St Michael's Parish Blackrock Cork

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time 16/08/2020

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

Mass Times

Vigil Saturday: 6pm Sundavs: 9 am & 11 am Working Holy Days: 10 am & 7.30 pm Monday to Saturday: 10 am Fr Colin Doocey Adm. Pro Tem

Baptisms

Recently Deceased

CEREMONIES:

Scoil Ursula.

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Clare Patton. Skehard Road.

Beaumont Boys School.

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Donagh Sam Buckley Kate Lucy Mehigan Lauren Emma Arnold **Cillian Paddy Martin** We welcome them into the Christian Family

May the light of heaven surround them always.

DATES FOR PARISH FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Ceremonies will be held at 10.00am each day.

Ceremonies will be held at 12.00Noon each day.

DATES FOR PARISH CONFIRMATION CEREMONIES:

19/09/2020.

26/09/2020.

03/10/2020.

19/09/2020.

26/09/2020.

10/10/2020.



To maximise the number of people that can join us for the celebration of Mass, we have made a number of changes to both the church, and to how we celebrate Mass, so that we comply with HSE guidelines and keep everyone safe.

Welcome to the celebration of Sunday Mass

We have designated the back and front as two separate sections which has allowed us increase the numbers in the church to 100. It is **critical** that people do not move between these 2 sections.

As you enter and exit the church, can you please use the hand sanitiser and wear a mask if possible.

We have reduced the number of pews in the church so that there is now a metre between each row with every second row being utilised. We have placed yellow spots to highlight where people should sit.

These are spaced a minimum of 2 metres apart and it is required you sit on these spots.

Unfortunately, if there are no yellow spots available, it indicates that the church has reached the maximum allowed capacity.

We will continue to stand for the "Gospel" and "Our Father". We ask that you **do not kneel-down** at anytime as it compromises the distance between people.

We also ask that the congregation not to join in the singing, as it facilitates the spreading of droplets. There will be no sign of peace.

The collection will be taken at the doors as you

enter/exit the church and your support is very much appreciated.

Distribution of communion:

Ministers of the Eucharist will be positioned at the top and centre of the church. The Ministers will wear face masks and we ask that you maintain 2 metres distance in the line.

We ask that you come up the centre aisle and down the side aisles.

Those seated in the centre seats should come for communion first (via the centre aisle) starting from the back row and then in sequence with the top row last.

Once the centre seats are finished, those in the side seats should come up (via the centre aisle), starting with the front rows and then in sequence, with the bottom row last.

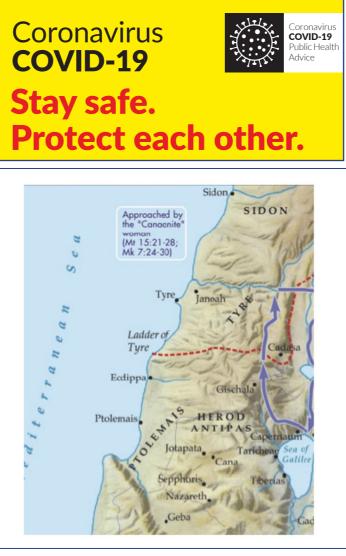
Exiting the church:

- **Back Section:**
- Side seats to Exit first followed by centre seats. 0 2 doors will be open. 0
- Front section use side door Exit as follows:
- Left Row (nearest exit) 0
- Left Centre 0
- 0 **Right Centre**
- **Right Row.**

Many thanks for your help and we hope you all keep well.

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



WHAT THE PAPERS SAY...

Frank Duff, founder of the Legion of Mary, believed that the purpose of Catholic papers and magazines is (1) 'give a reasoned synthesis of current affairs and a thought-out evaluation of them (2) act as a necessary corrective to distorted views or calculated silences (3) review and give guidelines on current media offerings (4) develop a healthy pride and concerned interest in the affairs of the Universal Church and (5) cultivate a taste for reading of a more lasting relevance.'

Articles in this week-end's papers/magazines include: Irish Catholic: (1) HSE's sexual health advice during pandemic bodes ill. (2) Pope names six women to previously all-male Council for Economy (3) it would seem that only a fraction of those who used to attend Mass have returned, writes David Quinn

Catholic Voice: (1) St. Ignatius Loyola: The Eucharist and the Chasuble (2) Prayer of the Crusade of Reparation to the **Eucharist Hear of Jesus**

Catholic Herald: (1) Where do choirs go from here (2) Presidential Election: Both supporters and critics put Biden in the middle ground. But is he? (3) Mary Kenny: Would TV be fair to a Catholic mother and activist? No chance.

When you use the newsletter, please take it home with you. DO NOT RETURN IT TO THE TABLE

Recently Deceased during the Covid Lockdown 11/04/2020 Nora O'Regan. Meadowgrove Estate. 15/04/2020 Miriam O'Drisceoil. Beaumont Drive. 18/04/2020 Derry Hurley. Clover Lawn. 20/04/2020 Patrick (Paddy) O'Donnell. 26/04/2020 Kathleen Lenihan. Dunlocha Cottages. 12/05/2020 Mary Foley. Meadowgrove Estate. 23/05/2020 Rita Campion. Ashleigh Drive. 09/06/2020 Mary McLaughlin. Barringtons Avenue. 13/06/2020 Jerome (Jerry) Walsh. Barringtons Avenue. 13/06/2020 Ursula McCarthy (nee O'Leary). Military Hill. 20/06/2020 Pat Hannigan. Marian Park. 23/06/2020 Breda Cronin. Dunlocha Cottages.

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CHURCH SANITISING

Our Church is completely and thoroughly sanitised on a regular basis using a fogger.

Thank you to all who offered to help. We are looking for 2 more to take the pressure off! . Please contact any one of the stewards if you are willing to assist. Thank you.

Have many parishioners noticed the Church Bell has been silent for the last 2 weeks? The bell was aiving trouble for some time and it is now being repaired. One of the units has been removed and hopefully it will be sorted in the not too distant future when the Angelus, Mass and Funeral bells will be rung again.

BAPTISMS: Saturdays 3 pm - 2 weeks notice required. **MARRIAGES:** Minimum 3 months notice required by Church and State. Pre-marriage course required.

Thought for the day

In today's Gospel, Jesus changes his mind! How is that possible? Twice in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus limits his ministry to the "lost sheep of the house of Israel" (Matt 10:6; 15:24). In today's story, however, a very feisty woman, clearly not a daughter of Abraham, with her urgency and her witty retort, brings Jesus to recognise the needs of those beyond the ethnic confines of the Jewish people. They are ordinary human beings too, just as much in need of the Good News of the Kingdom as anyone else. Prayer

We believe and we know, O God, that you love the human race, without make any distinction of persons or rank. Inspire us to see you in everyone we meet, for all are your children and you are the father of us all.

Some Reflection.....

Jesus and the Canaanite Woman

This short story was important to both Mark and Matthew. It is often appreciated today because of the chutzpah of the woman herself and because Jesus is shown changing his mind (cf. Luke 24:22!!). For a long time, it has seemed to me to be a story of "retrospective permission" i.e. validating a later church practice (the inclusion fo the Gentiles) by retrojecting a story into the ministry of Jesus (who met very few Gentiles). This isn't just a technical issue for bible nerds like myself. Assessing the origin of the story and its historicity enables one to read it more accurately (and less inaccurately!).

Some Thoughts....

1. Having met with rejection from the Pharisees Jesus goes towards Gentile territory and encounters faith in an unexpected place, in the Canaanite woman. His mission had previously been to his own people. This adds a new dimension to his mission. Have you had occasions when a chance encounter set your life off in a new direction? 2. The Canaanite woman was not concerned for herself but for her daughter. Recall people you have known who have been committed to a noble cause.

3. The initial reaction of Jesus to the woman was one of rejection but her persistence won a response from him. When have you found that persistence was needed to gain what you sought? What did that experience teach you? 4. Who are the "Canaanite women" who call out for attention today—people in church or state whose needs are not being attended to?

PRAYER

God of the nations, to your table all are invited and in your family no one is a stranger. Satisfy the hunger of those gathered in this house of prayer, and mercifully extend to all the people on earth the joy of salvation and faith. Grant this 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. K O'Mahony OSA

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

