St Michaels Parish Blackrock, Cork

21/08/2022 21st Sunday Ordinary Time

Observations

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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.

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.



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

CONNECT 2

Almost 100 young people, aged between 18 to 35, from all over the Diocese, gathered in UCC in May for the CONNECT event. It was a wonderful day of great joy. The Diocese is delighted to announce that CONNECT 2 will take place in UCC, on Sunday October 16th from 10.30am. Please save the date.

It promises to be another great day. More details to follow and the opportunity to register. For now - just save the date!

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. Re-Building the Church -- The findings of the largest consultation process ever undertaken in the Church in Ireland were sent to Rome this week. The paper presents a summary of the 15 major findings in the report e.g. Lay ministry, sense of belonging, liturgy, adult faith formation, co-responsible leadership etc. It also highlights 'what was missing' Michael Kelly has an accompacing article under the heading 'sacramentalised but not evangelised'

Catholic Voice. (1) Richard N. Greene: Ireland - once the land of saints and scholars. (2) Mary Kearns: Why Rite is

Messenger. (1) Fr. Peter McVerry SJ explores how gratitude, trust and surrender ground our faith life. (2) Margaret Naughton: The God of resilience, forgiveness and reconciliation

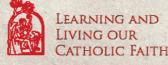
DIOCESE OF CORK AND ROSS CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH **ADULT STUDIES**



COMMENCING Monday 5th September 2022 TIME 7.30pm - 9.00pm **VENUE Brú Columbanus, Wilton**

SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR Fr. Pontianus Jafla FACILITATOR Máirín Ní Shúilleabháin, B. Div.

Pre-booking is essential. Places limited. All enquiries and booking must be made prior to Friday 3rd September.
All classes will be fully compliant with Government & HSE Covid-19 guidelines. To book call Máirín on 087 795 0325



These studies are open to all adults who wish to have a deeper understanding of the Catholic Faith CATHOLIC FAITH All are welcome to attend!

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



WEEKLY MASS LEAFLET UPDATES:

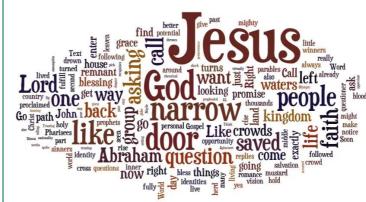
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Michelangelo's Last Judgment is intentionally terrifying (the famous terribilità). The scene selected here shows the sounding of the last trumpet(s) and the opening of the books, with the names of the saved and the damned. It is worth comparing the two book. The volume on the right (on the Lord's left, of course) is a huge tome, taking two well-built angels to hold it up. The volume the left (on the Lord's right) is a pocketbook by comparison. The message is clear: only a few will be saved — the very question put to Jesus in today's Gospel.

When thinking about life after death and final judgment, many people have moved from pessimism and precision to optimism and agnosticism. Our God is indeed a God of compassion and love, a consistent teaching of Luke's Gospel. Lest such comprehensive reassurance lead to a lack of urgency, even complacency, Luke offers us today's Gospel challenge, in a neat series of linked images (the narrow gate, the householder at night, the exclusion of the "entitled", the reversal of first and last). It is a wake-up call for us all.

till, the overall message is positive: And people from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.





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.

BAPTISMS: Please contact the parish office.

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

Thought for the day

or a long time, Western Christianity was marked by a deep pessimism. Most were surely going to hell! In sum, we seem to have moved from clarity and pessimism to agnosticism and optimism. A necessary rebalancing, of course, but with the attendant risk of complacency, convinced as we are, and ought to be, of God's boundless mercy, love and compassion. These gifts, on the other hand, should not trigger a kind of lazy confidence but should invite even greater engagement, commitment and costly discipleship. God desires the whole person, all that I am.

Prayer

God of costly love, help us to take up the path of discipleship and respond to your Son's call by giving our whole selves to you and the Gospel. Amen.

KO'Mahony OSA

Reflections

1. The question put to Jesus is one that many still ask: "Will many be saved?" In his answer Jesus is not concerned about numbers but warns his listeners about complacency. Just as his listeners could not regard the mere fact of being Jews as sufficient for salvation, neither can we regard being Christians as enough. That entitlement will come from our acceptance of Jesus. For any relationship to be alive – either with god or with another human person – the real question is "Is my heart in this relationship?" What does your experience tell vou of this?

2. "Strive to enter by the narrow door". Jesus himself is on his journey to Jerusalem, purposeful and determined. True followers of him will also be purposeful and determined. That is true in any journey, career, or relationship if there is to be growth or progress. What it is like for you when you fail to do this? What is it like for you when the effort is there?

PRAYER

To the banquet of your kingdom, O God of the nations, you have invited people of every race and tongue. May all who are called to a place at your table come, by the narrow way, to the unending feast of life.

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.





