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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

Neil Keohane, Skehard Road
Kathleen Comerford, Moocoin, Kilkenny, formerly Dundanion Road, Beaumont
May the light of heaven surround them always.



Baptisms

Tommaso Oisin Kennedy
Bonnie Leigh McCarthy



We welcome them into the Christian Family

ROSARY AT THE GROTTO

Some members of the Legion of Mary will lead the Rosary at Marian Park Grotto on the five Tuesdays of May at 8 p.m. Commencing on 3rd. May. All welcome.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR UKRAINE

The Special Collection for Ukraine in the Diocese of Cork and Ross on 26th/27th March has now reached €37,729. The proceeds of this Special Collection are directed to Caritas Internationalis, which is the helping hand of the Church on the ground in the Ukraine and the surrounding region.

Medjugorje Pilgrimage ex Cork

June 15th - 22nd 2022

8 Places remaining.

Price: €779 pp

Contact Sean O'Shaughnessy 0862959380 or Joe Walsh Tours on 012410800 to book with this group.

FIRST FRIDAY EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.



On Friday 6th May following morning Mass. Rosary & Benediction at 5p.m.

There are sheets on the tables in the Church where 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 we would appreciate volunteers to fill these times by putting their names on the list.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION.

BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Monthly Church Gate collection will take place on w/e 30 April / 1st May 2022
Your support as always, is greatly appreciated.

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

DO NOT RETURN IT TO THE TABLE

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) A new programme for young couples is seeking to help them grow individually, as a couple and in communion with God and their neighbours, writes Jason Osborne. (2) David Quinn: The new politics -- Nationalism versus internationalism. (3) Niamh Ui Bhriain: Why feminists are afraid of strong women. (4) Fr. Bernard Cotter: Easter showed fervent Faithful are truly the Church's treasures

Tablet of 23/4. (1) Patriarch Kirill -- The President's Man (2) Pope Francis' impassioned plea to the world -- end war!

Catholic Voice. (1) Mary Kearns: How to revitalise the Church. (2) Invasion of Ukraine -- the philosophers behind the guns

Synodal Pathway – May 2022

Pope Francis took a prophetic step last year when he postponed a meeting of bishops in Rome. It wasn't because of the pandemic! It was because he wants the voices of more than bishops and cardinals to be heard.

So, this year's meeting was put back to 2023 and he has asked each diocese to put in place a way for people to have a say in how the Catholic Church will fulfil its mission from the Lord in these times. The major change is to be a Church that 'walks together and listens to one another'. This is what's meant by being 'synodal'.

During this month of May, our diocese will be opening up ways for people to have a say and to listen and have an input into next year's meeting in Rome. Watch this space!

Anam Cara Cork, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding it's monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on **Wednesday 4th May 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 call 01 4045378.



Totus Tuus Pilgrimage to Fatima

September 5th -12th 2022

Seven nights in Hotel Steyler. Price: €735 pp

Spiritual Director: Fr. Marius O Reilly

Phone Damien 087-2049048 for more details

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



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.

Inspiration

Christ is risen! He is truly risen!
John 21 is fascinating and repays close attention. The Gospel ended originally with chapter 20 but quite soon afterwards chapter 21 was appended. There are awkwardnesses (e.g. a second "ending") but the gain is considerable. The social background seems to be something like this. The John community was really very charismatic, without much "infrastructure" or much by way of ministry. In such settings, the risk is always there that once the great guide dies the community will simply implode. John 21 "registers" the re-integration of the John community with the emerging "great" church. They accept Peter and what he stands for in a new way, without any diminishment of regard for the Beloved Disciple. This new phase of wider communion meant the community continued and more importantly that their great text — the Fourth Gospel — was preserved for further generations. We are the beneficiaries.

PRAYER FOR THE SYNOD

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

Breathing New Life into the Parish Music Programme
A hour of inspiration and encouragement: Recovering the choir spirit! New repertoire Choral techniques ICMA Music Tasters
Organised and presented by members of the Advisory Committee on Church Music (ACCM)
Watch live from the Monastery of St Alphonsus, Dublin
www.rednuns.com
Friday, May 13, at 7.30 p.m. (or watch recording later)

When Jesus saw the CROWDS...
ICMA
52nd Summer School
13th-16th July 2022
St. Peter's College Maynooth

If you would like to receive a weekly commentary on the Weekly Scripture Readings, both in AUDIO and in PDF, please log on to www.tarsus.ie and register to receive the emails.

Thought for the day

In our ordinary world, words such as compassion, forgiveness and reconciliation convey an essential, if difficult and at the same time joyful, human task. In our world of faith, we add other words, such as mercy and grace, which make us conscious of the free gift, unalloyed, with no conditions attached. Our role is not to "retain the sins of any" precisely so that they may know, at our hands, true forgiveness. In our Gospel, Peter is not reproached; rather he is set free. That is love, the only commandment.

Prayer

Lord Jesus, help us all to hear your invitation, "Do you love me?" and set our hearts free to practice forgiveness. You live and reign for ever and ever. Amen

K O'Mahony OSA

Reflections

1. The disciples spend a fruitless night fishing and catching nothing. Things change dramatically when Jesus appears and invites them to try again. Remember those who came to you and encouraged you to try again when you felt discouraged. Perhaps on some of these occasions the results were beyond your expectations.

2. The story can serve as a reminder that sometimes we are wasting our time if we try to work on our own without the Lord's help. When have you found that your work or life was more fruitful when you acknowledged that you needed God's help and you spoke to God about your need?

3. Peter is given the chance to be fully reconciled with his Master after his denial during the Passion. Remember those who have given you an opportunity for reconciliation after you had hurt them or let them down. What was it like for you to be given this chance? To whom have you offered the possibility of reconciliation?

Prayer

God of life, in your risen Son, you reveal your abiding presence among us, and summon those reborn in baptism to lives of worship and service. Fill this assembly with reverence as we come before you in prayer. Grant us courage and zeal in bearing witness before the world to your Son, Jesus Christ, the first-born from the dead, for ever and ever. Amen.