# St Michael's Parish Blackrock Cork

## 04/10/2020 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time WEEKLY MASS LEAFLET UPDATES:

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### Mass Times

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

**Recently Deceased** Rosaleen O'Brien, Linden Avenue May the light of heaven surround her always.



Baptism **Carrie Maura Mulcahy.** Blake Eve O'Sullivan. **Cora Catherine Cho-O'Leary** We welcome them into the Christian Family



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OCTOBER 1<sup>st</sup> – OCTOBER 23<sup>rd</sup> 2020

You may be using your mobile phone for Mass, if so, please ensure it is on silent. If not, please switch it off. Thank you

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#### **Readers**

The new Readers Roster is available in the sacristy for those not on the email list. Thanks - John McAdoo

#### 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 placed **yellow spots** to highlight where people should sit.



We will continue to stand for the "Gospel" and "Our Father".

We ask that you **do not kneel-down** at anytime

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. Follow the Stewards guidance during Communion.

#### WHAT THE PAPERS SAY...

Irish Catholic: (1). Fr. Shay Cullen blasts Netflix's film Cuties. See article by Jason Osborne also. (2) Michael Kelly: We should mourn the many heroic priests we've lostduring Covid-19. (3). The Church of Scientology's efforts to open a drug rehab centre highlight issues with Irish drug policy, writes Ruadhan Jones. (4) Mary Kenny: Oldsters need social connections to mitigate mental deterioration

Messenger: A Jesuit historian traces the life story of Blessed Dominic Collins SJ from his early days in Youghal through the European wars of religion to his return to Youghal as a prisoner of Elizabeth 1. (2) Fr. Gerard Condon of Cloyne diocese looks at the advent of the webcam Mass brought to the foreground as a result of the pandemic

Universe. (1) U.K. Pro-life victory as abortion clinic vigil ban bill defeated (2) TIME magazine lists nun among world's 100 most influential people of the year. (3). Women religious want sisters' voices heard in post-pandemic planning. (4) Vatican reiterates its opposition to euthanasia and assisted suicide

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#### Some Thoughts....

1. The target audience of this allegorical parable are the Jewish chief priests and elders portrayed here as rejecting Jesus and his teaching, and as a consequence losing out on what God was offering them. It is a story of opportunity for life presented and rejected, and they lose out in the process. How important have you found it to recognise and accept opportunities for growth, development and new life when these were presented to you?

2. The parable is also a cautionary tale about the destructive effects of greed - doing violence to the rights of others and eventually destroying the greedy themselves. What attitude towards possessions has helped you to be at peace in yourself and at peace with others?

3. The vineyard of the Lord is an image for God's people. As we look at the vineyard we have been given, we can ask ourselves "are we good tenants?" Recall times when you have been a good tenant, and reached out caringly for those around you

4."It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it was wonderful to see". Sometimes a person not highly regarded plays a key role in a project, and it is wonderful to see. Can you recall examples of this? PRAYER

Yours, O God, is the vineyard and its harvest, yours the kingdom of justice and peace. You call your people to tend its growth. Bless the work entrusted to our hands, that we may offer you an abundance of just works, a rich harvest of peace. 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.

#### Anam Cara Cork

Anam Cara Cork, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its monthly Parent Evening for bereaved AnamCara parents on Wednesday 7th October at 7:20pm in the Clayton Hotel, Cork City.



This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not.

\*Subject to change in accordance with government advice\*

# **Scoil Ursula**

**Co-Educational National School, Blackrock** Accepting Applications for Admissions from October 1st 2020 Contact Details: Phone: 021-4358476 email: sublackrock@gmail.com website: https://scoilursula.scoilnet.ie

### **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.



**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

The risk for Christians today is that we read the parable complacently, because it clearly refers to Jews and Christians in the first century. But it is not only in the past that the leadership of God's project has changed hands, so to speak. Down through history, more committed groups have challenged the established Church—they can attract by more exciting worship and by a closer living of the Gospel. The hard words of St Paul to the Gentile Christians in Rome may help to shake us up: For if God did not spare the natural branches, perhaps he will not spare you. (Rom 11:21) Prayer

Lord of the vineyard, you call us to live the Gospel and to produce its fruits. Send your Spirit into our hearts, that we know the fruits of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. (Gal 5:22-23)

#### Some Reflection.....

1. Supersessionism and complacency

- oday's parable of the wicked tenants conceals two traps
- for contemporary Christian readers.

The first of these is "supersessionism," the idea that the Christian faith replaces and renders inoperative (somehow) the Jewish faith. This is clearly condemned in Catholic teaching. See the most recent Vatican document on relations with the Jews: "The gifts and call of God are irrevocable. Romans 11:29." The parable could then be the occasion for a reflection on the healthy relationship with the Jewish people since Vatican II and the alarming rise of anti-semitism, even in Ireland.

The second trap may be more more insidious. As we listen to the parable, we might think that it does not apply to us at all as Christian believers today. Instead it applies to the time of Jesus or to the time of Matthew, locked safely in the past. It is about them and not about us...but that would be big mistake.

As we behold (at least in Ireland) the failure in handing on the faith today and the current collapse of church due to Covid-19, we are surely the tenants who have not brought in the harvest. Read in this way — as a critical assessment of where we find ourselves — the parable is a sharp warning to wake up, to get away from mere "cultic maintenance" and to get back to the basic proclamation of the Good News. No shortage of material for reflection here! The poem below by Malcolm Guite might be useful.

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#### **OUR CHURCH BELL.**

On Wednesday 16th. September our Church Bell tolled for the noon Angelus. It is wonderful to have had the necessary repairs completed and it can now call our parishioners to prayer for the various Masses and especially at Funerals after an absence of several weeks.

