

St Michael's Parish Blackrock Cork

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17/10/2021 29th. Sunday Ordinary Time.

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



Baptisms

Tommy Finbarr Glavin.
Lisa Urszula Rueck.
Krystian Rueck.
Hannah Marie Sullivan.
We welcome them into the Christian Family



Notices

Priests Retreat

The priests of the Diocese and religious in diocesan appointments had a very prayerful and successful retreat during the past week in East Cork. Those involved really got a sense that people were praying for them and supporting them.

November Novena (2nd – 10th November)

The November Novena Lists and envelopes are available from the church and you invited to return the Lists and envelopes for the start of the Novena on the Feast of All Souls on 2nd November. May all those who have died now rest in the peace of the Lord as we remember and pray for them this year.

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.

Synodal Pathway Launch

Bishop Fintan will celebrate Mass in the Cathedral of St. Mary and St. Anne on Sunday 17th October at 11.30am to launch the Synodal Pathway in the Diocese of Cork and Ross.

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



Pandemic restrictions

You will be aware that there have been changes to the restrictions regarding attendance in churches which became effective last week. The new restrictions allow us to celebrate Mass with the church occupied to 50% of its capacity. Our church in Blackrock has a capacity of 796, therefore, to comply with restrictions the church could seat 398 people.

To ensure continued confidence in attendance at Mass we have decided as an interim measure to increase the current capacity from 100 to 150 people, to do this we are amending current protocols as follows:

- The pews were arranged to be 1 metre apart at the beginning of Covid and this will remain unchanged.
- There is no longer a requirement to divide the church into 2 separate parts.
- Stewards will continue to assist the congregation identify suitable seats, at communion and for entering and exiting the church.
- Two Ministers of the Eucharist will be situated half way to distribute to the lower half of the church.

To maintain appropriate distancing between the congregation, we will **continue to sit and stand** (as appropriate) rather than kneel. We will continue to receive communion as heretofore. These procedures will be reviewed in October in line with government guidelines.



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

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**



Thoughts

The Gospel addresses in a very engaging way a constant risk/temptation: the imitation of the power structures of the world. Hierarchy does not come from higher-arch but you could be forgiven for thinking it might. As Jesus bluntly says: not so among you!

WHAT THE PAPERS SAY...

Irish Catholic. (1) Fr. Bernard Cotter: Quite an experience searching for Mass in France (2) TV/Radio with Brendan O'Regan: Questions cropping up about the seal of Confession (3) John L. Allen Jr's Letter from Rome: In money and sex abuse cases, Vatican tribunal shows some spine (4) Three Swiss guards resign over newly-enacted Vatican vaccine mandate (5) Michael Kelly: Irish Synod can be grace-filled ... Or a headline chasing waste of time

Messenger. (1) A favourite day for Pope Francis (2) Fr. Brendan Mc.Manus SJ: Why I left IT to join the Jesuits. (3) Fr. Peter McVerry SJ: Is prayer a waste of time?

Propagation of the Faith

The second collection at all Masses w/e 23rd & 24th October.

Scoil Barra Naofa Buachaillí
Beaumont Boys School

Enrolling online
October 1st – 22nd 2021

Online Open Night
21st October at 7.30pm

See www.beaumontboys.ie for further details

Thought for the day

As such, ambition is not quite neutral. We are called to be ambitious, that is, to use our gifts, to inhabit our strengths, to be of real service. St Paul says, be ambitious for the higher gifts. It is not that ambition as such is harmful; however, in the common experience, ambition can be destructively egocentric and based on distorted motivation.

Read Less

Prayer

Set our hearts free, O Lord, that we may desire what you desire and love what you love. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

K O'Mahony OSA

Reflections

1. Jesus had spent much time teaching his followers that discipleship was a life of service, a life giving oneself for others. In spite of that, James and John were thinking of what they could get out of it. For Jesus, for the apostles, and for each one of us, the glory of God is revealed when we allow God to work through us as we give ourselves for others. When have you found that you reach a fuller life and others benefit when you act in this spirit of service?

2. One of the great problems in a community, a parish or an organisation, is when you have some people jockeying for status and positions of power. The good of the group and the people it serves take second place to personal prestige. You have probably seen this happen. Perhaps you have also witnessed people with a spirit of service that allowed them to value the good of the group over personal rewards. Recall them and give thanks for their witness.

3. Jesus himself is the great model of this spirit of service. Think of the aspects of Jesus' life and ministry that have inspired you to imitate his giving of his life for others. Read Less

Prayer

Most glorious God, in Jesus you show us that your will is to save. Grant to us your people the boldness to desire a place in your kingdom, the courage to drink the cup of suffering and the grace to find in service the glory of your promise.

Grant 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.

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.