

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

Darragh Anthony Cardello.
Eoghan Francesco Cardillo.
Jamie Harry Weldon.
Joni Itah Kenefick.
Joel Colm Kenefick.
Lily Murdoch.



We welcome them into the Christian Family

Recently Deceased

William Coughlan, Kilbrack Lawn
Bernadette O'Connor, Castle Road
May the light of heaven surround them always.



WHAT THE PAPERS SAY...

Irish Catholic. (1). John L. Allen Jr: Debunking three persistent myths about cardinals post-consistory. (2) Fr. Vincent Sherlock: Don't wait to meet friends, the reunion is now. (3) An Taisce Micheal Martin speaks on the 'Meaning of Life' about motivation, principles and how the Faith helped his family to deal with the deaths of two young children (4) Far from being oppressive, understanding sin and its effects points the way to liberation and freedom, writes Jason Osborne (5) Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap: Sharing the pattern of the cross

Catholic Voice. (1). Joseph Gensens: Irish Catholics hit the streets to warn about dangers of proposed socialist laws (2) Young Catholics challenge Synodal reform (3) Mary Kearns: The Mass -- More than a history lesson. (4) Rick Urban: Unsafe Zones

The Hook of Faith – Supporting Catholic Parents -
Tuesday 6th September, there will be a conference on Zoom hosted by 'The Hook of Faith'. The topic of the conference will be: 'Supporting Catholic Parents: Sharing the Catholic Vision of Love and Human Sexuality with Our Children'. The speaker will be Fr Chris Hayden, author of the recently published book: 'A Better Vision: Understanding and Living the Catholic Vision of Human Sexuality'. The conference will begin at 8pm and conclude at 9pm. All are welcome. All you need to do to take part is send an email to: thehookoffaith@gmail.com. This conference is designed to help Catholic parents be the best educators of their children in the areas of faith and morality in our modern culture.

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.

Mass on Weekdays

In light of the recent announcement that Fr. J.P. will be moving to the Redemptorists in Limerick and with the retirement of Canon Tadhg O'Mathúna, weekend Masses in both churches will now be celebrated by Fr. Colin and Fr. Michael from 10th/11th September with no change in the times and arrangements.



As Fr. Colin will be the only priest between the two churches for weekdays, arrangements need to be adjusted to take this into account along with the fact that he will be celebrating many of the funeral Masses that will occur.

In order to accommodate this and following discussion with parish councils in both parishes, one weekday Mass will now be celebrated from **Monday 12th September** as follows:

Monday & Wednesday in Holy Cross at 9.30am
Tuesday & Friday in St Michael's at 9.30am.

While there will be no weekday Mass in either church on Thursdays, please note that Masses are celebrated in **SMA Blackrock Road at 7.15am & 10am as well as in Ballinlough at 10am on that day.**

It was agreed that 9.30am would be the preferred time to ensure consistency in times across both churches and also taking morning Funeral Masses into account.

In 2023, Blackrock and Mahon Parishes will become part of a Family of Parishes with Ballinlough and Blackrock Road. At that point, both weekend and weekday Mass schedules may be adjusted to take into account that priests will be working across four parishes to celebrate Masses. In the interim, Fr. Colin and Fr. Michael will continue to serve Blackrock and Mahon parishes.

While there will be fewer weekday Masses, all anniversary Masses, birthday remembrance Masses, Month's Mind Masses will be accommodated at weekends and on weekdays across both churches. Remembering our deceased loved ones and family members will always be part of our Mass when we gather.

Fr. Colin Doocey
Fr. Michael Keohane

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**

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

When reading this Sunday's Gospel, the so-called "ghost estates," the unfinished project after the crash of 2008, do come to mind. It is a good, concrete (!), reminder: have you got what it takes to finish? Luke is full of reassurance and positivity so it is good to hear him as well on the cost of discipleship. Most of us cannot take this literally but there are some who do. For all, there is really is no easy way to be a disciple, Christ-learner.

WEXFORD CYCLE 2022

As you know, the cause is really good and every contribution, great and small, makes a difference. If you would like to support this year's effort, then simply click www.tarsus.ie and follow the link. Thank you so much.
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Meals on Wheels need drivers for every second Thursday morning for about an hour. Please contact - Eleanor – 429 1603, or Anne – 429 5005 / 087 9569236.



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



Italian Language & Culture Classes in Blackrock.

The Dante Alighieri Society based in The Ursuline Secondary School offers face to face Language & Culture Classes for the coming Academic year, commencing on the 19th September and continuing till the end of April next year. Classes are on Monday nights from 8-9pm and our teachers are native Italians, living in Cork for many years and speaking fluent English. In all 23 language Classes and 4 Cultural events will be covered at a cost of 140 Euro for the year. Three language levels will offered... Beginners Class, for those with none or only a little Italian, Intermediate for those with a moderate level of the Language and Upper Intermediate for those with more proficiency. Classes are conducted in a pleasant learning environment and our Cultural evenings also offer a practical social dimension. Associate Membership for those wishing to attend Cultural Evenings only is also available at a cost of 50 Euro for the year. For further information on enrolment details please contact our Chairperson Leo at... 087 2405212 before 18th September.

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



Thought for the day

A life without wonder would be very barren indeed. Babies are great at wonder and good communicators (in whatever field, such as nature or cosmology) have kept an almost childlike sense of discovery. Our faith, too, gets its energy from a combination of wonder, discovery and, betimes, perplexity. Some of the most inspiring passages in the Bible reflect this. For example, in Sirach 43, after an exhaustive review of the wonders of creation, the writer closes with the arresting words, We could say more but could never say enough; let the final word be: "He is the all." (Sirach 43:27)

Prayer

God of all creation, we stand before your handiwork in awe and gratitude. God of salvation, nothing can ever separate us from your love. God of our inner life, sustain our surprise.

K O'Mahony OSA

Reflections

1. The passage is a call to both radical and practical discipleship. When have you found that in order to achieve a certain objective you had to make it a priority, and then take the practical steps necessary to reach your goal? What were the benefits to you when you did this?

2. "Hate" is prophetic exaggeration for the uncompromising loyalty Jesus seeks in disciples. There may be times when people make demands in conflict with fidelity to another relationship. This can be painful. When have you found that being clear about your priorities helped you in that situation?

3. Jesus uses parables here to tell us that in important human affairs we do not settle for vague aspirations. When have you found that some element of practical planning has been necessary to make progress with a project? What has this taught you about making the most of your life and of your time?

PRAYER

God of the ages, you call the Church to keep watch in the world and to discern the signs of the times. Grant us the wisdom which your Spirit bestows, that with courage we may proclaim your prophetic word and complete the work that you have set before us. We make our prayer 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.

