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MARRIAGES: Minimum 3 months notice required by Church and State. Pre-marriage course required.

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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

Jerry Kidney. Marian Park.

May the light of heaven surround him always.



Baptisms

Grace Catherine O'Shea.

Elsie Aine O'Shea.

Senan Derek Williamson.

We welcome them 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 minutes.)

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

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.

Mission and Ministry – Annual Collection 7th/8th May

This collection helps to fund the supports provided in the diocese to help parishes plan for the future, support lay leadership and ministries and develop new ways of being a vibrant faith community. A new chapter in Diocesan life with greater collaboration between priests and people requires training and resourcing such as the current Synodal Process in the Diocese and so much more in the coming months.

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) David Quinn: Marriage, the institution on which the family is based, is in decline and no-one cares. (2) Young Catholics learn to trust God with Mary at youth conference. (3) New nuns -- increased vocations for Ireland's contemplative cloisters (4) Michael Kelly: The lessons for Ireland from US pro-lifers

Catholic Voice: (1) Bernadette Smyth of Precious Life applauds humility and courage of West Belfast priest in pro-life sermon (2) Archbishop Charles J. Chaput: Contempt for people of Faith is growing. What to do? (3) Pro Life regional marches set for Cork, Galway and Donegal

Tablet of 30/4. (1) Irish priest will lead the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith in its focus on evangelisation. (2) Ukraine/Russis -- Archbishop rallies nation as battle lines harden

Sacred Heart Messenger. (1) Martina Madden: Homelessness -- A long story. (2) Fr. Alan Hilliard: Have you been hacked? (3) Fr. Tony O'Riordan: ISIS Prison Transformed.

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 Available in Sacristy after morning Masses.

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

For Good Shepherd Sunday our Gospel reading is John 10:27-30 — a very brief but deep passage. It is always allowed to expand a reading — as does the Revised Common Lectionary here, beginning at v.22.

What kind of ministry/leadership do we need today in the faith community? How can the community “be” so that those called to ministry can fulfil their vocation? Can we be as a community so that leaders may emerge? These questions arise today in the specific context of the Synodal Pathways. New wine, new wineskins!

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.

BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL
The Collection last Sunday raised €1735
A great response and support from parishioners.
Thanks to all collectors.

Invitation

You are invited to a special Birthday Mass to celebrate the life and mission of St Padre Pio on Wednesday 25th May at 7.30pm in Holy Trinity Church, Fr Mathew Quay. This Mass will be offered for all your intentions and will include a blessing with the relic of Padre Pio.

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

The cultural dismissal of faith as illusory consolation or opium has left its mark on us all. Is it all projection? Has God truly spoken and revealed God's self? In Christian faith, our response is a resounding yes and, while we should be wary of facile solace, at the same time we should not deny ourselves the good and wholesome reassurance of faith. After all, one of the most repeated phrases throughout the Bible is “Do not be afraid” (though not in John, curiously). There are grounds for fear; but we, of all people, should not be overwhelmed by the negative.

Prayer

Lord Jesus, risen from the dead, guide us to listen deeply to your voice, your word, that we may know you and, that knowing you, we may enjoy life in abundance, now and into eternity with you. Amen.

K O'Mahony OSA

Reflections

1. Jesus tells us that we can rely on his relationship with us. Think of the relationships you have in which you feel safe and secure because there is mutual understanding and the relationship has stood the test of time.
2. Jesus says that the disciple is one who listens. What is your experience of listening to the word of God in the Scriptures? To what other voices have you listened and found guidance?
3. The faithful disciple is also one who follows the path of love that Jesus preached and practiced. Although it may be difficult at times, it is in following it we find life. Where have you had the experience of listening, responding, loving, and finding life?

PRAYER

Safe in your hand, O God, is the flock you shepherd through Jesus your Son. Lead us always to the living waters where you promise respite and refreshment, that we may be counted among those who know and follow you. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who lies and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit God for ever and ever. Amen.

