St Michael's Parish Blackrock Cork

21/11/2021

Christ the King

WEEKLY MASS LEAFLET UPDATES:

BAPTISMS: Please contact the parish office.

MARRIAGES: Minimum 3 months notice required by

Church and State. Pre-marriage course required.

Mass Times

9 am & 11 am **Sundays:** Working Holy Days: 10 am & 7.30 pm

Email: info@stmichaelsblackrock.ie

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



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.

le 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

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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:

The Bishops of Ireland are asking parishes throughout the country

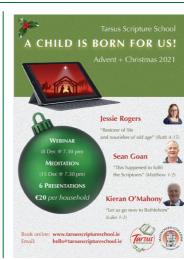
to undertake a Special Church Collection to invite people to support Trocaire in its work to alleviate the humanitarian crises in Africa.

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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Christ the King" by Malcolm Guite

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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. KO'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,

others, exercise influence and leadership. The authority of Pilate came from position and power. The authority of

came from his integrity and what he stood for. Recall leaders you have known whose influence was like that of

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

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