

St Michael's Parish Blackrock Cork

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05/01/2020 2nd Sunday of Christmas

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



Baptism

Vivienne Valarie O'Herlihy  
Fionn Kieran Dowling  
We welcome them into the Christian Family



Recently Deceased

Jim Cahill, Church Road  
John Murray, Avonlea Court  
Sheila Hassett, Church Road  
Ann Keating, Ballintemple  
May the light of heaven surround them always.



Wedding

Congratulations to  
Katie Howick & Shane Dooddy who were married in our church on 31st December 2019  
Fr Pat Fogarty Officiated.



FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD.  
Masses on Monday 6th. January, 2020  
10.00am and 7.30pm.

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.

2020 Parish Calendars are available on the tables in the church. Please take one.

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



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.

Alzheimer Society of Ireland  
Cork Branch, Saturday Club

On Saturday 11th January 2020 at Bessboro Day Care Centre, from 2pm until 4pm. HAPPY NEW YEAR. We are delighted to invite you to join us in the musical company of James Burke. Light refreshments provided. Free Admission. All Welcome. For further information contact 021-4972504.ie



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

Announcement of the Sunday of Word of God.  
January 26th 2020

Pope Francis is passionate about the Word of God. He has declared a special Sunday dedicated to the Bible. All of us are invited to respond imaginatively and actively to this new Feast. Here in our parish, there will be a number of initiatives including pastoral resources for the day itself. The Feast marks the start of a year of increased engagement with the Word. Information leaflets are available on the tables.



Parish Cafe

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.



Anam Cara Cork the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on 8th January at 7:20pm in The Clayton Hotel, Cork City. This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents.



Some Inspiration

1. John opens his Gospel with a profound reflection on the meaning of creation, of life and of Jesus. Remember when you had a special awareness of the gift of life that filled you with gratitude to God for creation and the beauty and wonder of the world: 'All things came into being through him and without him not one thing came into being.'  
2. We hear the gospel message frequently. Sometimes it goes in one ear and out the other. Then there are occasions when it made us feel more alive, times when it helped us see the way ahead, like a light that shines in the darkness. Recall when the gospel gave you hope in the midst of anxiety or sadness and helped you to see what action would be most life giving for you and for others  
3. Bring to mind people who have had a prophetic voice in the world - speaking the truth for the world to hear, like as a witness to testify to the light. Some of these may have been public figures. Others were ordinary people who have helped you see the 'light' by the witness of their own lives and words.  
4. "No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son of God, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known." Jesus came to us to teach us about God and put a human face on God for us. For the people of his day, and for us, that was a mission of getting us to think again about how we see God and to believe in a God who is a God of love. Recall how the life and ministry of Jesus have changed your picture of God.  
PRAYER  
God most high, your only Son embraced the weakness of our flesh to give us the power to become your children; your eternal Word chose to dwell among us, that we might live in your presence. Grant us a spirit of wisdom to know how rich is the glory you have made our own, and how great the hope to which we are called in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit in the splendour of eternal light God for ever and ever.

Annual Mass for GAA Clubs

The 11am Mass on this Sunday, will be celebrated for the living and deceased members of Blackrock National Hurling Club, St Michael's Gaelic Football Club, Blackrock Camogie Club and St Michael's Ladies Football Club. Refreshments will be served at the Rockies Club after Mass and everyone is welcome to come along and join us.

WHAT THE PAPERS SAY...

Catholic Times. New book explores what the Bible says about being human  
Universe. Australian Catholic youth urged to rebuild Christ's Church  
Irish Catholic We need to have an honest and open-minded debate about climate change, writes David Quinn  
Herald 2020s Vision --More Catholics, more saints, more popular piety - but more persecution of Christians too  
Tablet double issue: Lessons from the Cold War. --Smiley's priestly people  
Catholic Voice. French order welcomes nuns with Down Syndrome

Thought for the day

We are at the start of the new civil year and beginning again is an invitation to look in two directions. What happened for me in the last year, both in my ordinary life and in my life as a believer, a person of faith? For what do I ask forgiveness? For what do I give thanks? We also look forward and the new beginning gives us a chance to start again on the Way of discipleship. Both thanksgiving and renewal are to be found in today's readings. The Gospel is an invitation to wake up, to keep watch, to live fully the present moment under God, in whom we live and move and have our being.  
Prayer  
Wake us up, O God, at the start of a new year and rouse us from the slumber of the everyday that we may recognise you in every moment and in every person every day of our lives. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

K O'Mahony OSA

Entrance:

Away in a manger,  
No crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus  
Laid down His sweet head;  
The stars in the night sky  
Looked down where He lay,  
The little Lord Jesus  
Asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing,  
The baby awakes,  
But little Lord Jesus,  
No crying He makes.  
I love Thee, Lord Jesus;  
Look down from the sky  
And stay by my bedside  
Until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus;  
I ask Thee to stay  
Close by me forever  
And love me I pray!  
Bless all the dear children  
In Thy tender care,  
And fit us for Heaven  
To live with Thee there.

Christmas  
Hymns

Recessional:

Hark, the herald angels sing,  
Glory to the new-born King,  
Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled.  
Joyful all ye nations rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies,  
With angelic host proclaim,  
Christ is born in Bethlehem.  
Hark, the herald angels sing,  
Glory to the new born King.

Christ, by highest heaven adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold him come,  
Offspring of the virgin's womb;  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
Hail the incarnate deity,  
Pleased as man with man to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
Hark, the herald angels sing,  
Glory to the new born King.

