St Michaels Parish Blackrock, Cork

15/05/2022 5th Sunday of Easter

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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 Tem



Recently Deceased

Aidan Howard, Upr. Beaumont Drive.

May the light of heaven surround him always.



Baptisms

Addison Airangi Rau.

We welcome him into the Christian Family



So that all may be heard

It's not every day that the Holy Father asks every Catholic in the world to have a say in the life of the Catholic Church! During this month of May, the Diocese of Cork and Ross is opening up ways



for people to have a say and to listen and have an input into next year's Synod meeting in Rome which is called by Pope Francis.

The easiest way to find out more and to have your say is to go to synod.corkandross.org where an online confidential questionnaire is available to be filled in. (It'll take about 15

It's open until May 24th. All the responses will be collated and added to the feedback from meetings being held across the diocese with randomly selected groups during May. A summary document will be forwarded from our diocese at the end of May.

So, it's time to have your say at synod.corkandross.org

Volunteer Opportunities for Turas Project

L'Arche Cork is seeking the help of volunteers for our new Turas Project which will offer a suite of activities for adults with intellectual disability (ID) to collectively engage in, with a predominant focus on meeting the social support needs of older adults with ID.

If you have any queries about the Turas Project volunteer positions, or you wish to volunteer in another capacity with L'Arche Cork, please contact Meadhbh Furlong, Day Service Co-ordinator on 021-431-8880 or via email at: meadhbh.furlong@larche.ie

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

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...

Tablet of 7/5 (1) Pope Francis reveals he offered to meet Putin in Moscow. He 'suffers and cries' over Ukraine. (2) Ukraine and Russia -- West must clarify it's war aims.

Irish Catholic. (1) Nuala O'Loan: Committed nationalists left SDLP over abortion issue.

(2) Fr. Rolheiser: Spirituality -- A place where all believers can come together. (3) David Quinn: Catholic ethos in hospitals is something to be proud of (4) Fr. Stu -- Mark Wahlberg's unconventional Hollywood biopic hits Irish screens.

Catholic Voice. (1). Eucharistic Miracle -- Tixtia, Mexico. (2) The four types of pride and how to root them out. (3) The historical evidence for the Resurrection.



CONNECT -

Faith Gathering for Young People (18 - 35



years) On Sunday 22nd May, young people from all over the Diocese of Cork and Ross will join together with Bishop Fintan for a special event called CONNECT. It will take place in the Student Centre in UCC from 2.30pm. The event promises to be a wonderful gathering of prayer, music, food, testimonies and sharing.

To register for this event simply visit www.corkandross.org

Anam Cara West Cork the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on Tuesday 17th May at 7:20pm in the Munster Arms Hotel, Bandon. This is a free event



and open to all bereaved parents. For further information please contact us on 085 288 8888 or info@anamcara.ie

MASS BOUQUET CARDS.

We have purchased a selection of Cards

You may be using your mobile phone for Mass, 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.

WEEKLY MASS LEAFLET UPDATES:

Email to:info@stmichaelsblackrock.ie

Inspiration

It may well be that the Gospel for this Sunday is the shortest in the lectionary, only 5 verses from John 13:31-35. As usual in John, the surface simplicity discloses extraordinary depth: the love of God in Jesus' death and resurrection and the love of neighbour as a direct consequence of the events of salvation. Thus we are brought right into the heart of what it means to be a follower of Jesus of Nazareth: to be loved and to love in return (reversing the song, slightly).

All Ireland Rosary Rally in Knock

The All Ireland Rosary Rally will take place on **Saturday** June 4th from 1.30pm in Knock. It will include Holy Mass, the Rosary, the Stations of the Cross and a talk on the Rosary. The Main Celebrant for the Holy Mass is the Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Jude Okolo. Bishop Michael Duignan will deliver the homily. A bus will leave from the following areas that morning. Please book your seat early to avoid disappointment.

Cork City - Kay on 087 116 5669 Cork City - Damien (087 204 9048) Cork (Inniscarra) - Margaret on 087 900 8235 Cork (Wilton) John Joe (087 130 2763) Cork (East) Nuala (087 2313762)

Online Theology Open Evening, is this for you?

The Priory Institute provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home.

Email enquiries@prioryinstitute.com to find out more about our Online Open Evening on Wednesday 18th May 7pm.

LOUGH DERG: 3 Day Pilgrimage 2022.

Leaves Cork Sat. June 11th at 9am returning Tues 14th June. Booking and Information: Paddy 021 4502572.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD.

Those readers who have not received the most recent rota can pick up a copy in the Sacristy.

An Irish Pilgrimage Guide to the Holy Land is a new book by Michael Kelly, Editor of The Irish Catholic newspaper which explores the places associated with the life of Christ. Michael, who has led many pilgrimages to the Holy Land, says he hopes the book can also act as an 'armchair retreat' for people who cannot travel to the Holy Land bringing the Gospel to life for them. It is available now from all good bookshops and www. columbabooks.comprice €16.99/£14.99

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.

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.

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

BAPTISMS: Please contact the parish office.

MARRIAGES: Minimum 3 months notice required by

A ccording to the song, "the greatest thing you'll ever learn is to love and be loved in return." In our better moments, we all know this to be the truthabout our human being. For believers, it is no surprise that the very thing we need most stands at the centre of the Christian faith: God is love. The match between our need and God's disclosure is perfect. If we took that really to heart, many things would change: our practice of prayer, our relationships, our joy in believing, our way of sharing our faith, our living of discipleship. All we need is love. The astonishing servant love of God in Jesus is exactly we most need.

Church and State. Pre-marriage course required.

Prayer

You are love itself and yet we hesitate. Open our inner selves to your gracious loving, that we may ourselves as beloved and being loved we may learn to love in return. Amen.

K O'Mahony OSA

Reflections

1. Judas leaves and Jesus announces that the moment has come for God's power to be made manifest. This is unexpected at a moment of imminent betrayal. Have there been times for you when the power of God was made manifest in strange circumstances?

2.'I shall not be with you much longer.' Jesus announces a parting of the ways. There are places we have to go in life where others cannot come with us. There are places others have to go and we cannot accompany them. When have you experienced this going on alone as necessary for a fuller life for yourself, or for someone else?

3. Jesus proclaims love as the distinguishing characteristic of his followers. Have there been times when reaching out to others has heightened your sense of walking in the footsteps of Jesus?

4. Who are the individuals or communities whose love for one another and for others has been a witness to you?

PRAYER

We behold your glory, in the love shown by your Son, lifted up on the cross and exalted on high. Increase our love for one another, that both in name and in truth we may be disciples of the risen Lord Jesus and so reflect in our lives the glory that is yours. We ask this through Christ, the firstborn from the dead, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

FOLLOW THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS FROM GALILEE TO JERUSALEM 2022

Take the TRIP of a LIFETIME to the HOLY LAND, 31st August to 10th September, 2022.

Group Leader, Mícheál de Barra and Spiritual Director, Fr. John Newman (Scripture Scholar). In association with Premier

Travel, Cork Contact Mícheál at 086-8337681 or email info@carpediemtours.ie

(See also our website: www.carpediemtours.ie)

