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ASSUMPTION OF MARY

WEEKLY MASS LEAFLET UPDATES:

Email to : info@stmichaelsblackrock.ie

BAPTISMS: Please contact the parish office.

MARRIAGES: Minimum 3 months notice required by Church and State. Pre-marriage course required.

Mass Times

Sundays: 9 am & 11 am
Working Holy Days: 10 am & 7.30 pm
Monday to Friday: 10 am
Saturday Vigil: 6.00 pm
Fr Colin Doocey Adm. Pro Tem



Recently Deceased

Breda Geary, Rosegreen Avenue
May the light of heaven surround her always.



My Soul Glorifies
the Lord



This weekend we listen to the beautiful gospel of the Visitation as Mary proclaims her response to God in the *Magnificat*.

Increasingly in the current landscape, it is difficult for people of faith to chat and to be heard. Discussions about faith and prayer have been driven into a private world. However, Mary the Mother of God, is a member of our family of faith. She is present to us at all times. We do not go silent about Mary as our mother. We all need her as our mother.

This weekend, we make her words and her attitude our own as we join with her and say, 'my soul glorifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.

Fr. Michael

BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Church Gate Collection last weekend
Your support as always, is greatly appreciated.

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

Welcome to the celebration of Mass

We have placed **yellow spots** to highlight where people should sit.

FACE MASKS MUST BE WORN IN THE CHURCH.

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.
Many thanks for your help and we hope you all keep well.



Baptisms

Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism resumed last weekend. These are such joyful moments and families who have been so patient over the last year are encouraged to contact the parish to make arrangements for baptisms.

Parish Finance – Thank You

Many people now use the Donate Button on the Parish website to support the parish and priests. This is really appreciated in these challenging times for everyone.

Welcome and Thank You

We are so grateful to our volunteer stewards, church collectors, parish ministries and parish volunteers who continue to make sure that we can gather confidently and safely for Mass. *Go raibh maith agat.*



WHAT THE PAPERS SAY...

Irish Catholic. (1). Mary Kenny: The IRA man who prayed for those he had killed in Listowel, every day for the rest of his life. (2) This week marks the centenary of the murder of Fr. James Coyle who stood up for his flock in the US Deep South (3) Can the Church profit from Italy's Olympics 'Summer of Gold'? (4) 'No greater love'. - Fr. Con Cronin warmly remembered as a man of openness and humour

Catholic Voice. (1). Be Catholic to save the world by grace! Some words of encouragement from the Early Church. (2) Kuravilangad, India, Oldest Mariam Santurary in the World. (3). Of course we are spiritual - we are born that way

Tablet. (1) Religious life in Ireland. - in search of an ending. (2). Ethiopia's man made crisis. - the forgotten famine

Messenger. Justin Kilcullen: Acting on Climate Change. - A Christian Vocation

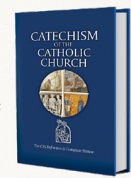
PARISH DEFIBRILLATORS

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**

DIOCESE OF CORK AND ROSS CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH ADULT STUDIES

"The Catechism of the Catholic Church presents the faithful with the perennial teaching of the Church so that they can grow in their understanding of the faith.

But it especially seeks to draw our contemporaries - with their new and varied problems - to the Church, as she seeks to present the faith as the meaningful answer to human existence at this moment of history". *Franciscus*



GROUP 1 COMMENCING
Monday 6th September 2021
TIME 7.30pm - 9.00pm
VENUE Ballinlough Parish Pastoral Centre
SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR
Mgr. Gearóid Dullea

GROUP 2 COMMENCING
Tuesday 7th September 2021
TIME 7.30pm - 9.00pm
VENUE St. Dominic's Retreat Centre, Ennismore
SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR
Fr. Pontianus Jajla

Pre-booking is essential. Places limited to 10.

All enquiries and booking must be made prior to Friday 3rd September. All classes will be fully compliant with Government & HSE Covid-19 guidelines.

To book call Máirín on 087 795 0325



LEARNING AND
LIVING OUR
CATHOLIC FAITH

These studies are open to all adults who wish to have a deeper understanding of the Catholic Faith.

All are welcome to attend!

FOR INFORMATION & BOOKING CONTACT Máirín Ní Shúilleabháin, B. Div., Co-ordinator,
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Under the current Covid circumstances, Fr. Colin has generously offered the poor box near the exit as a collection point for SVP. If you wish to contribute any time, it would be appreciated. Thank you.



For many years, I've undertaken an annual charity cycle for Peter McVerry SJ. The Peter McVerry Trust continues to help many, many young people in trouble, providing support, therapy and housing. The cause is very good and you, the subscribers, have been very generous in the past. To donate online go to : kieran@70wexford2021
Thanks for donations already received from Blackrock Kieran O'Mahony OSA

If you would like to receive a weekly commentary on the Weekly Scripture Readings, both in AUDIO and in PDF, please log on to www.tarsus.ie and register to receive the emails.

Thought for the day

While we are used to thinking of Mary as enjoying exceptional privileges as a human being, on this day what happened to her, being in God's presence as a whole human being, prefigures our future as well. So this is a feast which looks backwards to the grace Mary enjoyed, but also forward to our own future in God's presence. We too, we believe, will stand before God with all the saints, fully present to God. Even if we cannot really picture such a future, we believe nevertheless in a God who loves all that we are, our bodies, our relationships, our history, our engagement in the real world.

Prayer

Today, creator and redeemer God, we rejoice! We look forward to our sharing in those gifts in the world to come, when we will stand in your presence with all the saints. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

K O'Mahony OSA

Reflections

1. The story of the Visitation is a story of two pregnant women reaching out to one another. For those of you who are mothers, perhaps you have been in that situation. What blessings do you recall in such encounters?

2. The story and the song of Mary are both celebrating the work of God in their lives. When have you been particularly grateful for what was happening in your life? How did you express and celebrate your thanks?

3. Mary is praised for believing that God's promise to her would be fulfilled. How has your trust in God's promise to be with you helped you in your life?

4. Read the Magnificat a few times slowly and let your attention stay with whatever words or phrase you are drawn to. Place yourself in the position of the one saying the prayer. Let it be your prayer of thanksgiving for your own life.

PRAYER

Faithful to your promise, O God, you have lifted up the lowly, clothing with heavenly splendour the woman who bore Christ, our life and resurrection. Grant that the Church, prefigured in Mary, may bear Christ to the world and come to share his triumph. 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.

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



MASS CARDS

We have received a supply of the Packet of 12 Mass Cards. Like everything else during Lockdown they have doubled in price. We will sell any parishioner a single Mass Card signed by the priests of the parish - the cost €1.00 per card plus the Stipend for the Mass.