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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



MISSIONARY SISTERS OF OUR LADY OF APOSTLES.
 Ardfoyle, Ballintemple, Cork.

Sr. Ann Cahill is coming to talk to us at each Mass over the week-end to acquaint us of their mission. Sr. Ann herself has worked in Nigeria and Tanzania. The order serve where the Gospel has yet to be rooted and where human need is greatest. Their priority is for the poor and marginalised, especially women and children. They work in areas of education, health-care, social and pastoral works and interreligious and intercultural dialogue and non-violent action for justice, peace and the integrity of creation.

The Check it Fits

service is a full-time, nationwide, free expert service which aims to put parent's and guardian's minds at ease that their child's car seat is safely and securely fitted in their car.

No booking necessary just arrive on the day.

CHECK IT FITS IS COMING TO

CORK

WHERE	WHEN
Tony Kealy's, South Ring Business Park, Kinsale Rd, Ballyphehane, Cork, T12 HTVO	Thursday 28 th July 10:00am – 5:30pm
O'Mahony's SuperValu, Bellevue Stores, Ballydahin, Mallow, Co. Cork, P51 F3CH	Friday 29 th July 10:00am – 5:30pm
Bella Baby, Tullagreen, Fota Retail & Business Park, Co. Cork, T45 EF40	Saturday 30 th July 10:00am – 5:30pm

Walk-in appointments only.
 Visit www.rsa.ie/checkitfits for more information.

The second collection w/e 16th./17th. July is for DIOCESAN NEEDS.

BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL
The Collection last Sunday raised €1275
A great response and support from parishioners.
Thanks to all collectors.

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**

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



WHAT THE PAPERS SAY...

Catholic Voice. (1) Rick Urban: Roe v Wade -- the tide begins to turn. (2) Mary Kearns: What happened after Pentecost? (3) Andreas Wailzer: When liberals like Cardinal Kasper critics the German Synod, you know there's a problem (4) Patrick Hayes: Huge energy as thousands pack Rally for Life.

Tablet of 16/7. (1) Synodality in the United States -- Ears that hear, eyes that see (2) Pope hopes deal with Chinese communists will be renewed (3) Anne Booth: After the lockdown I am trying to return to Mass but I am not sure that they want the real me.

Tablet of 9/7. (1) Austin Ivereigh & James Roberts on Pope Francis' recent letter where he explains authentic liturgy (2) Priest shortage 'means future of Catholicism in Ireland is at stake'.

Sacred Heart Messenger. (1) Fr. Bill Toner SJ: Heaven (Part 1) -- What do we know about heaven? (2) David Breen: The Visitation and the Magnificat.



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.



Observations

Within the Catholic tradition, it is possible that the story of Martha and Mary has been mis-read in terms of the contemplative v. the active life. That may have been a later context but clearly it is not the context at the time of Luke. Once more, Luke is promoting not just hospitality but hearing the word.



We extend a warm welcome to holidaymakers who are spending some time in Blackrock. We hope you have a relaxing break in our parish.



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.

Thought for the day

Being busy is a sort of cultural value among us—and rightly. "If you want something done, ask a busy person." But, of course, the question of balance arises. There are indeed other needs and other hungers. These include simple human things like time for friends. Even hospitality—which is always work—can get in the way of really meeting. Something similar can be said of time for reflection, meditation and prayer. Time is not really the issue—after all, we manage to find time to waste on TV, tablets etc. It is more a question of insight, choice and decision, lest we overlook and even lose "the better part."

Prayer

Help us, Lord, to listen to the stirrings of our hearts. When we meet friends, help us to really meet. When we meet you, help us too to be present to you.

K O'Mahony OSA

Reflections

1. The two sisters symbolise the contemplative and active dimensions of life, at times difficult to balance. What wisdom have you learned through life experiences on how to strike a balance between prayer and action?
2. Many people misunderstand hospitality. They worry and fret about decorating the house and preparing abundant food. Yet sometimes it is something else that is needed to make people feel at home, namely, to sit with guests and to listen to them speaking. What has been your experience of being a cherished guest and when have you been able to make others feel welcome and at home?
3. We can make the same mistake in relation to people who are important to us in life: children, friends, parents, or others. We can worry and fret about doing things for them when perhaps the important thing is to give them time and to listen to them. What does your experience tell you?
4. When it comes to welcoming God into our lives, one appropriate response is to give time listening to God's word. When have you found time devoted to the word of God enriching for you?

PRAYER

Eternal God you draw near to us in Christ and make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our daily lives, make us attentive to your voice and alert to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.