

St Michaels Parish Blackrock, Cork

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28/08/2022 22nd Sunday Ordinary Time

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.



Baptisms

Shea Barra Creedon.
Jacob Daniel Frank Crowley.
Adam Joseph McCarthy.
Kate Lauren O'Driscoll.



We welcome them into the Christian Family

Wedding

Congratulations to Rosalynd Murphy and Stephen Holland who were married in our Church, on Thursday 25th August, 2022. Fr. Finbarr Crowley officiated.



FIRST FRIDAY EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
On Friday 2nd September 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 September 3rd/4th 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) Fr. Billy Swan: What do we teach our children about porn? (2) Michael Collins' Catholic Faith shaped his vision of Ireland's future says relative. (3) David Quinn: The Holy Spirit can't lead the synod in contradictory directions (4) David Agren: Nicaraguan police move bishop and others to Managua in predawn raid. (5) Fr. Rolheiser: Seeing what lies near our doorsteps

Catholic Voice. (1) Joseph Gensens: Irish Catholics hit the streets to warn about dangers of proposed socialist laws. (2) Kenneth Francis: Young Catholics challenge Synod reforms. (3) Mary Kearns: Sunday Mass -- More than a history lesson. (4) Fr. Benedict Baur OSB: The advantages of frequent Confession

Tablet. (1). The African Way -- Joy and Glory in the Lord. (2) Pope Francis' call with Zelensky shifts diplomatic ground. (3) Ireland and Scotland -- Synodal documents demand transparency and accountability

DIocese OF CORK AND ROSS
CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH
ADULT STUDIES

"The Catechism of the Catholic Church presents the faithful with the perennial teaching of the Church so that they can grow in their understanding of the faith. But it especially seeks to draw our contemporaries - with their new and varied problems - to the Church, as she seeks to present the faith as the meaningful answer to human existence at this moment of history".
Franciscus

COMMENCING Monday 5th September 2022
TIME 7.30pm - 9.00pm
VENUE Brú Columbanus, Wilton
SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR Fr. Pontianus Jafra
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

LEARNING AND LIVING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH
These studies are open to all adults who wish to have a deeper understanding of the Catholic Faith.
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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.



Observations

The message of today's Gospel and first reading could hardly be clearer. It may be difficult for us to hear to today. Culturally, we believe in affirming others and ourselves and we are resistant to low self-esteem (rightly!). However, true humility is simply telling the truth about ourselves and being authentic in our dealings with others. The polar opposites are pride, hubris and narcissism (and not humiliation, shame etc.).

The use of verb "to humble" in Luke's Gospel is also instructive: it is used twice in the Magnificat (1:48 and 52), once in the proclamation of John the Baptist (3:5) and then just two more times — in our Gospel passage and in an echo of it in Luke 18. This shows we hearing the particular emphasis of the Evangelist.

"For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." (Luke 14:11)

"I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted." (Luke 18:14)



Anam Cara Cork, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding it's monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 7th September 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



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!

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.

Thought for the day

Customs surrounding hospitality are deeply embedded in every culture. Normally, we pay little attention to this because we just act "normally." When we change cultures, however, even simple things like words and gestures of greeting are new, often different. Jesus, in his ministry, took on such deeply embedded, self-serving customs and reversed them in the light of the Gospel reversal of all values. Radical change is always resisted and even today his teaching is put in practice only by the few.

Prayer

Compassionate God, at your table, all are welcome. As we enjoy your hospitality, help us to take it to heart, so that as we have received, so we may give.

K O'Mahony OSA

Reflections

1. The first scene portrays a common dilemma—choosing between a received tradition and what is good in a particular situation. When have I been faced with such dilemmas and how did I respond?
2. Jesus consistently places the "good" above the rules, a challenging position for today's church at a critical juncture. For example, the Catholic tradition of a celibate clergy can result in depriving communities of the Eucharist. Have I had similar experiences in my own sphere of influence?
3. Seeking respect and (metaphorically) my place at the table is a normal human desire. It can become deformed into the raw putting of myself first while ignoring others.
4. In a disturbing way, Jesus upturns the everyday view of social interaction and relationships. The radical call of the gospel can be very threatening and yet we know that this practical expression mirrors the inclusivity of Jesus' own proclamation. Where do I feel such a radical call and how do I act?

PRAYER

God and judge of all, you show us that the way to your kingdom is through humility and service. Keep us true to the path of justice and give us the reward promised to those who make a place for the rejected and the poor. Amen.

