

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

Onyekachukwu Gloria Benedeth Backari
Teddy Valentine Keelan
Molly Patricia Grant
We welcome them into the Christian Family



Recently Deceased

Anna O'Rourke, Firmount Avenue
Joe Stynes, Ballintemple
Jerry Hudson, Blackrock
May the light of heaven surround them always.



ST PATRICK'S DAY MASS TIMES

7.30 pm Monday Vigil.
Sunday 9.00am and 11am

Remember your families and friends abroad.

Cards are available for you to remember your families and friends abroad.

Place the card in the box provided and they will be remembered at all masses on St Patrick's Day



BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL March Collection : €1955

Thanks to all who contributed to the collection.
Your generosity is very much appreciated.



Scoil Ursula

Saturday 14th March @ 6pm.

Beaumont Boys & Girls

Sunday 15th @ 11am.

AUsume Autism Conference is Ireland's ONLY conference where the presenters on Autism are Autistic themselves. It's taking place in Rochestown Park Hotel Sunday, March 29th 9am to 5pm. For more info look up autism training on www.konfidentkidz.ie or call 087 2945977.

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 Branch, Saturday Club On Saturday, 14th March 2020 at Bessboro Day Care Centre. From 2pm until 4pm. We are delighted to invite you to join us in the musical company of No Cappo. Light refreshments provided. Free Admission. All Welcome. For further information contact 021 4972504.

WORKSHOP FOR PARISH CHOIRS/MUSICIANS

On Saturday 14th March we welcome Dom Richard Purcell (Abbot of Mount Mellerey) to lead a workshop for choirs, cantors, musicians which will offer a selection of styles to suit different parish choirs/cantors for the season of Eastertide and into Ordinary Time. **Venue: Blackrock Parish Centre**
Time: 10:00am to 12:45pm Cost: €10 per person to include music book. To reserve a place please contact us on 021 4537474 or by email pdo@corkandross.org

Some Inspiration

If conversion opened Lent last Sunday, this Sunday our theme is faith: the faith of Abraham to begin with, but also the faith we have in God and Christ. The invitation to faith is clear in the Transfiguration: listen to him. In some way bridging these two readings, the passage from 2 Timothy invites us, like Abraham, to rely on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy.

St. Michael's Wall of Prayer will give people the opportunity to express their faith and to be inspired by the faith of others. You can place your prayer on the **Wall of Prayer** using the cards provided. Each card has adhesive on the back which will easily stick to the board. Everyone is invited to view and read the Wall of Prayer. **PLEASE DO NOT WRITE YOUR FULL NAME OR GIVE SPECIFIC DETAILED CIRCUMSTANCES**



A very useful resource leaflet for Lent is available on the tables.

How to get the best of the **Springtime of Faith**, it has excellent apps and guides to make Lent more fruitful.

Anam Cara West Cork

The organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on Tuesday, 10th March at 7:20pm in the Munster Arms Hotel, Bandon. This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents.

Current Flu Season - COVID -19

Those who have flu are under no obligation to go to Mass. If you have the flu, please stay at home, rest, stay well hydrated and, if necessary, seek your doctor's help. Mass is available via the internet on the Parish website www.stmichaelsblackrock.ie

Sign of Peace: Due to the number of colds and flu around, we would remind our parishioners that during the sign of peace it is fine to simply smile, wave, or bow to others to convey Christ's peace to them.

Holy Communion: Everyone administering Holy Communion will wash their hands before beginning. Holy Communion will be administered **into the hands only** and **NOT** on the tongue.

To minimise the risk of spread of infection, the use of communal vessels will be suspended.

The chalice will no longer be available to parishioners.

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



The RSA's 'Check it Fits' Service is coming to Cork! This March the RSA's Check it Fits service in partnership with Toyota will be visiting County Cork. Did you know it's the law that all children under 150cms or 36kgs must use a child car seat appropriate to their weight and height. In Ireland as many as 4 out of 5 child car seats are incorrectly fitted which can lead to serious injury or even death in a collision. Since October 2013, the RSA's 'Check it Fits' Service has checked over 35,000 child car seats and restraints in Ireland. Worryingly, 79% of seats required a major adjustment, of which 3% were deemed not fit for purpose and condemned, meaning they could have caused injury or even death in the event of a collision. Location: **Ryan's Super Valu, Grange on Friday 24th March from 10am to 5:30pm.**

Some Reflection

1. The transfiguration experience was one that, for Jesus, clarified his relationship with his Father and strengthened him for the future. What have been the experiences, the moments of insight, that have clarified your sense of who you are, and what is your relationship with God?
2. On the mountain the disciples saw Jesus in a new way. Sometimes in friendship there are moments of sharing in which we get to know a friend in a new and deeper way. Have you had that experience in human friendship, or in your relationship with Jesus and God. Recall when that happened, and what it was like for you.
3. The clear vision of Jesus with Moses and Elijah was followed by a frightening experience of being in a cloud and it was in the midst of the cloud that the disciples were instructed "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him." Have you had the experience of learning the truth about life and about your relationship with God from moments of confusion as well as from times of special joy?
4. After their special experience the disciples came down the mountain again. We cannot live each day at the level of special spiritual experiences, but the memory of them can strengthen us in difficult times. What memories encourage you in time of trouble??

WHAT THE PAPERS SAY...

Catholic Times. (1). Fr, Narsdeb: St. Roch, Patron of Plaques and Miraculous Healer (2) Pope Francis: Humani5ty, ethics must be at centre of artificial intelligence

Universe. Church offers guidance on stopping virus spread

Tablet. Towards a new Church. - How Pope Francis outflanks his foes

Catholic Herald. (1). In a crisis, turn to God (2) Love in the time of corona virus

Irish Catholic. (1) Shedding new light on the wartime Pontiff, Pope Pius XII (2) Fr. Fergus O'Neill: We abandoned penance services and interest in Confession Boomed

Messenger. St. Patrick: Migrant and Immigrant

We invite you to take the Newsletter home and give it to someone who couldn't make our celebration of Eucharist.

ANNUAL MATT TALBOT NOVENA

On 9th March, Fr Pdraig Twohig O.S.A. will be the celebrant and preacher at the The Annual Novena in honour of Matt Talbot which is taking place at **7:30pm in the Way of the Cross Church, Togher. On Monday, 16th March.** Ms Emer O'Leary, Macroom PTAA will be the speaker and Fr Ben Hodnett, Adm. Togher Parish will celebrate the mass.

Diocese of Cork and Ross

Pilgrimage to Lourdes 12th - 17th June 2020

5 nights Full Board from €759.

Direct flights from Cork.

Contact Joe Walsh Tours 021 727 7959



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.



Thought for the day

Every so often, we catch a glimpse of the "something more" that God has in store for us. These fleeting experiences are to be treasured: the birth of my first child, falling in love, a sense of "being held" by God's presence. Such experiences may help us approach the Transfiguration. Like all transcendent experiences, it is fleeting and yet it etches a memory and leaves a longing. What should we do? Practice listening to him. Be not afraid. We cannot always be "on the mountain" and yet what happens on the heights can help us on the lowlands of the everyday.

Prayer

Lord, listening sounds so easy and yet is such hard work! Guide us as we listen to your Son, whose word is alive, who is himself the way, the truth and the life.

K O'Mahony OSA

Today's Hymns

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.

The Lourdes Ave

The bells of the an-ge-lus call us to pray
In sweet tones announcing the sacred Ave.
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria;
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.

An angel of mercy led Bernadette's feet
Where flows the deep torrent, our Lady to greet.
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.

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**

HOLY HOUR TO PRAY FOR VOCATIONS to the priesthood and religious life hosted by the Good Shepherd Sisters on Monday 9th March from 2:30pm to 3:30pm at Good Shepherd Convent, Baile an Aoire, Leycesters Lane, Montenotte T23 W085 - all welcome to join in prayer followed by tea and chat.