

# St Michael's Parish Blackrock Cork

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22/08/2021 21st. Sunday Ordinary Time.

WEEKLY MASS LEAFLET UPDATES:

Email to : [info@stmichaelsblackrock.ie](mailto: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**



## Baptisms

**Aisling Julie Doolan.**  
**Chloe Norah Murphy.**  
**Jude Stephen Gibbs.**  
**Abigail Billie-Mary Gibbs.**  
**Cormac James O'Neill.**

*We welcome them into the Christian Family*



## Corcaigh Aba



There is a great sense of excitement this weekend for the All-Ireland Senior Hurling Final. Best wishes to the Rockies involved in the Seniors, Minors and the already successful Under 20's. Can we say that there is a sense of normality about all of this in what has been otherwise, extraordinary times!

The last line of the gospel this weekend is important when Peter says to Jesus 'to whom shall we go, you have the message of eternal life'. Peter speaks for all of us when he both asks and answers his own question. We do the right thing when we put our trust in God and when we are at Mass.

This weekend, we are part of a faith community at Mass as well as a great sporting community and county. May the Lord bless and strengthen our parish and community as we trust in God and in one another. St. Michael, pray for us.

*Fr. Michael*

**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.

## Sacraments of

### First Holy Communion and Confirmation

Bishop Fintan has written to parishes this week to say that these celebrations are not to take place at this time and hopefully the promised government announcement at the end of the month will bring some clarity as to when it is safe to resume.

## 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). Fr. Rolheiser: Without meeting for Mass, our community would eventually fall apart. (2) Fr. Bernard Cotter: Priests are defenceless against slanders told with glee. (3) Concern as almost half of Premier League shirts feature betting companies. (4) David Quinn: We cannot allow scandals to deter us from the Christian life. (5) 'Trailblazer' Nano Nagle deserves national recognition says new exhibition's creator

**Catholic Voice.** (1) Of course we are spiritual. - we are born that way. (2) Be Catholic to save the world by grace! Some words of encouragement from the Early Church

**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". *Francis*

<b>GROUP 1 COMMENCING</b> <b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021</b> <b>TIME</b> 7.30pm - 9.00pm <b>VENUE</b> Ballinlough Parish Pastoral Centre <b>SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR</b> Mgr. Gearóid Dullea	<b>GROUP 2 COMMENCING</b> <b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021</b> <b>TIME</b> 7.30pm - 9.00pm <b>VENUE</b> St. Dominic's Retreat Centre, Ennismore <b>SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR</b> Fr. Pontianus Jaffa
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**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!**

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## Thoughts

Our journey through John Six comes to a close in the final scene between Jesus and Peter as spokesperson for the Twelve. At the centre stands one of the many great questions in the Fourth Gospel: "will you also go away?" Perhaps in the past we would have glided over such a question, but today that is impossible. Even before the pandemic, many had "gone away." I do not have in mind here mere church attendance but rather walking away from the Christian faith as such.

It does raise a question for "the remainers": can I identify for myself why am I still engaged in the great adventure of the faith? The extra video on the Gospel names the experience of Peter and his journey of faith, inviting us to do to the same.



**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 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](mailto:kieran@70wexford2021) 18th Sept 2021  
**TARGET : €10,000 TO DATE : €4905**  
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](http://www.tarsus.ie) and register to receive the emails.

## Thought for the day

"Do you also wish to go away" has a very contemporary feel to it, as so many have indeed gone away. It does raise questions: Why am I still here? What still draws me? Our personal response very likely takes some form of "we have come to believe and we know." We should not be afraid to name the experiences which ground our convictions and so make sense of our continued faithfulness.

## Prayer

*Mysterious God, your Word to us in Christ reaches deeply into the human heart, drawing us towards you. May we never lose heart and continue on the great pilgrimage of the Gospel.*

*K O'Mahony OSA*

## Reflections

1. In this chapter Jesus teaches that the meaning of his life, and the meaning of all human life, lies in being prepared to give of oneself. When have you learned that life was more worthwhile when you were prepared to do that?

2. "This teaching is difficult", complained his hearers, including some of his own followers. Perhaps at times you also have wondered if you could go along with it. What helped you to overcome your resistance?

3. "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the message of eternal life." In the midst of your doubts perhaps you have held on to belief because, like Peter, Jesus offered you a more hopeful message than you could find anywhere else. How has the gospel message been more attractive to you than any other?

4. "The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life". Recall the teachings of Jesus have particularly spoken to you.

## PRAYER

*In every age, O God, you give your people freedom to walk in faith or turn away. Grant us grace to remain faithful to your Holy One, whose words are spirit and life, Jesus Christ, our Lord, 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**

**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.