# St. Michael's Parish, Blackrock, Cork

10/11/2019

# 32nd. SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**WEEKLY MASS LEAFLET UPDATES:** Email to:info@stmichaelsblackrock.ie **BAPTISMS:** Saturdays 3 pm - 2 weeks notice required. MARRIAGES: Minimum 3 months notice required by Church and State. Pre-marriage course required.

# **Mass Times**

**Vigil Saturday:** 6pm

**Sundays:** 9 am & 11 am Working Holy Days: 10 am & 7.30 pm

Email: info@stmichaelsblackrock.ie

Monday to Saturday: 10 am Fr Colin Doocey Adm. Pro Tem



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# Baptism **Amelia Grace Murray** Ada Eileen Young

We welcome them into the Christian Family



# **Recently Deceased**

Alice Kelly, Lough Hyne in her 108th year. May the light of heaven surround her always.



**BLACKROCK VINCENT DE PAUL** Thanks to all who contributed to the November collection. Your generosity is much appreciated.

### **Taizé Mass**

The St Finbarr's NET Team invites you to a Taizé Mass on Saturday, the 16thNovember in the South Parish, St Finbarr's Church at 6pm with Tea and Biscuits afterwards. Please feel free to contact them for further questions: stfinbarrsteam@ netministries.ie

#### **Social Skills Teen Courses**

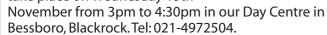
For 13 to 15yrs & 16 to 19yrs in Wilton commencing soon for teens with a diagnosis of Aspergers or Autism. For more info look up Autism Classes on www.konfidentkidz.ie or call 0872945977

# FIRST FRIDAY VISITS TO THE HOUSEBOUND

Please contact Fr Colin Doocey at 086-8136877, if you or a relative would like to receive the Blessed Sacrament in your home on First Fridays.

# **ALZHEIMER SOCIETY OF IRELAND, CORK CITY**

The Carers Support Meeting will take place on Wednesday 13th



We would ask parishioners to be good enough to switch off mobile phones during Mass. Thank you

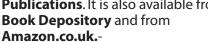
### **Hearers of the Word**

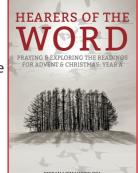
Hearers of the Word. Praying & Exploring the Readings for Advent & Christmas: Year A.

The period covered runs from the first Sunday of Advent (01.12.2019) until the Sunday after the Baptism (19.01.2020), including full commentaries on all four sets of readings for Christmas Day. The book is available from **Messenger** 

**Publications**. It is also available from

**Book Depository** and from





THE ALZHEIMER SOCIETY of IRELAND

## **Some Inspiration**

Website: www.stmichaelsblackrock.ie

It is a good inspiration and a wise choice to read this Gospel in the month of November, when our beloved dead are very much in our minds.

The argument from the Sadducees seems contrived to our way of thinking. By the same token, the argument Jesus uses (based on the use of the present tense in Exodus 3) reflects rabbinic conventions of the day. The important thing to notice is that Jesus has taken on board the relatively new doctrine of the resurrection, thus aligning himself with the Pharisees.

The first reading is certainly graphic and memorable and will surely require some kind of introduction so that people can make sense of it. The context is the vicious persecution under Antiochus IV Epiphanes, a Syrian ruler who wanted to obliterate the distinctiveness of Judaism. In that precise context, faith in life after death grew up, grounded in faith in the creator God who is always faithful now and beyond death. The later prayer of the mother (not in the reading) — full of faith and pathos — captures it well:

"I do not know how you came into being in my womb. It was not I who gave you life and breath, nor I who set in order the elements within each of you. Therefore the Creator of the world, who shaped the beginning of humankind and devised the origin of all things, will in his mercy give life and breath back to you again, since you now forget yourselves for the sake of his laws." (2Maccabees 7:22–23 NRSV)

# Spanish Mass @ St Mary's Popes Quay

A Spanish mass for Catholics is celebrated on the third Sunday of every month at 3pm in St Martin's Chapel, Saint Mary's Church, Popes Quay. The next mass is on Sunday 17th November. All welcome to attend.

#### **Anam Cara West Cork**

The organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on 19th November at 7:20pm in the Munster Arms Hotel,



Bandon. This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents.

# **Medjugorje Pilgrimage ex Cork**

June 30th - July 7th 2020.

EARLY BIRD price €625.00 pps (Half board in Hotel Leone, 2 mins from Church) if fully paid by December 13th. Full price of €725.00 applies after this date. Spiritual Director Fr Sean Corkery. Group Leader: Sean O'Shaughnessy. €200.00 deposit secures place. Limited places. Contact 086 2959380 or Joe Walsh Tours 01-2410800.

# **PARISH DEFIBRILLATORS**

There are now 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

# **Blackrock Meals on Wheels**

Needs a Cook's Helper every second Friday for about 2 hours duration. Full training will be given. If you can help, please ring Eleanor Crowley 021-4291603, or Anne Walsh 021-4295005.



# Thought for the day

1. The question of the Sadducees suggests that our status here in this life influences how we will be in the afterlife. The reply of Jesus affirms that we are important not because of any "status" we might have but because we are children of God. Recall moments when you saw your, or the worth of another, as something other than worldly status.

- 2. A common tactic in an argument is to make fun of the position of another. Then one does not have to take seriously the view being expressed. Have you ever found yourself doing this? Have you experienced others doing it with you? What were the effects of such an attitude? Is there life here? If not, where have you found a fuller life?
- 3. Jesus used the phrase "children of the resurrection" to describe his followers because we believe in something that cannot be proven. Life can sometimes present us with that kind of a challenge- an invitation to believe in things we cannot prove: another person, a cause, the value of a course of action, etc. What has been your experience of believing and acting on this kind of faith?

Christmas Open House, Bride Park Cottage, Killumney DJ Murphy is holding his Christmas Open House over the last 2 weekends in November. The charities to benefit are Marymount University Hospice & Alzheimer's Day Care Centre, Bandon. Seasonal refreshments will be served. Opening Dates and Times: Thurs 21st Nov, Sun 24th & 28th Nov & Sun 1st Dec. Thurs & Fri: 6pm - 10pm. Sat: 2pm - 9pm. Sun: 12pm - 8pm.

# Parish Café

Coffee/Tea morning is held at the Parish Centre each Thursday morning from 10.30am to approximately 11.15am. It is a very pleasant gathering with lots of chat. A warm welcome and friendly company is guaranteed.

# CATHOLIC PAPERS SUMMARY

(1) Joe Biden was surprised to be **Catholic Herald** denied Communion in South Carolina. But the issue is simpler than it might look.

(2) A Marian Reconciliation -- A statue seized in the Falklands heads back to Argentina.

Irish Catholic (1) Thoughts on Gay Byrne -- Mary Kenny: Gay retained the Catholicism his mother brought to him and Roger Childs: A kind mentor and masterly broadcaster. (2) David Quinn: Exploring Kanye West's new-found faith in Christ

Sunday Worship -- We thirst for an Universe afterlife - God's own 'undiscovered country'

**Catholic Voice** (1) Our mission among Muslims. (2) A little girl's 5 Ordinary (but Extraordinary) Ways to grow in Holiness

**Tablet** Cinema and Theology -- Raising the

Devil

**Catholic Times** (1) Fr. Marsden: Purgatory - Facing the final purification. (2) Leadership and Unity -- Lessons from the 2019 Rugby World Cup

# Thought for the day

hen core ritual practices undergo change, this **V** indicates a major shift in worldview. A good example for today is how we conduct funerals. There was a traditional pattern which is now breaking down, even if slowly. The tradition reflected convictions: prayer for the dead, hope of eternal life, fear of judgement and so forth. The current "customisation" of funerals tells us that such a world of meaning no longer holds. What do people really thinks happens when we die? And yet, hope in the faithfulness of God, who raised Jesus is really at the centre of Christian faith from the very start. In any case, we're all in for a surprise! Prayer

Our loving God, you raised Jesus from the dead, the first fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Strengthen our hope in your abundant gift. Amen. K O'Mahony OSA

# Today's Hymns

# **Entrance**

# **How Great Thou Art**

O 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.

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 shouts 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!"

# Recessional **Amazing Grace**

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me. I once was lost but now I'm found, Was blind, but now I see.

T'was grace that taught my heart to fear. And Grace, my fears relieved. How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come. Tis Grace that brought me safe thus far and Grace will lead me home.