St Michael's Parish Blackrock Cork

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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 George Robert Flanagan. Isabel Isla Nagle.



We welcome them into the Christian Family

Recently Deceased Sheila Fitzgerald, Silverdale Road May the light of heaven surround her always.

SACRAMENTS OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION:

Friday 10th. September @6.30pm. BEAUMONT GIRLS SCHOOL - CONFIRMATION. Saturday 11th. September @ 11.00am. BEAUMONT GIRLS SCHOOL - FIRST HOLY COMMUNION.

Friday 17th. September @ 6.30pm. **BEAUMONT BOYS SCHOOL - CONFIRMATION.** Saturday 18th. September @ 11.00am. BEAUMONT BOYS SCHOOL - FIRST HOLY COMMUNION.

Friday 24th. September @ 6.30pm. Scoil Ursula - CONFIRMATION. Saturday 25th. September @ 11.00am. Scoil Ursula - FIRST HOLY COMMUNION.

WHAT THE PAPERS SAY ...

Irish Catholic. (1). Bro. Kevin, Fr. Peter McVerry, Sr. Stan & Michael Kelly react to the Government 'turning to the Church asking for land for housing'.

(2) Pope Francis names religious sister to no.2 position in Vatican's social development office

(3) David Quinn: Our young people deserve so much more from sex education

(4) Nuala O'Loan: I miss those who used to join us for Mass, and we need to invite them back

Messenger: (1) Fr. Peter McVerry: Does God have favourites? (2) Feature -- What is a Catholic school? (3) Fr. Tom Cox: In God we trust

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



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

Covid 19 is still in our community despite all the vaccinations. Therefore, we would encourage parishioners to observe the Social Distancing quidelines for the foreseeable future. The stewards are there to assist you for communion and

FACE MASKS MUST BE WORN IN THE CHURCH.

both halves of the church.

Thank you.

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pews. Wait until the steward gives you the signal that it is

safe to proceed. Sections marked 1 will proceed first from

the back followed by section 2 and then 3 from the front,

always following the direction of the arrows. Please wait

until you are called by the steward. This template refers to

Minister for Fucharist



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Thoughts

WEEKLY MASS LEAFLET UPDATES:

Email to : info@stmichaelsblackrock.ie

23rd. Sunday Ordinary Time.

The story of the deaf man, with an impediment in his speech, is of interest for its own sake, being easily the most graphic miracle in Mark. At the same time, the place given the story within the Gospel narrative opens a window on the world of Mark's community. Peering through that window, suddenly the story has an unsuspected significance and power, both then and now.

Anam Cara Cork

Anam Cara would like to invite yo to join us for an online Bereavement



Information and Support Evening taking AnamCara place 16th September at 7pm. This events will give you an opportunity to hear a bereavement professional talk about the difficult challenges and many milestones grieving a child of any age has on you and your family. If you would like to join us please register here https:// bit.ly/3Dzyphc or contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 85 288 8888

Cork Autism Online Conference 2021 -Thriving with Autism. Sunday, October 17th.

This online conference offers interventions, skills and strategies to support people on the autism spectrum. Suitable for Parents, Families, Caregivers, Autistics, Employers, Educators, Professionals, Agencies, Advocates and anyone with an interest in autism. Visit: www.autismcork.ie

Legion of Mary Centenary

Bishop Fintan Gavin will be the celebrant at the Thanksgiving Mass to mark the Centenary of the First Meeting of the Legion of Mary. It will take place at the Cathedral of St Mary & St Anne at 7:30pm on Tuesday 7th September (the anniversary date). Legion prayers will be recited at 7:10pm. Auxiliaries and former active members are invited to attend. The Mass will be live-streamed to facilitate those unable to attend.

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, foggers, 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.

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

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.

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.









BAPTISMS: Please contact the parish office. **MARRIAGES:** Minimum 3 months notice required by Church and State. Pre-marriage course required.

Thought for the day

he five senses enable us to engage with others, with the world and with reality in general. We realise their significance when for whatever reason our senses no longer "work" as well as before. The senses are also used in a transferred meaning, especially hearing and seeing, to point to faith.

Hence it is that at Baptism a special and quite beautiful prayer is said over the newly baptised. It is prayer we can use again and again all our lives.

The Lord Jesus made the deaf hear and the dumb speak. May he soon touch your ears to receive his word, and your mouth to proclaim his faith, to the praise and glory of God the Father. Amen.

K O'Mahony OSA

Reflections

1. The healing of the deaf mute provides us with an opportunity to reflect on the importance of communication in our lives. The healing touch of Jesus brought the man from isolation into community. Who have been the people who touched you when you felt isolated and alone and helped you to come out of painful aloneness? For whom have you done this?

2. Deafness is symbolic of being unable to hear what is being said to us. What a difference when our ears are opened! Perhaps you can recall a time when your ears were opened and you heard in a new way that you were loved by God or by another person.

3. Words are not the only form of communication. Actions can speak louder than words. Recall times when this was brought home to you.

4. Being able to say what is in you is the other side of communication. Perhaps there have been occasions when you have struggled to find words to express what is deepest in you—your faith, your values, your love. Then something changed and you found the words. What was it like to be able to express your deepest self?

PRAYER

Open our ears to your redeeming word and move our hearts by the strength of your love, so that our every word and work may proclaim as Messiah, Jesus the Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL Monthly Church Gate collection will take place on w/e 4th/5th September Your support as always, is greatly appreciated.

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.