

St Michaels Parish Blackrock, Cork

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18/09/2022 25th 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
Saturday Vigil: 6.00 pm
Tuesday & Friday 9.30 am



Fr Colin Doocey Adm.

Baptisms

Liam Luke Kelly.
We welcome him into the Christian Family



Recently Deceased

Eileen Deasy. Stannards Grove.
May the light of heaven surround her always.



Cork Scripture Group

4 Monday nights of October: To appreciate Women in our Scripture and our Tradition (Marian Mortell, Lorna Downey and Rosalie Moloney) and Saturday workshop on Biblical Roots of Women's Leadership with Fáinche Ryan (Loyola Institute, Trinity College). Cost €50. To book a place please email corkscripturegroup@gmail.com

Gougane Sunday 2022

The annual pilgrimage in honour of St. Finbarr will take place on Sunday the 25th of September (the feast day of St. Finbarr). The rosary will be recited at 2:30pm and Mass will be celebrated by Most Rev. Fintan Gavin, Bishop of Cork and Ross at 3pm. This year marks the 120th anniversary of the dedication of St. Finbarr's Oratory, Gougane Barra. The Oratory built in 1900, opened in 1901 and dedicated on the 15th of August 1902. Among those present on that day was Pádraig Pearse who was on a cycling tour of Ireland at the time.

The Synodal Times.

Ireland's Synodal pathway is ongoing and The Synodal Times has 32 pages of news, analysis and commentary to break down what the synod is and what it means for the future of the Irish Church. In the September issue, now available in the church, it discusses Ireland's crisis of faith and how we can solve ongoing concerns.

The Annual Collection for the Priesthood Education Fund

in the Diocese will be take up on weekend 24th/25th September. This year 2 new students will begin their studies for the Diocese of Cork and Ross at Valladolid in Spain and another candidate will begin studies for Permanent Diaconate. The Priesthood Education Fund will finance their studies as well as costs for ongoing training and education of priests. In the region of €110,000 will be needed to meet these costs in the coming year. Last year €34,364 was raised in this collection so you are invited to be generous to the Priesthood Education Collection this year. Thank you.

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...

Synodal Times. (1) Fr. Joe McDonald: A Loss of identity among Catholics. (2) Brendan Scott of Young Catholics: In an uncertain world for the priesthood there is only one certainty -- the future is flux. (3) Garry O'Sullivan: Ireland's crisis of Faith. (4) 15 Themes of the Irish Catholic Synodal Listening Process.

Irish Catholic. (1). Ardfoy nuns launch 'delightful' migrant solidarity garden. (2) Mary Kenny: Jordan Peterson -- why young men seek out his message (3) David Quinn: Parents must be properly consulted about gender ideology in schools. (4) Fr. Rolheiser: When paranoia possesses us, we become suspicious and distrustful.

Catholic Voice. (1) Niall Carroll: Recorded music in the liturgy. (2) Rick Urban: The Synodal Pathway -- the road to where?

Sacred Heart Messenger: (1) Sr. Stanislaus Kennedy: The Right to Dignity (2) Grainne Doherty: Addressing the Role of Women in the Church.

Tablet of 10/9. (1). Christopher Lamb: Vatican Reform -- 'The fires are reinvigorated'. (2) Oberammergau -- The village that conquered fear (3) Pope Francis beatifies 'meek and humble pastor' John Paul !



The SMA Novena in honour of St. Therese will begin on Friday 23rd September at St. Joseph's SMA Church Blackrock Road, Cork City and will finish on the feast of St. Therese on 1st. October 2022. The Novena will be celebrated each evening at 7.30pm (except Sat. 24th @ 7.00pm). for information please contact:-
SMA Blackrock Road at 021 4292871
SMA Wilton at 021 4541069

WEXFORD CYCLE 2022

Thanks to all who have contributed to the Wexford Cycle -- the amount collected so far by me comes to over €10,000 !!
Marvelous support for this worthy cause! By the time you read this, the cycle will be complete To be part of this fundraiser as a donor, please go to www.tarsus.ie and follow the link.
Thanks. Kieran OSA



Observations

The Gospel today is certainly disconcerting and definitely not a guide on how to work within a business!! Luke does have an attraction to disreputable characters, unlikely individuals who, nevertheless, reveal the Gospel. The paradox is good news for us all!



Marriage Enrichment Weekend.

Friday 4th -- Sunday 6th November 2022.
Venue: The International Hotel, Cork Airport.
For more info / book, visit www.marriagecounter.ie

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.

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.



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.

Thought for the day

The banking crisis is only one example of a wider "honesty deficit" in public life. Even people working for charities are sometimes found, unfortunately, to be lacking in integrity. As a result, the story of dishonest management will not lack contemporary echoes. It also means that the shock of story--the manager continues to fix the books for his own benefit--is just as much a shock today as it would have been in first-century Palestine. If that were not enough, the ironic teaching drawn in v.9 borders on the sarcastic, not to say caustic. No missing the meaning, in any case! But what is the meaning? It can't be simply copy that distressing example of the manager. To act, not to delay, seems to be at the centre.

Prayer

I truly believe and I know, God of our hearts, that you love and desire all that I am. May your great love penetrate even the darkest parts of my life that I may know true conversion of
K O'Mahony OSA

Reflections

1. As often with the parables of Jesus, this one is intended to shock in order to make us think. Jesus is not praising the injustice of the servant, but his purposefulness in preparing for the future. In your experience what difference does it make when you are purposeful and energetic instead of lethargic?

2. It was his master's call to account that galvanised the servant into action. What have been the experiences, or people, that have galvanised you into action when you had been somewhat halfhearted in your efforts?

3. Who have been the people whose energy, drive and astuteness have been an inspiration to you in how to handle difficult situations?

4. "No servant can be the slave of two masters." When have you experienced the truth of this statement?

PRAYER

God our saviour, you call us into your service. Make us wise and resourceful: children of the light who continue your work in this world with untiring concern for integrity and justice. 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.

St Padre Pio Group of Our Lady of the Rosary, Ardfoy, Blackrock

will be recommencing on Wednesday 28th September. We meet on the last Wednesday of every month at 19.45 hrs for Rosary and 20.0hrs for MASS
ALL WELCOME

