

St Michaels Parish Blackrock, Cork

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6/11/2022 32nd Sunday Ordinary Time

BAPTISMS: Please contact the parish office.
MARRIAGES: Minimum 3 months notice required by Church and State. Pre-marriage course required.

WEEKLY MASS LEAFLET UPDATES:
Email to : info@stmichaelsblackrock.ie

Mass Times

Sundays: 9 am & 11 am
Saturday Vigil: 6.00 pm
Tuesday & Friday: 9.30 am



Fr Colin Doocey Adm.

Baptisms

Mason Kieran Friel.
Maevae Ellen McCarthy.
Maxwell Peter Patrick O'Flynn.



We welcome them into the Christian Family

Medjugorje Pilgrimage ex Cork 31st May to June 7th 2023. Cost €849.00 pps. Early booking discount of €100 per person if fare booked and paid in full by December 5th. €200 deposit secures place. Half board accommodation in Hotel Leone. Optional insurance €39.00. Spiritual Director Fr. Ted Sheehan. Contact Sean O'Shaughnessy 0862959380 or Joe Walsh Tours 012410800. Places limited.

The Blessing of the Graves at ST. JAMES CEMETERY, CHETWYND, TOGHER (Off the Bandon Road) will take place on SUNDAY 6TH, NOVEMBER, 2022 AT 3.00PM. ALL WELCOME

BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL
Monthly Church Gate collection will take place on w/e November 5/6th 2022
Your support as always, is greatly appreciated.

Holy Souls Novena Masses

Sat Nov 5th/Sun Nov 6th All Weekend Masses Both Churches
Mon Nov 7th 9.30am Holy Cross
Tues Nov 8th 9.30am St. Michaels
Wed Nov 9th 9.30am Holy Cross
Thurs Nov 10th 9.30am St. Michaels

Novena Envelopes

Envelopes and lists for the Holy Souls Novena are available on the tables in the church.

Church Maintenance.

As part of the ongoing Church Maintenance, we have completed the painting 3 porches. These were done by a local painter, John Hickey, who lives in the parish. Our next project is to attack the walls behind the altars in the sanctuary - no mean task - which will entail scaffolding for a time. We also have planned the painting of the Parish Centre on the outside. This will be in the spring when the weather gets a bit better. We thank you for your continued support towards the maintenance of our church.
Fr Colin and Fr Michael

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



THE PAPERS SAY.....

Synodal Times. (1) Garry O'Sullivan: The Church is 'burning' and martyrs still die. (2) Patricia Carroll. Imagining a Synodal parish. (3). Dr. John Wijngaards: Has the time come for the Church to have a constitution? A growing number think so. (4) Maintaining Faith in a spiritual wilderness: Young Catholics who find meaning in the Church's teaching speak Synod
Irish Catholic (1) Catholic school bodies welcome developments in SPHE course, but warn it ignores ethos, writes Ruadhan Jones. (2) David Quinn: Synodal process creating confusion that the Vatican needs to address. (3). Fr. John Hogan: As his cause opens, Fr. Willie Doyle can be an inspiration for the Church to-day.
Sacred Heart Messenger (1) Michael Collins. -- The Last Letter. (2). Brendan Comerford: Courageous Witnesses -- Fr. Aidan McGrath
(3). Eoghan Keogh: Parenting and Prayer
Catholic Voice. (1) Anthony Murphy: Authority and obedience are defined by their limits. (2) Rick Urban: Enough....of the 'me too' movement. (3) Paul Kengor: Saint John Paul II and the gift and duty of our talents
Tablet of 20/11. (1) Beijing and Holy See renew agreement. (2) UN Climate Summit 2022 -- We are the weather makers



Anam Cara West Cork the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on Tuesday 15th November at 7:20pm in the Mill Court, Mill Place, Bandon P72 E938. This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents. For further information please contact us on 085 288 8888 or info@anamcara.ie



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

In the month of November, we remember all who have gone before us. As it happens, the Scripture readings for this coming Sunday are particularly appropriate. In the time of St Paul, some of the Corinthian believers did sincerely believe Christ was risen from the dead but could not take the next step that our beloved dead will rise in Christ. In the past, this might have seemed a curious historical anomaly. No longer. Today, many ordinary believers have the same difficulty. This Sunday provides a good opportunity to reflect on our hope for life beyond death.

For a long time now, I have found a prayer by Edward Schillebeeckx goes straight to the heart of the matter. Here are his words:

Therefore we now bring to mind the many who have gone from us, all the people whom we have loved so much. Our Father, we cannot believe that all that they have meant for us is lost for ever. You are their life, now and always.

It goes particularly well with the this Sunday's reading from Luke.

ARDFALLEN NOVEMBER FAIR

Saturday 12th November 2022
10.30am - 3pm
At Cork Methodist Church, Douglas
ENTRY €3 CHILDREN FREE

STALLS SELLING: BOOKS, CAKES, COUNTRY PRODUCE, COLLECTABLES AND GIFTS, CLOTHES, TOYS AND GAMES
TEAS, COFFEES AND LUNCHES
FREE PARKING AT GUS HEALY SWIMMING POOL ON NURSERY DRIVE
PEDESTRIAN ENTRANCE ON DOUGLAS ROAD



Blackrock Road at the turn of the century.

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

Thought for the day

When core ritual practices undergo change, this indicates a major shift in worldview. A good example for today is how we conduct funerals. There was a traditional pattern which is now breaking down, even if slowly. The tradition reflected convictions: prayer for the dead, hope of eternal life, fear of judgement and so forth. The current "customisation" of funerals tells us that such a world of meaning no longer holds. What do people really think happens when we die? And yet, hope in the faithfulness of God, who raised Jesus is really at the centre of Christian faith from the very start. In any case, we're all in for a surprise!

Prayer

Our loving God, you raised Jesus from the dead, the first fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Strengthen our hope in your abundant gift. Amen.

K O'Mahony OSA

Reflections

1. The question of the Sadducees suggests that our status here in this life influences how we will be in the afterlife. The reply of Jesus affirms that we are important not because of any "status" we might have but because we are children of God. Recall moments when you saw your, or the worth of another, as something other than worldly status.

2. A common tactic in an argument is to make fun of the position of another. Then one does not have to take seriously the view being expressed. Have you ever found yourself doing this? Have you experienced others doing it with you? What were the effects of such an attitude? Is there life here? If not, where have you found a fuller life?

3. Jesus used the phrase "children of the resurrection" to describe his followers because we believe in something that cannot be proven. Life can sometimes present us with that kind of a challenge-- an invitation to believe in things we cannot prove: another person, a cause, the value of a course of action, etc. What has been your experience of believing and acting on this kind of faith?

PRAYER

God of all the living, in the resurrection of Jesus Christ you have given us the life which even death cannot destroy. Remember your unshakable promise and strengthen us to live in this world as your new creation. We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

