

St Michaels Parish Blackrock, Cork

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29/05/2022 Ascension of the Lord



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

Raphael Akinwale.
Ariella Akinwale.
Rebecca Akinwale.



We welcome them into the Christian Family

Recently Deceased

Sean Hassett. Beaumont,
May the light of heaven surround him always.



SUNDAY 5TH JUNE, 2022.

Cork City Marathon takes place that morning. While the race doesn't pass by St. Michael's parishioners should be aware of traffic restrictions in the area. Full details of the course and traffic restrictions available at www.corkcitymarathon.ie

FIRST FRIDAY EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

On Friday 3rd June 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. Could we include an appeal for people to come between 1pm. and 3pm. It seems no one comes in those 2 hours. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION.

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.

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) David Quinn: Archbishop Cordileone's bold pro-life move against Nancy Pelosi. World Report covers the same story. (2) Bill Gates set to open luxury hotel stone's throw from Vatican (3) Niamh Uí Bhriain: Demise of Roe v. Wade is another reason to keep rallying for life. (4) Fr. Bernard Cotter: Revamp of Chicago parishes points to Ireland's future

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

Tablet of 21/5. (1) The Ascension and The Second Coming —. The Day of the Lord. (2) Cardinal Zen's arrest prompted muted Vatican response. (3) African leader elected in first for Kiltegan Fathers

Scripture Summer School
Thursday 16th – Saturday 18th June

Walking the Synodal Pathway together

Facilitated by Mr. Sean Goan and
Fr Kieran O'Mahony OSA.

We are delighted to bring you this year's Scripture Summer School in association with Tarsus Scripture School.

In order to facilitate people from all over the country and further afield, we are delighted to offer participants the option of taking part online or in-person.

Beginning: Thursday, 16 June at 9.30 am

Finishing: Saturday, 18 June at 1pm.

Location (if attending in-person): St John's Welcome Centre, Knock Shrine. Booking fee €40

Bookings must be completed online at
www.knockshrine.ie/scripture_summer_school

*Please note you will need to select the option to either attend online or in-person at the time of booking.

Do you or somebody you know suffer from addiction?

Addiction to Alcohol, Drugs, Gambling, Pornography, Food, Internet etc. steals life from so many people. Please come to the shrine of Matt Talbot in **Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Sean Mc Dermot Street, Dublin, on Sunday 12th June at 2pm**, and join our annual national pilgrimage to pray for the miracle of freedom from all these addictions. For more information, visit www.matttalbotprayersociety.com or contact vita@matttalbotprayersociety.com ROI (048) 71262894

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.

In the imaginative world of Luke, the Ascension marks both an end and a beginning. While closing the time of the appearances, it prepares for the time of the church — to be launched fully on Pentecost. As the 1975 Roman Missal poetically put it: "Christ has passed beyond our sight, not to abandon us but to be our hope. Where he has gone, we hope to follow."



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



LOUGH DERG THREE DAY PILGRIMAGE

runs Wed 1st June until 15th August
(Sat 13th Aug is final day to begin the Pilgrimage).

Admission €80 | Booking advised |
Concessions available for students, seniors and groups.

All booking info, including organised parish groups available at www.loughderg.org, email info@loughderg.org or telephone 0(0353) 71 9861518.

Lough Derg, Pettigo, Co Donegal, F94 N289



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)

Thought for the day

As the Easter season draws to a close, both the liturgy and the lectionary point us towards the clothing with power from on high. In these days, our prayer is "Come, Holy Spirit." Each year, this prayer is of greater urgency, as we all try to listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches. Our future being as Christians, as community, as church, all depends on our own deep attitude of listening and of openness. The future church will be a church of the Spirit, energised and exuberant, faithful and on fire.

Prayer

Breathe into me, Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Move in me, Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Attract my heart, Holy Spirit, that I may love only what is holy. Strengthen me, Holy Spirit, that I may defend all that is holy. Protect me, Holy Spirit, that I may always be holy. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Pope Francis

K O'Mahony OSA

Reflections

1. The Ascension of Jesus was an important growth point for the disciples. Jesus would be with them in a different way from now on. Painful though it was, it was necessary for them to let go of his physical presence and adjust to the new reality. Perhaps you have known similar transition points in your own life.

2. Jesus invited the disciples to be witnesses to the good news they had learned. The way we live, speak and relate to others speaks of what we have learned about life. We all are witnesses. How have you been a witness to the goodness of life?

3. In particular, Jesus invited them to be witnesses to the good news of forgiveness. Recall people who have been witnesses to you of forgiveness and reconciliation. What effect did they have on your life? Have you been able to be a witness to the good news of forgiveness in your life?

4. In v. 49, Jesus instructs the apostles to wait patiently for the moment of grace. What been your experience of waiting for a moment of grace? What are the moments of grace that you particularly recall (a friendship, a new opportunity, birth of a baby, etc)?

PRAYER

God of majesty, you led the messiah through suffering into risen life and took him up to the glory of heaven. Clothe us with the power promised from on high and send us forth to the ends of the earth as heralds of repentance and witnesses of Jesus Christ, the first-born from the dead, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD.

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

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.