

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



Graduation

Sixth Years and post primary school communities will be celebrating graduations very soon. Not only has this school year passed quickly but the six years of post primary school has also passed by quickly. Schools are also celebrating annual award ceremonies and it's truly impressive to see the personal and academic achievements of young people celebrated. The resilience, optimism and creativity of young people is truly impressive. As Sixth Years approach their state examinations, we keep them in our prayers. We will pray for them at Masses while many shrine candles will be lit in prayer. As a parish community, we are proud of all of our young people and ask God's blessing on them at examination time and in life. Fr. Michael



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

Holy Cross Church is celebrating its 40th Anniversary this year. The Redemptorist Fathers will lead a Parish Triduum from 21st – 23rd September and also be involved at Masses on weekend 19th/20th September in preparation. This will be a significant time for Mahon and Blackrock Parishes as well as our Family of Parishes.

Congratulations to the Second Class children from Scoil Barra Naofa Buachaillí and Scoil Barra Naofa Cailíní who celebrated their First Holy Communion recently. Pupils from Scoil Ursula, St. Michael's NS and The School of the Divine Child will celebrate their First Holy Communion next Saturday 23rd May. We look forward to a gathering of all the First Holy Communion children and their families on Sunday 24th May @ 11am Mass.

100th Cork Eucharistic Procession and Visit of the Relics of St. Carlo Acutis – Information sheets and prayer cards remain available in the church about these important diocesan events. Blackrock Parish will be joining in the Cork Eucharistic Procession on Sunday 7th June and we will have more details soon.

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 or 085 2525 040.

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A brief introduction on Sunday's readings

First Reading

Acts 1:1-11

Luke and the Acts of the Apostles are a two-volume work as the introduction makes plain. First we hear kind of summary of the story thus far. Then the writer, in symbolic fashion, marks the end of the time of Jesus' appearances.

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:17-23

The whole reading is a beautiful, inspiring prayer. We too are mentioned and we may allow ourselves to be moved!

Gospel

Matthew 28:16-20

What is expected of disciples after Jesus' death and resurrection? How will Jesus be with us? Perhaps the last sentence is the most important.

The Papers Say.....

Tablet of 9/5. (1) SMA priest celebrates first Mass in five years in remote Nigerian community which had suffered terrorist attacks which had destroyed all local places of worship (2). Rome's African inheritance - Pope Leo's warning -- that a powerful country's lust for mastery not only leads to war and suffering, but rots a nation and its people from within - are rooted in the world of one of the Church's greatest writers and theologians.

Tablet of 2/5. (1). Jennifer Lipman: 'We just hope and pray it won't be our synagogue, our friends, our children'. (2) This unflappable American -- Since his election a year ago Pope Leo has made dialogue, unity and community his priority

Irish Catholic. (1). Martina Purdy: Running into mental health crisis without God (2). Internet Is a new continent to be evangelized -- 'Communications is something the Church needs to get a handle on', says Radio Maria priest (3). In his ongoing catechises of Lumen Gentium, Pope Leo considers the eschatological dimension of the Church.

Messenger (1) Fr. Kevin O'Gorman SMA: The Pope's intention for June -- For the values of Sport.

(2) The Sacred Heart Novena from 4 - 12 June



Cork Ecumenical Bible Week 2026

Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly. (Colossians 3:16)

Women in the New Testament

7.00 p.m. SUNDAY, 17th MAY 2026

Women in John's Gospel Ms Gillian Kingston in Church of Our Lady Crowned, Mayfield, Cork. T23 K377

10.45 a.m. TUESDAY, 19th MAY 2026

Five Women on Five Women from the Acts of the Apostles in Church Hall, Sacred Heart Church, Western Road, Cork. T12 TN80
Speakers: Rev Geraldine Gracie (Dorcas), Ms Joanna Griffin (Lydia), Rev Elise Hanley (Rhoda), Dr Rosalie Moloney (Mary, the mother of Jesus), Dr Marian Mortell (Priscilla).

7.00 p.m. THURSDAY, 21st MAY 2026

Women in Luke's Gospel Rev Dr William Olhausen in St Luke's Church, Churchyard Lane, Douglas, Cork. T12 N832

All events are free to the public and all are welcome.

For further information: [email corksripturegroup@gmail.com](mailto:corksripturegroup@gmail.com)

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

CHRIST IS RISEN! CHRIST IS TRULY RISEN, ALLELUIA!!

A blessed and happy Eastertide to all

All writers choose how to end an article or a book or a podcast and how they choose the end is revealing. The famous ending of James Joyce's Ulysses (yes, yes, yes) is, well, justly famous. The author of Mark's Gospel ended the original text in an arresting way: "They (the women) said nothing to anyone for they were afraid." The last line of the Acts of the Apostle is striking: "He (Paul) proclaimed the Kingdom of God and the Good news about Jesus Christ fearlessly and unhindered." The very last word in Greek is "unhindered"! Likewise, our Gospel today shows how Matthew chose to end his story of Jesus: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time."

This majestic scene has many layers: a kind of background, a kind of foreground and a distinct message for us today. The background is rich. The figure of Jesus as teacher echoes the figure of Moses and his final speech in the book of Deuteronomy. "All authority" is an echo of a key passage in the book of Daniel. "I am with you always" echoes Isaiah, "they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means God-is-with-us", already quoted in chapter 1 of the same Gospel.

There is also a kind of foreground. Matthew wants the teaching of Jesus to be at the centre of Christian faith — to observe everything Jesus said. There is plenty of that teaching in the Gospel according to Matthew. Such deep hearing is the path of discipleship, a path we all started out on at Baptism. Baptism, too, is in our reading, with a surprisingly early reference to the words still used today when each of us was baptised.

In just a few lines, Matthew manages to say so much!

Reflections

1. It is time for Jesus to return to his Father. He meets his disciples for the last time. His final words give them direction for their future. Perhaps you can recall such parting moments in your own life - leaving home, school, college, training, the death of a loved one. What was that like for you? Was there an occasion when words spoken then gave you direction for your future?
2. Perhaps you can identify with Jesus in the story, when as a parent, teacher, or in some other way you sent someone on his/her way in life knowing you would not be with him or her as in the past. When did the way you parted help the other to make his or her own way in life?
3. Jesus told his disciples that although he would not be with them as in the past he would be with them in a new way right through their lives. Have there been times when you were reassured by the love and support of another even though s/he was not physically present with you?
4. In parting with his disciples Jesus gave them a mission for the future. Where, when and how did you get a sense of the meaning and purpose of your own life? How does that sustain you now? Is there any way in which that purpose ties in with the mission given to the eleven to make disciples of all the nations?
5. Matthew's Gospel begins by introducing Jesus as "Emmanuel – God with us" and ends with the promise of Jesus to be with his disciples until the end of time. That promise is also to us. What are the things which help you to be aware of the presence of Jesus with you on life's journey?

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

We could ask how is the Risen Lord with us? The New Testament and the church tradition offer a rich array of "presences." Christ is present in the neighbour in need, in created reality beautiful and awe-inspiring, whenever the disciples gather, in the word proclaimed, in the sacrament celebrated and through the Holy Spirit. Perhaps we do not always feel this presence, but the words of Jesus are a guarantee that no matter what is going on in my life or my community or my church, he is with us, our Emmanuel.

Prayer

Emmanuel—God with us—we thank you that you are indeed always with us. Help us to find you and recognise where you truly are and not just where we want you to be.

K O'Mahony OSA

ENTRANCE - Let the Earth Rejoice and Sing
Let the earth rejoice and sing, alleluia!
At the triumph of our King, alleluia!
He ascends from mortal sight, alleluia!
Reigns now at our Father's right, alleluia!

He who died upon a tree, alleluia!
Now shall reign eternally, alleluia!
He who saved our fallen race, alleluia!
Takes in heav'n his rightful place, alleluia!

While in heaven thou dost gaze, alleluia!
On thy Church who sings thy praise, alleluia!
Fasten all our hope in thee, alleluia!
Till thy face unveiled we see, alleluia



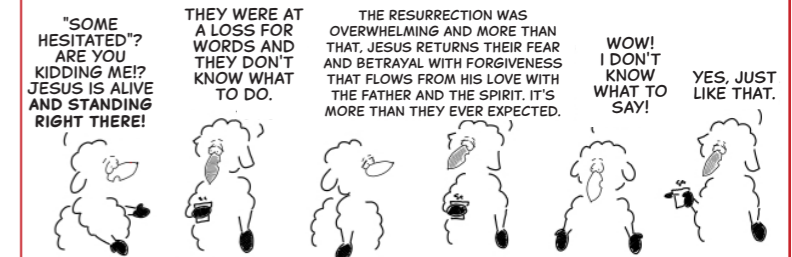
RECESSIONAL – How Great Thou Art

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



PARISH DEFIBRILLATORS

There are 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