

# St Michaels Parish Blackrock, Cork

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WEEKLY MASS LEAFLET UPDATES:

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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

Monday to Friday: 10 am

Saturday Vigil: 6.00 pm

Fr Colin Doocey Adm. Pro Tem



## Baptisms

Scarlett Rose Stubbs.

Theodore Gerard Horgan.

Allie May O'Callaghan.

Sam David O'Driscoll.

Darragh Christopher Bridgeman.



We welcome them into the Christian Family

## Parish Confirmations

Congratulations to the pupils of Scoil Ursula and Beaumont Girls School who received the sacrament of Confirmation during the past week and best wishes to Beaumont Boys School 6th class who will be confirmed on Wednesday next. All of these young people are receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit at this time in their lives. They are blessed with the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit to direct, guide and inspire them for their future.

May they be filled with courage, wisdom and understanding to face the challenges that lie ahead. May they always know that the Holy Spirit will be their constant helper and that they will never be alone or on their own.

We commend their teachers for preparing them for this important milestone. We acknowledge the good work, dedication and commitment of our teachers in our schools. We congratulate their parents, grandparents and families also. We pray for all of them.

Fr Colin



## BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Monthly Church Gate collection will take place on

w/e 2/3 April 2022

Your support as always, is greatly appreciated.

Last Sunday's collection for the **Ukraine Fund** came to €4640. This is a fantastic amount donated by the parishioners of Blackrock and for that we are most grateful.



## 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**

## WHAT THE PAPERS SAY...

**Irish Catholic.** (1) The Sunday Gospel with Fr. Silvester O'Flynn: Go, and sin no more. (2) David Quinn: Whether the review of abortion legislation is window-dressing or serious remains to be seen. (3) Former soccer international Keith Fahy turned faith-filled disciple (4) Niamh Ni Bhriain: We need to support those brave families who know their baby will be born unwell. (5) Michael Kelly: Pope's Vatican reforms are good news — but more needs to be done

**Tablet of 26/3** (1) Pope lays out his bold reforms. (2) Margaret Hebblethwaite: The Annunciation. — One woman's work

**Tablet of 19/3.** (1) The ethics of self-defence. — Resistance, responsibility in modern warfare. (2) USA —. Florida to back parents' rights over children's sexuality classes

**Catholic Voice.** (1) Mary Kearns: Priesthood is not a career. (2). Maura Ruan McKeegan: The Surrender Novena — Let Jesus take care of everything

## HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES 2022

**PALM SUNDAY**  
Blessing of the Palms

**HOLY THURSDAY**  
Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.00 pm  
Holy Hour after at the Altar of Repose

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
Stations of the Cross 12 noon  
Passion of the Lord 3.00pm  
No stations of the Cross on Good Friday evening.

**HOLY SATURDAY**  
Easter Vigil 7.00pm

**EASTER SUNDAY**  
Mass at 9.00am and 11.00am

**CONFESSIONS**  
Mon, Tue, Wed Holy Week after 10.00am Mass.  
After 12.00 Stations and 3.00 Veneration of the Cross

Our celebrant and preacher for the Matt Talbot Novena 7:30pm The Way of the Cross Church, Togher.  
Monday 4th April is **Fr Noel O' Leary S.M.A.**  
Monday 11th April **Rev Canon John Paul Hegarty, PP**  
The Lough Parish.

**Annual Chrism Mass**  
Holy Thursday Morning  
10.00am from the Cathedral.  
Live streamed.



**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.**

## Inspiration

The thread running the readings for the fifth Sunday of Lent should appeal to us all: we need not carry the burden of the past, whether it be moral or existential, our whole lives long. We "do" forgiveness, as we should! It really is possible to start again.

If you would like to read something challenging for Holy Week and Easter, I would suggest this book with its provocative title: *Jesus Wasn't Killed by the Jews. Reflections for Christians in Lent.* It is a short book (122 pages) with 14 compact chapters. The editor, Jon Sweeney, has assembled led an eminent team, both Jewish and Christian, men and women.

Available from Veritas; it can also be found online and for Kindle.



Our Lady of Perpetual Help - Ukrainian Greek Catholic Icon

**Anam Cara Cork**, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding it's monthly Parent Evening for 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



## Thought for the day

The rush to judgment—so evident in our public discourse—is matched only by the resistance to forgiveness. Endlessly, we investigate, accuse, judge. As we all know, what is needed eventually is forgiveness—but where do we find it? In the Christian vision we do not have to carry the burden of our guilt forever precisely "because God in his forbearance had passed over the sins previously committed." (Rom 3:25 NET) In the current idiom, "we do forgiveness" and so we should!

Prayer

God, whose name is mercy, we thank you for your gracious compassion to all. We ask that, as we have received, so we may give and forgive. Amen.

K O'Mahony OSA

## Reflections

1. Compassion for human frailty combined with a gentle challenge to a better life marked the response of Jesus. From whom have you experienced a compassionate challenge? What was that like for you? To whom have you given such a challenge?

2. The Pharisees and scribes self-righteously condemned the woman until Jesus brought them in touch with their own sinfulness. This was a conversion moment for them and they turned away from their quest for the death of the woman. Have there been times when your awareness of your own fragility and sinfulness has helped you to be less judgemental of others?

3. "What do you say?" can be an embarrassing question. Jesus had the courage to voice an opinion, even though it was against the party line of the day. When you have seen that courage shown — by yourself, or by another? What was the result?

PRAYER

God of power, God of mercy, you bring forth springs in the wasteland and turn despair into hope. Look not upon the sins of our past, but lift from our hearts the failures that weigh us down, that we may find refreshment and life in Christ, our liberator from sin, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, mighty and strong, for ever and ever.

Amen.

## 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.

When you use the newsletter, please take it home with you.

**DO NOT RETURN IT TO THE TABLE**

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



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