have you been able to be a 'Jesus person' and give a love that another could trust? Who has shown that kind of love to you and been for you a sacrament of God's love?
4. People loved darkness rather than light...so that their deeds may not be exposed. Judgment and condemnation are very inhibiting forces and we easily slip into them. Occasionally we meet someone who is non-judgmental, who does not come into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved. What has it been like for you when you met a non-judgmental person? What has it been like for you, and for other people, when you have been able to adopt a non-judgmental approach them?

##### PRAYER

*Merciful and gracious Father, you showed the fullness of your love when you gave your only Son for our salvation and sent down upon us the power of your Spirit. Complete within us the work of your love, that we who have communion in Christ may come to share fully the undying life he lives with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.*

#### Gentle reminder!!

For those attending with young children, if required, there is a Family Room available at the top left inside the church. Thanks.



### Thought for the day

The Trinity is not first of all a puzzle, which in principle could be solved, but rather a mystery, a relationship which is first of all lived, never exhausted and only inadequately spoken of in words. This is true of any of the significant relationships in our lives and true, therefore, all the more so of God. Within the mystery of that relationship, we recognise God, from whom we come, in whom we live and move and have our being. We recognise the Son, the way, the truth and the life. We recognise the Spirit, who helps us to pray when we do not know how to pray as we ought.

##### PRAYER

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be upon us all. Amen.*

K O'Mahony OSA

#### Entrance – Be still for the presence

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 – Queen of the May

Bring flowers of the rarest  
Bring blossoms the fairest  
From garden and woodland and hillside and dale;  
Our full hearts are swelling, our glad voices telling  
The praise of the loveliest flower of the vale

##### Chorus

O Mary, we crown thee with blossoms today  
Queen of the Angels And Queen of the May  
O Mary, we crown thee with blossoms today  
Queen of the Angels And Queen of the May

Their lady, they name thee  
Their mistress, proclaim thee  
Ah, grant that thy children on earth be as true  
As long as the bowers are radiant with flowers  
As long as the azure shall keep its bright hue

(Chorus)



DON'T YOU THINK IT'S WEIRD THAT THIS READING IS BASICALLY JUST THE 'SINCERELY YOURS' PART OF A LETTER?

YA - BUT IT SHOWS THAT THE EARLIEST CHRISTIANS UNDERSTOOD GOD TO BE A COMMUNITY OF THREE PERSONS.

YOU GOT ALL OF THAT OUT OF 'SINCERELY YOURS?'

