

Mass Times

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



Baptism

All baptisms have been cancelled for the moment.



WHAT THE PAPERS SAY...

Irish Catholic. (1) Fr. Conor Mc. Donough. - Beware unfounded and terrifying Covid-19 conspiracies. (2). Niall O'Loan: We must trust in God as rules become more authoritarian. (3). New book sketches Pope's dream for a post-Covid world

Tablet of 21/11. (1) Faithful in France march to demand public Masses in lockdown (2) Sara Maitland: I am finding - to my genuine surprise - that I very much miss the singing at Mass

Tablet of 14/11. Andrea Bocelli says that music will show us the joy of living. Both issues of the Tablet have articles on the Mc.Carrick scandal

Catholic Voice. (1) Stories of St. Teresa of Avila and the Holy Souls in Purgatory. (2) Sr. Clare Crockett. -- The Biography

Universe. (1). British Doctor survey reveals abortion's true horror. (2) Fr. Francis Marsden: The origins of Advent (3). Pray the Mary way with an open heart. (4) Crucial research reveals link between soccer and dementia

BEAUMONT RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

If you are interested in taking part in a 'Pedestrian Improvement Scheme' Working Group focused on identifying improvements in the Beaumont area we would be delighted to hear from you - please drop us a line by email to: beaumontresidentscork@gmail.com.



Welcome to St Michaels for Personal Prayer

To maximise the number of people that can join us for Personal Prayer, we have made a number of changes to the church so that we comply with HSE guidelines and keep everyone safe. Please use only the bottom half of the church and exit from the left only, using the one-way system following the arrows.



We have placed **yellow spots** to highlight where people should sit. We ask that you **do not kneel-down** at anytime. Many thanks for your help and we hope you all keep well.

St Michael's Conference SVP Blackrock would like to thank most sincerely all who have supported St Michaels SVP Conference Blackrock over the past year. The past year has been difficult for everyone due to the continued Covid19 pandemic. We hope all of you and your families have been keeping safe and well and adjusting to the current new way of life.



For us in the SVP Blackrock conference this has been a strange year. We too have had to adjust to new ways of working and meeting. Our visits to clients are conducted remotely; our conference meetings are conducted via email, WhatsApp and phone calls. Our income has been reduced significantly due to the closure of the church and suspension of the monthly collections. Meanwhile requests for help continue and we try to meet them as best we can. We would like to thank most sincerely all who support us at our monthly collections and also those who have taken the opportunity to support us through their donations via the box at the back of the church or through donations to the conference via the priests or directly to individual members and online.

We have one final collection date this year. It is the weekend of December 12/13. This is our annual Christmas collection which has been so successful year on year. This year will be different as mass numbers will be restricted. In light of that I would appeal that you avail of one of the following options to support this year's SVP Christmas appeal. Please also encourage your friends and family to consider supporting SVP St Michaels Blackrock this year.

Donations can be made using one of the following options:

1. Donate directly in the SVP box at the back of the church
2. Donate on SVP.ie/donate. In the box marked "Specific location to help" insert - St Michael's SVP Conference Blackrock Cork
3. Call 0818 176 176 and Request that your donation goes to St Michael's SVP Conference Blackrock
4. Place your donation or cheque made out to 'St Michael's Conference SVP Blackrock' in an envelope marked SVP Blackrock and give it in to the Sacristy or to one of the Priest's houses.
5. Donate via the Parish Website www.stmichaelsblackrock.ie Click on the Donate button. Find SVP St Michaels Conference Blackrock and click on that. Make your donation via the secure donation facility.
6. Make your donation at the church collection on the weekend of 12th/13th December 2020.

We the members of St Michaels Conference SVP again thank most sincerely everyone who continues to support us so generously year after year, to help those individuals and families in the parish who are struggling to make ends meet. Keep safe everyone and enjoy a happy Christmas and New Year.

John McAdoo
President St Michaels Conference Blackrock SVP

When you use the newsletter, please take it home with you.

DO NOT RETURN IT TO THE TABLE

Thought for the day

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. Amen.

PRAYER

Wake us up, O God, and rouse us from the slumber of the everyday that we may recognise you in every moment and in every person, today and every day of our lives.

Some Thoughts....

1. The coming of the master is not just the moment of death, but any moment of grace. Recall unexpected graces — good things that happened when they were not anticipated.
2. Recall times when you were particularly alert and aware of what was going on in you and around you and the contrast with moments when such alertness and awareness were not present.
3. The servants were given charge of the household "each with their own job." Identify with the servants as people given a responsibility within the household of God's people. What has it been like for you when you have been shown trust in this way by another person? What is it like for you to see yourself trusted in this way by God?
4. Your experience of good "doorkeepers," people who were there and ready to receive you even when you came at an awkward or unexpected time. Also your experience of being a good "doorkeeper" for another.
5. Jesus says that what he is saying to his disciples he is saying to all. Have there been times when you have been a messenger of hope to others, encouraging them to wait for a moment of grace. Who have been the ones to encourage you?

PRAYER

Rend the heavens and come down, O God of all the ages! Rouse us from sleep, deliver us from our heedless ways, and form us into a watchful people, that, at the advent of your Son, he may find us doing what is right, mindful of all you command. Grant this through him, whose coming is certain, whose day draws near, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

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**