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21/11/2021 Christ the King

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

Kodi David Ahern.
Ryan Samuel Amor.
Katie Hannah Ryan.
Liam Thomas Cashman.

We welcome them into the Christian Family



Recently Deceased

Joan Collins, Avonlea
Martin Kearney, Ballinsheen Court
Eugene O'Brien, Kilbrack Lawn.
May the light of heaven surround them always.



Christ the King

This Sunday we honour Christ the King. Where is Jesus seen as King and where is His throne? The answer is simple and clear. Jesus is King on His throne which is the Cross. Jesus, as King is sitting on His throne and judging us. The powerful thing is that Jesus judges us with love and mercy. He judges because He has taken the last place in the world.



He has put everyone in the world ahead of Himself. He is a King sitting on a perfect throne. In the second reading, it says that he loves us and it goes on to say that 'he has made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father'. Jesus has put His own royal blood in our veins. He has put his nature into our veins and our hearts. What is the nature of Jesus? His nature is love.

We are heading into challenging and uncertain times again. May Jesus keep us all safe as we turn to Him as our Lord and King this weekend.

Fr. Michael

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



WHAT THE PAPERS SAY...

Irish Catholic. (1) Fr. Finbarr O'Leary of Inchigeela — From tilling the land to sowing God's work (2) Spanish bill criminalising prayer near abortion clinics called a 'danger to democracy' (3) Breda O'Brien: Learning to trust in God's infinite goodness. (4) The Sunday Gospel with Fr. Sylvester O'Flynn: Jesus Christ, the Universal King (5) Michael Kelly: Faith formation remains at the heart of the renewal of the Church

Catholic Voice. (1) Relationships and Sexuality Education in Catholic Schools 2021 — Serving two Masters? Part 1. (2) Mary Kearns: Priesthood is not a Career. (3) Bishop Michael Nazir-Ali — A Worthy Successor to St. John Fisher

Tablet. (1) The Church and Modernity — Defending Democracy. (2) Women's Interfaith Council — Sisters of Peace. (3) U.K. dioceses reflect on new vision of Church

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.

TROCAIRE SPECIAL COLLECTION:

trócaire
Working for a just world.

The Bishops of Ireland are asking parishes throughout the country to undertake a Special Church Collection to invite people to support Trocaire in its work to alleviate the humanitarian crises in Africa. They expressed particular support for the people of East Africa where up to 30million people in Somalia, Ethiopia, Sudan and South Sudan, Kenya, Uganda and the DRC are currently facing life threatening food shortages.

THIS SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE TAKEN UP
w/e 20th/21st NOVEMBER, 2021.

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CORK LIONS CLUB
DRIVE-IN BINGO
Christmas FOOD APPEAL
IN AID OF LOCAL CHARITIES AND CHRISTMAS FOOD APPEAL
CURRAHEEN GREYHOUND STADIUM CAR PARK
SUNDAY DEC 5th 2:00pm
GATES OPEN 1:20pm Books €10each
MEETS SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES
BUY BINGO BOOKS ONLINE
WWW.CORKLIONSCLUB.IE

Tarsus Scripture School
A CHILD IS BORN FOR US!
Advent + Christmas 2021
Jessie Rogers
"Restorer of life and nourisher of old age" (Ruth 4:15)
Sean Goan
"This happened to fulfil the Scriptures" (Matthew 1:2)
Kieran O'Mahony
"Let us go now to Bethlehem" (Luke 1:25)
Book online: www.tarsusscriptureschool.ie
Email: hello@tarsusscriptureschool.ie

Christ the King" by Malcolm Guite

Our King is calling from the hungry furrows
Whilst we are cruising through the aisles of plenty,
Our hoardings screen us from the man of sorrows,
Our soundtracks drown his murmur: 'I am thirsty'.
He stands in line to sign in as a stranger
And seek a welcome from the world he made,
We see him only as a threat, a danger,
He asks for clothes, we strip-search him instead.
And if he should fall sick then we take care
That he does not infect our private health,
We lock him in the prisons of our fear
Lest he unlock the prison of our wealth.
But still on Sunday we shall stand and sing
The praises of our hidden Lord and King.



Medjugorje Pilgrimage

June 15th to 22nd 2022
flying Cork to Dubrovnik
(morning flight) with

Aer Lingus staying in Hotel Leone. Spiritual Director Fr. Ted Sheehan. Cost pps €699.00 half board if booked and paid in full by December 10th), €749.00 thereafter. Deposit of €250.00 secures place. COVID insurance cover included in cost. Contact Sean O'Shaughnessy 0862959380



During the month of November, we remember all who have gone before us marked with the Sign of Faith.
May they rest in peace.

Thought for the day

It is possible to contrast the various philosophies and religions as systems of ideas and as ethical paradigms. What is distinctive of Christianity, however, is the centrality of the person of Jesus. In his own ministry, he proclaimed the Good News of the reign of God. The Good News for Paul is Jesus' death and resurrection. Christianity is different: we have not only a message but a person to proclaim.

Prayer

O Christ, you stand at the very centre of our existence as believers. Show yourself to us and help us to know you, love and serve you. Amen.

K O'Mahony OSA

Reflections

1. The feast we have today and the gospel give us an opportunity to reflect on the different ways in which we, and others, exercise influence and leadership. The authority of Pilate came from position and power. The authority of Jesus came from his integrity and what he stood for. Recall leaders you have known whose influence was like that of Jesus.

2. The values of the kingdom of God cannot be imposed. It is never a matter of fighting battles, or forcing others into compliance. Perhaps through experience you have learned the limitations of the use of force, as a parent, a teacher, a group leader. What has been the good news, the learnings for you, in this?

3. Jesus came to bear witness to the truth and we are all created for a purpose. What do you believe is the purpose of your life? Recall times when you have been able to bear witness to this. What fruit has this witness had for yourself and/or others?

PRAYER

Almighty and eternal God, to Jesus Christ, first-born from the dead, you have granted everlasting dominion and a kingship that shall not pass away. Remove from us every desire for privilege and power, that we may imitate the sacrificial love of Christ our King, and, as a royal and priestly people, serve you humbly in our brothers and sisters. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Advent/Christmas 'Hearers of the Word'

'On the whole, in addition to its usefulness for Liturgical planning, *Hearers of the Word* stands as a solid resource for adult Faith Formation as faith renewal groups".
Book review by Mary Adamson

Available from Messenger.ie

