

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

Zara Jamie Leahy.
Zoey Nicole Leahy.



We welcome them into the Christian Family

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



SMA Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

17 – 22 September, 2022
Five nights, full board – Hotel Roissy.
Cost: €789 pps.
For further information please contact Fr Martin Kavanagh SMA at 021 4292871.

FIRST FRIDAY EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

On Friday 5th August 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.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION.

BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Monthly Church Gate collection will take place on w/e August 6th/7th 2022
Your support as always, is greatly appreciated.

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...

Irish Catholic. (1) Five pages on six Irish Columban Fathers and two missionaries of Irish descent whose Causes have been introduced. They died 'as witnesses of modern and contemporary faith' during the Korean War of 1950 - '53 (2) Fr. Billy Swan: There is also a vocations crisis when it comes to marriage (3) Radical renewal -- How Dublin Archdiocese is 'Building Hope' (4) David Quinn: TDs push to further weaken the family

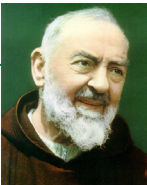
Catholic Voice. (1) JK Rowling uncovers a key point in the transgender ideology debate that many are overlooking. (2) Mons. Charles Pope: On the balance of love and correction according to St. Gregory. (3) Anthony Murphy: Eucharistic Renewal of the Church in Ireland

Sacred Heart Messenger. (1) John Scally writes about Pope Paul XI's encyclical 'On the progress of peoples'. (2) Fr. Brendan Comerford SJ: Cardinal Basil Hume OSB



Great News.

The 71st Annual Mass and devotions will take place on Monday 15th August at The Holy Rosary Shrine, Lee Road Cork on Monday 15th August (Feast of The Assumption of our Lady). This gathering is a wonderful display of Faith and a strong tradition of 71 years.
Thanking you in anticipation



Annual Padre Pio Mass

The annual concelebrated Mass commemorating the day of Padre Pio's ordination to the priesthood will take place on Sunday 7th August from 2.30pm, in the Church of the Holy Spirit, Dennehy's Cross, Cork. Confessions will be available from 1.30pm. There will also be the anointing of the sick, benediction, and blessing with First Class Padre Pio relics.

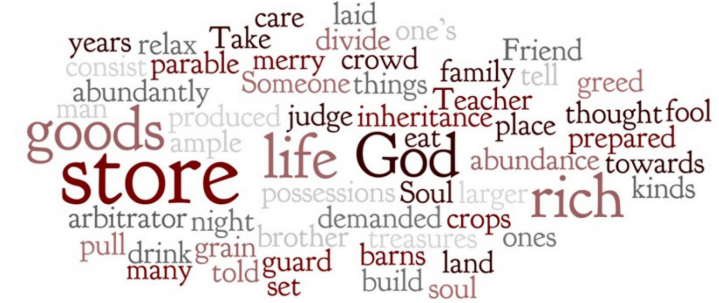
Universe Catholic Weekly

The Universe Catholic Weekly is thrilled to announce that we have launched our new online newspaper with the full support of our first subscriber none other than His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols. Order your Digital 4 weeks FREE trial supply by calling Michelle on 0044 743 661 7650 or email michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk.

We at St Michael's would ask that you let Michelle know how you learned of the new paper if you contact her - Thanks.

Observations

The rise in the cost of living is affecting everyone, causing stress and forcing impossible choices. The readings for this Sunday from Ecclesiastes and Luke — on possessions — will surely touch a nerve.



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

If any lesson were to be learned from times of recession, surely it would resemble today's Gospel. Riches are precarious; material security is unstable; dreams of untroubled longevity are soon dispelled by "events." Paradoxically, our experience of life as fickle can take us in quite opposite directions. We might be tempted to plunge ourselves into more enjoyment of the present moment, as St Paul caustically observes: "let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die." (1 Corinthians 15:32 NET) The road less travelled is to become "rich towards God." It still means enjoying and living the present moment, but in a completely different, deeper and ultimately more lasting way.

Prayer

God of wisdom, help us to see through all that is false yet enticing; be our guide on the path of life.

K O'Mahony OSA

Reflections

- "One's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions," said Jesus. What have you found by experience to be more important in life than possessions? What brought this home to you?
- "Be on your guard against all kinds of greed" Perhaps you have seen how greed can lead to trouble in public life, in family life, and in the personal life of individuals. What has helped you to guard against greed? What benefits have you experienced when you were less greedy?
- The message of the parable could be summed up in saying, "If you want to give God a laugh, tell him your plans." Life takes many twists and turns we do not anticipate. When have you found that have had to change your plans because of unexpected circumstances? What has helped you to be flexible and resourceful at such times?

PRAYER

O God, the giver of every gift that endures, only by your grace can we rightly understand the wonder of life and why it is given. By the word of your Son challenge our foolishness, confront our greed, and shape our lives to the wisdom of the Gospel.
We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

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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.