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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



Wedding

Congratulations to **Lisa Costello and Denis Long** who were married in our Church on Saturday 14th. May, 2022.
Fr. Colin Doocey officiated.



Baptisms

Archie Michael Patrick Cashman.

Mollie Louise Doolan.

We welcome them into the Christian Family



BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL
Monthly Church Gate collection will take place on
w/e June 4th/5th 2022
Your support as always, is greatly appreciated.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH CHOIR



This Sunday, 22nd May, will be the final time our Church Choir will sing during 11oc Mass until the Autumn. Special thanks to John and Jane for their contribution over the year. Thanks also to the ladies of the choir: to Eileen, Phil, Kathleen, Valerie, Catherine, Claire, Paula, Marcella and Gay. Thank you all for enhancing our liturgy on Sundays. Enjoy the Summer!

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...

Irish Catholic. (1) Michael Kelly: Sisters of Charity deserve gratitude, not the constant ridicule (2) Mary Kenny: I'm with Bertie Ahern on finding a solution to the northern Protocol (3) What five of our politicians have to say about the National Maternity Hospital saga (4) TVRadio with Brendan O'Regan: Radio Maria offers a cheerful and uplifting menu

Tablet of 14/5. (1) Charles de Foucauld canonised on 15th. May -- In the footsteps of a Saint. (2) Sunday Mass Obligation to be restored in England and Wales at Pentecost

Catholic Voice. (1) Fr. Kevin Drew: We are at war with angels of the devil (2) Fr. Gabriel Liekteig: The crucial duty of a Catholic parent -- A priest lays out what the Church requires

Anam Cara Cork, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding it's monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on **Wednesday 1st June 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



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

MASS BOUQUET CARDS.

We have purchased a selection of Cards Available in Sacristy after morning Masses.

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.

As Pentecost approaches, the readings from John turn to the Holy Spirit, the Advocate. In the light of the Synodal Pathway, such readings have an added dimension for us today. One of the alternative prayers for the Synod goes like this:

While we walk the synodal pathway, let there be a new Pentecost among us. Send upon us again the fire of your love. Breathes in us again the breath of new life. Amen.

Congratulations to the boys of **Scoil Barra Naofa Buachaillí** who made their First Communion on Saturday 21st. May. Let the Holy Spirit be their guide throughout life.



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)

LOUGH DERG : 3 Day Pilgrimage 2022.

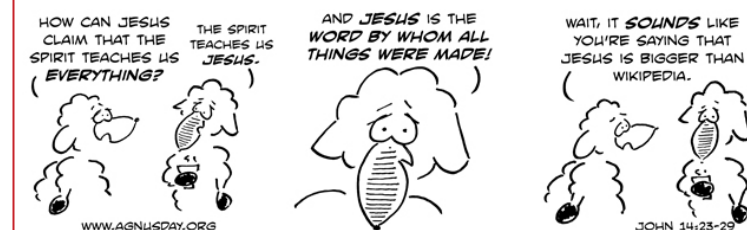
Leaves Cork Sat. June 11th at 9am returning Tues 14th June. Booking and Information: Paddy 021 4502572.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD.

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

ROSARY AT THE GROTTTO

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.



Thought for the day

There is a move afoot to replace church teaching on the just war with a more proactive doctrine of just peace. As Paul VI observed long ago, peace is much more than the absence of war. In a world riven by conflict, peace is a matter of discipleship and, at the personal level, a matter of deliberate choice even in the everyday conflicts of our ordinary lives. The prayer for peace goes well beyond praying for individualistic freedom from stress.

Prayer

O God, though the human race is divided by dissension and discord, yet we know that by testing us you change our hearts to prepare them for reconciliation. Even more, by your Spirit you move human hearts that enemies may speak to each other again, adversaries may join hands, and peoples seek to meet together. Amen.

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Reflections

1. Jesus seeks to reassure his followers in the face of his imminent death. Although he will be leaving them he promises them the gift of the Spirit. How have you been aware of the gift of the Spirit of God in your life?

2. Remember times of separation from a loved one through change of residence or other circumstances. How has the love between you been a support after the separation?

3. To his followers Jesus, promises 'we will come and make our home with them'. Our God is not a distant God but one who lives in us. What has helped you to be aware of the closeness of God to you?

4. 'Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid'. When you have been anxious, who have been the Jesus people for you who were able to calm your anxiety. How did they do this? For whom have you been one who calmed anxiety?

PRAYER

Great and loving Father, your will for us in Jesus is the peace the world cannot give; your abiding gift is the Advocate he promised. Calm all troubled hearts, dispel every fear. Keep us steadfast in love and faithful to your word, that we may always be your dwelling place. Grant this through Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead, who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

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.

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)