# St Michaels Parish Blackrock, Cork

# 27/03/2022 4th Sunday of Lent

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## **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 Ten

#### **EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** 1st. APRIL, 2022.

Morning Mass at 9.30am. Sacrament of Confirmation -Beaumont Girls School at 11.00am.

putting their names on the list.

Rosary & Benediction at 5pm.

**EXPOSITION WILL COMMENCE AT 2PM.** 

Special Collection for Ukraine

Weekend of 26 -27

**March 2022** 

SCHOOLS USING THE CHURCH UNTIL 1.45PM.

There are sheets on the tables in the Church where

we would appreciate volunteers to fill these times by

Parishioners can indicate the times most suitable for them

to be present. We would like that there would be at least

2 people present for each period. If there are vacant periods

"In the name of God I ask

you: stop this massacre!"

- Pope Francis

**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

The proceeds of this Special Collection will be directed to

Caritas Internationalis which is the helping hand of the

Church on the ground in Ukraine and surrounding areas.



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WHAT THE PAPERS SAY... Irish Catholic. (1). Fr. Rolheiser: When did we lose basic

pastoral and missionary sense

Jesus take care of everything.

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A Coffee Morning will be held on

Your support would be greatly

Sunday March 27th in the Parish Centre

respect for each other. (2) Preparing to be born again --

Thirteen adults due to receive the sacraments of Baptism,

Confirmation and Holy Comminion in three Cork parishes

at the Easter Vigil. (3) Ukrainian Catholic archbishop decries

terrible toll of Russia's war. (4) Mary Kenny: Teaching the

EU truths about Irish history. (5) David Quinn: The Sydod ---

We are called to be more energised Christians with a stronger

Catholic Voice: (1) Saint Margaret Clitherow. (2) Mary

Kearns: Priesthood is not a Career. (3) Mrs. Rita Brennan,

Grandmother: Catholic Education -- Back to the Future.

(4) Maura Roan McKeegan: The Surrender Novena -- Let

# WEEKLY MASS LEAFLET UPDATES:

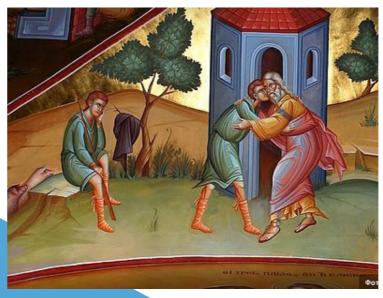
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### Inspiration

The readings in Lent are really powerful and the selection for this Sunday confirms the richness: home-coming and reconciliation, feasting and celebration and much else besides.

#### **Annual Mass for former &** deceased members of Scouting Ireland

Our Annual Mass for former and deceased members is being held at 7pm on the 21st April in the Church of the African Missions, Blackrock Road, Cork.



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**Annual Mass for People with Parkinsons** Bishop Fintan Gavin, Bishop of Cork and Ross will officiate at a very special Mass for People with Parkinsons, their families and friends to take place in St. Patricks Church, Rochestown, Cork on Wednesday 27th of April at 7.00 pm. Bishop Fintan will celebrate the Mass and it promises to be a very uplifting and spiritual experience. The ceremony will include The Sacrament of the Sick and singing by the Perpetual Motion Choir. Everyone is welcome to attend, either in person or by livestream and we extend an invitation to all people with an interest in Parkinson's throughout Ireland to join us. Refreshments will be provided to the congregation after the ceremony.

Anam Cara Cork, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding it's monthly Parent Evening for AnamCara bereaved parents on Wednesday 6th April at 7:15pm in the Clayton Hotel, Silver Springs, Cork City. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. We also offer an online service. For more info

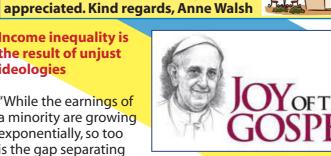
### **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:**

Thursday 31st. March – Scoil Ursula at 11.00am. Morning Mass that day 9.30am.









Coffee

the majority from the prosperity enjoyed by those happy few. This imbalance is the result of ideologies which defend the absolute autonomy of the marketplace and financial speculation. Consequently, they reject the right of states, charged with vigilance for the common good, to exercise any form of control.

A new tyranny is thus born, invisible and often virtual, which unilaterally and relentlessly imposes its own laws and rules. Debt and the accumulation of interest also make it difficult for countries to realize the potential of their own economies and keep citizens from enjoying their real purchasing power. To all this we can add widespread corruption and self-serving tax evasion, which have taken on worldwide dimensions. The thirst for power and possessions knows no limits. In this system, which tends to devour everything which stands in the way of increased profits, whatever is fragile, like the environment, is defenseless before the interests of a deified market, which become the only rule." (56)

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Adoration for Peace in UKRAINE after 10.30am MASS until 12 Midnight on FRIDAY 8th April in the **Church of the Incarnation Frankfield Grange.** All welcome - please join us.

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Income inequality is the result of unjust ideologies "While the earnings of

a minority are growing exponentially, so too is the gap separating

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

#### Thought for the day

oth sons have misconstrued the relationship with D their father. The older son wants to relate on a basis of servile loyalty (allegorically, the Law). The younger son, on his return, wishes to relate on the basis of confession of sin and desires to be treated as a slave. The father rejects both projections. Servile loyalty and guilt are not unknown in the Christian tradition!

#### Prayer

Abba, Father, show us your compassion and let us know your love. Amen.

K O'Mahony OSA

#### Reflections

1. Like many a parable, this story makes its point in what seems to be unfair: the spendthrift son is rewarded and the elder son is hurt and angry. Jesus is telling us that love is a free gift, not something we earn by our goodness. This is true of human love, and is also true of God's love. When have you experienced this truth in the love you have received from others? When has the experience of human love prompted you to reflect on God's love for you?

2. After some time the younger son "came to himself" and returned home. Where and when have you experienced a homecoming after a time of exile and alienation? What helped you to come to yourself and make that journey home?

3. The older son resented the welcome given to the younger son after his wandering and dissolute life. This contrasts with the welcome the father gave the younger son. Perhaps you have experienced these differing attitudes in yourself. What were they like for you? Where was there life for you or for others?

#### PRAYER

God of compassion, you await the sinner's return and spread a feast to welcome home the lost. Save us from the temptations that lead us away from you, and draw us back by the constancy of your love, that we may take our place in your household and gladly share our inheritance with others. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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