St Michael's Parish Blackrock Cork

23/08/2020 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

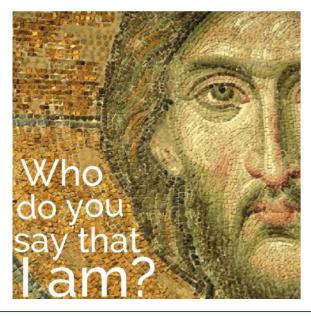
Vigil Saturday: 6pm Sundavs: 9 am & 11 am Working Holy Days: 10 am & 7.30 pm Monday to Saturday: 10 am Fr Colin Doocey Adm. Pro Tem

Recently Deceased Winifred McCarthy, Beaumont Drive May the light of heaven surround her always.

Baptisms since reopening Ayla Susan Norah Beattie. **Robyn Deirdre Crowley.** We welcome them into the Christian Family



BLACKROCK VINCENT DE PAUL Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th September 2020 We have had no income since March so be as generous as you can. Thank you



Coronavirus COVID-19 COVID-19 Stay safe.

Protect each other.

BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Under the current Covid circumstances, Fr. Colin has generously offered the poor box near the exit as a collection point for SVP. If you with to contribute any time, it would be appreciated. Thank you.

Welcome to the celebration of Sunday Mass

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.

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:

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Back Section:

- Side seats to Exit first followed by centre seats. 0
 - 2 doors will be open.
- Front section use side door Exit as follows:
- Left Row (nearest exit) 0
- 0 Left Centre
- **Right Centre** 0 0
- **Right Row.**
- Many thanks for your help and we hope you all keep well.

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

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



DATES FOR PARISH FIRST HOLY COMMUNION **CEREMONIES:**

Scoil Ursula.	19/09/2020.
Beaumont Boys School.	26/09/2020.
Beaumont Girls School.	03/10/2020.

Ceremonies will be held at 10.00am each day.

DATES FOR PARISH CONFIRMATION CEREMONIES:

Beaumont Girls School.	19/09/2020.
Scoil Ursula.	26/09/2020.
Beaumont Boys School.	10/10/2020.

Ceremonies will be held at 12.00 Noon each day.



Caesarea Philipi /Banyas (the shrine to Pan)

WHAT THE PAPERS SAY...

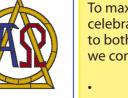
Catholic Herald: Robin Hood's religion -- His legend only makes sense when we see him as a devout Catholic. (2). Honouring our flawed forebears. -- In dealing with the awkward past, do we need purity or piety? (3). Ennio Morricone.-- His musical voice was influenced by the natural lines and free rhythmic form of Gregorian chant

Irish Catholic: (1) Fr. Rolheiser: Internet pornography By far and away, the biggest addiction in the whole world (2) Mural unveiled in Derry to 'witness of Christ' Sr. Clare Crockett. (3). (3) Breda O'Brien: American Catholics are faced with a terrible choice in the election (see Mary Kenny also)

Catholic Voice: St. Ignatius Loyola: The Eucharist and the Chasuble

Messenger: What will the parish look like in the future? Fr. Gerard Condon of Cloyne diocese gives an up-to-date view on an issue that involves clergy and laity. (2) Beethoven at 250

Universe/Catholic Times: (1) Small church choirs are back in U.K. - but the congregation has to keep guiet. (2) Biden's playing of the Catholic card won't guarantee victory. (3). New Vatican approved quide explains hidden ministry of exorcism



Thought for the day

When Jesus presses the question, who do you say I am?, we feel him speaking to us. Naturally, we think of our faith now in the light of our own journey of life and pilgrimage of faith. How did I start out? What was my image of Jesus then and how did I relate to him? Have there been major turning points for me and can I name one or two? How have I deepened my familiarity with Jesus and who is he for me now? If I were to choose an image or a metaphor what would come to kind? If I were to explain to someone what my faith in Jesus is, what words would I use? Prayer

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. (Eph. 3:14-17)

Some Reflection.....

Jesus approaches Caesarea Philippi

This rich Gospel story can invite us in different directions. The primary level is indicated by the direct question: But you, who do you say I am? This question is never out of date and always timely. In our day, such reflection cannot ignore the contemporary perspectives of cosmology, evolution and ecology. For an invigorating exploration, I recommend below Dermot Lane's new book.

At another level, the Gospel does invite reflection on the "Petrine ministry" in the church today. The history of the Roman see is, like all history, marked with ambiguity and sin. Of the three synoptic evangelists, Matthew is sharply aware of the frail humanity of Peter and nevertheless there is a ministry of oversight. Matthew, read in his own historical context, invites us to a critical re-reading of this ministry for today's church. It can be bracing!

Some Thoughts....

1. This marks a turning point in the life of Jesus, and of the disciples. It is the first time that his disciples recognise him as the Messiah. Recall turning points in your own journey of faith when you came to some deeper understanding of who Jesus is.

2."Who do you say that I am?"This is possibly the most important question that Jesus puts to us. In your heart of hearts, how do you answer this question today? 3. Jesus praises Peter for his faith and comments that this was not his own doing but a gift of God. Perhaps there have been times when you have been conscious of the gift nature of your faith. Be thankful for the gift you have received.

PRAYER

Living God, you sent your Son among us to reveal your wisdom and make known your ways. Increase our faith, that we may confess Jesus as your Son, take up his work on earth, and trust his promise to sustain the Church.

We ask 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.