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WEEKLY MASS LEAFLET UPDATES: Email to : info@stmichaelsblackrock.ie

Mass Times

Sundays: 9 am & 11 am
Working Holy Days: 10 am
Monday to Friday: 10 am
Saturday Vigil: 6.00 pm
Fr Colin Doocey Adm. Pro Tem



Recently Deceased

Eddie Beale, Marian Park
May the light of heaven surround him always.



BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The Collection last Sunday raised €2120
A great response and support from parishioners.
Thanks to all collectors.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION DATES:

Scoil Ursula. 31st March
Beaumont Girls School. 01st April
Beaumont Boys School. 06th April

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DATES:

Beaumont Girls School. 14th. May
Beaumont Boys School. 21st. May
Scoil Ursula. 28th. May



The Church must go out into the streets



JOY OF THE GOSPEL

I prefer a Church which is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been out on the streets, rather than a Church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security. I do not want a Church concerned with being at the centre and then ends by being caught up in a web of obsessions and procedures. If something should rightly disturb us and trouble our consciences, it is the fact that so many of our brothers and sisters are living without the strength, light and consolation born of friendship with Jesus Christ, without a community of faith to support them, without meaning and a goal in life.

More than by fear of going astray, my hope is that we will be moved by the fear of remaining shut up within structures which give us a false sense of security, within rules which make us harsh judges, within habits which make us feel safe, while at our door people are starving and Jesus does not tire of saying to us: "Give them something to eat" (Mk 6:37)." (49)

BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL

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.

WHAT THE PAPERS SAY...

Messenger. (1) Archbishop Dermot Farrell of Dublin gives an encouraging and forward looking approach to the challenge of climate change. (2) Healthcare chaplain Margaret Naughton knows the important role of compassion in the work of any chaplain. (3) Adult and Children's crosswords.

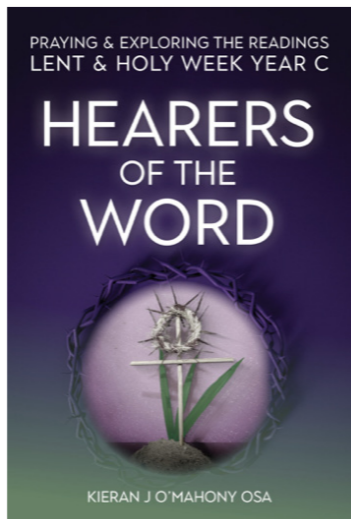
Irish Catholic. (1) Elise Ann Allen: European cardinals call for major Church changes. (2) Fourth Anglian bishop in a year joins Catholic Church in UK. (3) Picture Feature — Ballyphehane parishioners welcome Bishop Fintan's first visit. (4) Breda O'Brien: Trying new things instead of waiting for them.

Catholic Voice. (1) Mother Miriam of the Lamb of God O.S.B.: Road Map to the Survival of the Catholic Family. (2) Mons. Charles Pope: Three under-appreciated acclamations of Eucharistic Piety (3) Conor Gallagher: Spiritual Contagions — the dangers of Modernism(4) Fr. Dana Ambrose Christensen: Let us give ourselves completely to Mary.

Tablet. (1) Canon lawyer 'terrified' by young conservative seminarians (2) Diocese of Milwaukee issues transgender policy document. (3) Children of the ordained —. The right to see a father's face.

Cork Scripture Group and announcing our Spring Module for 2022 and we invite you all to think about coming along.

The module is entitled "After Paul: Exploring the New Testament Letters of John, 1 Peter and James." Fr John Newman, Fr Sean O'Sullivan and Sr Sheila Curran will be our presenters and all sessions, including the workshop, will be held in Scala, Blackrock on Mondays 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th March with the workshop on Saturday 26th. There will be the usual fee of €50 which will cover the Monday nights and the Saturday workshop. Booking is essential and if you would like to attend the course, please email us at corkscrepturegroup@gmail.com. We will also ask everyone to supply a mobile number in case we need to contact people about any last minute changes.



Lent Readings available from Messenger Publications www.messenger.ie



Tarsus Scripture School Programme for Lent and Easter 2022

Inspiration

Since Covid, we've all been obliged to take stock and look at ourselves. What is it I really want deep down? When am I flourishing? How to live so as to flourish?

One contemporary way of reading the beatitudes is to replace the word "blessed" or "happy" with the word "flourishing." This is recommended by Jonathan T. Pennington in his book The Sermon on the Mount and Human Flourishing (2017).

With the translation adjusted in this way, the sense of being invited to something more, something richer is very much in place. Happiness is not just a feeling, it is a way of being from within. In our better moments, we all recognise this, even if only by a fleeting glance. And Jesus' teaching speaks directly to our inner selves, to the heart always in pilgrimage.

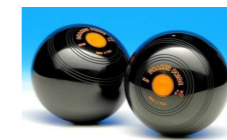


Anam Cara West Cork, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on Tuesday 15th February at 7:20pm in the Munster Arms Hotel, Bandon. This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents.



Ballinlough Men's Retirement Club

meets every Wednesday afternoon from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm in Ballinlough Community Centre. Enjoy a game of Short Mat Bowls (Bowls supplied by the club) in an atmosphere of fun and camaraderie or just drop in for a chat and a 'cuppa'. New members welcome. Members must be fully vaccinated or completely recovered from Covid 19. Contact person: Noel 085 1615 360.



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



Medjugorje Pilgrimage

ex Cork June 15th - 22nd. €749 pps Spiritual Director Fr Ted Sheehan. Contact Sean O'Shaughnessy 0862959380 to secure place. Limited availability. Full COVID travel insurance included.

Thought for the day

We all know from experience that happiness can be confused with all sorts of things — enjoyment, getting my own way, pleasure etc. We also all know — in our heart of hearts — that true happiness is not something that I have for myself but something that I am with others. Rather than something I possess, it is something that I am, with my values and vision. The paradox of human life is that we attain happiness not by aiming at it for ourselves but only making other people the focus of our lives and loves. In the words of St Paul: Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. (Rom 13:8)

Prayer

God of our happiness, give us the wisdom that you alone can give so that we also may be wise and come to life in abundance, according to your will.

K O'Mahony OSA

Reflections

- 1. We are told that Jesus "fixed his eyes on the disciples" before speaking. It suggests that he was about to say something that he really wanted them to take in. Surprisingly he then tells them it is no bad thing for us to be poor or hungry. But perhaps you have recognised the truth in what St. Augustine said "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you."
2. "Blessed are you who weep" is not an encouragement to be miserable. Rather it is an affirmation of the importance of loving relationships in life. We are blessed to have such people in our lives, but there may also be pain. Yet is it not true that the blessing of loving and being loved is worth the price you pay?
3. Jesus said that his followers would be open to opposition and ridicule because of him, and they are blessed when this happens. Unpleasant it may, but have you not been grateful on those occasions when you had the courage to stand by something that you believed in?

PRAYER

O God, who alone can satisfy our deepest hungers, protect us from the lure of wealth and power; move our hearts to seek first your kingdom, that ours maybe the security and joy of those who place their trust in you.

We make our prayer through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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