

Mass Times

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



Fr Colin Doocey Adm.

Recently Deceased

Mary Mackesy, Blackrock
Patrick Roche, Grange (coming to St Michael's)
Finbarr Noonan, Blackrock
Mary Mulcahy, Church Road
May the light of God surround them forever.



Baptisms

Daisy Elizabeth Dowling.
We welcome her into the Christian Family



SECOND COLLECTION W/E 11th & 12th MARCH
IRISH BISHOPS COMMISSIONS.

Remember your families and friends abroad.

Cards are available for you to remember your families and friends abroad.
Place the card in the box provided and they will be remembered at all masses on St Patrick's Day



Following the successful return of the Sunday Cuppa would like you to swing by the Parish Centre after 11 am mass on Sunday 5th March for tea and refreshments and more chat!



Everyone welcome!

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

Unfolding the Word:

Listening to the Word of the Lord in Lent

Why not join us on **Thursdays 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th March** in the church room in Holy Cross, Mahon from 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm. An opportunity to come together and spend some time reading and discussing the Scriptures, followed by prayer. Everyone is most welcome and we even have a cuppa and chat afterwards as well!

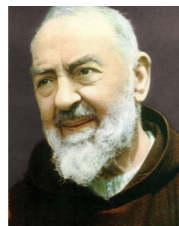
BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Church Gate collection will take place on **w/e 4/5 March 2023**
Your support as always is greatly appreciated.

Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday after the 9.30 Mass in St Michaels Church.

St. PIO Prayer Group of Our Lady of the Rosary

We meet on the **last Wednesday** of every month with Rosary at 7.45pm followed by Mass at 8pm. In Ardfoyle Convent
Why not join us for a quiet unrushed hour?
ALL WELCOME.



Some thoughts on today's Gospel....

The disciples see Jesus revealed in all his divine glory. It is a special moment for them, as Peter confirms – *'it is good for us to be here'*.

The voice of God the Father resounding from the cloud has an important message to convey to the disciples, *and us - 'Listen to him'*. A listening heart is a heart warmed by the love of God, and taught by his words. The one we listen to is the Son of God, Jesus, transfigured in his humanity.
Prayer is better described as listening than speaking.

THE PAPERS SAY.....

Synodal Times. (1). Full coverage from the European Assembly of the Synod's Continental Stage. (2). Exclusive interview with Archbishop Eamonn Martin : Synodality comes with recognised challenges but Church will reap rewards if done well. (3) Fr. Eamonn Conway: Hearing the echo of the Gospel in the life of the faithful

Irish Catholic. (1) Elise Ann Allen: Expanding outreach to Islam, Vatican establishes diplomatic ties with Oman (2) Four key women opt out of German 'Synodal Way'. (3) Fr. Brendan Cotter: Spare a prayer for a madcap parish mission

Tablet of 25/2. (1) Pope Francis in DR of Congo and South Sudan. -- 'He showed us our better side'. (2) Lent Reflection -- There's a place for us. (3). Case dismissed against activist charged with breaching order near abortion clinics

Messenger. (1). Courageous witnesses -- Edmond Rice. (2). Covid 19 and Wisdom. (3) Fr. John Cullen: The Biblical Reality of the Migrant

East Cork Choral Society with Seafeld Singers

Elijah

by Mendelssohn

Elizabeth Hilliard Soprano
Siobhan Oliver O'Callaghan Alto
Peter Stobart Tenor Eoghan Desmond Bass

East Cork Orchestra Eithne Willis Leader
Semi-chorus St. Fin Barre's Cathedral Choir
Youth Bruno Zajkowski
Colin Nicholls Conductor

Saturday 25 March 2023
8.00 pm - City Hall
in aid of Marymount

St Michael's Wall of Prayer will give people the opportunity to express their faith and to be inspired by the faith of others. You can place your prayer on the Wall of Prayer using the cards provided. Each card has a peel off adhesive on the back which will easily stick to the board. Everyone is invited to view and read the Wall of Prayer.

PLEASE DO NOT WRITE YOUR FULL NAME OR GIVE SPECIFIC DETAILED CIRCUMSTANCES

If you would like to receive a weekly commentary on the Weekly Scripture Readings, both in AUDIO, VIDEO and in PDF, please log on to www.tarsus.ie and register to receive the emails.

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



Observations

The story of the transfiguration — a mysterious and mystical event — can leave us feeling slightly alienated. This is not our usual experience — and yet, we are drawn to it. The account does contain three lines which can speak directly to us today:

"It is good to be here" "Listen to him" "Stand up"

It is good to be here, to be part of the community of faith on its Synodal Pathway. Listening is our biggest challenge — listening to each other, of course, but also listening to the "still small voice". In different way, we are called to stand up — to have courage, to stand up and be counted, to stand up and tell our story as well.

Liturgy of the Word Thursdays at 9:30am

There will be a Celebration of the Word of God and Prayer every Thursday during Lent in Holy Cross Church at 9:30am. All Welcome.

Day of Recollection

An afternoon of Reflection and Prayer for Ministers of the Eucharist and Word will take place on **12th March 2023 from 2.30 to 5.30 in the Parish Centre Blackrock.**

This is open to Ministers in the Mahon, Ballinlough and Blackrock Parishes.

The afternoon will be facilitated by Fr Ronan Sheehan, Ballincollig who was ordained in the diocese last year.
Refreshments provided.



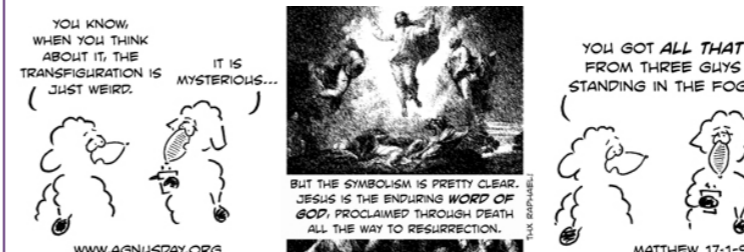
CORK CITY FAMILY OF PARISHES PRESENTS



MARCH 1ST AN INTRODUCTION TO PRAYER	MARCH 8TH THE PSALMS	MARCH 15TH ADORATION
MARCH 22ND LECTIO DIVINA	MARCH 29TH THE OUR FATHER PRAYER	APRIL 5TH PRAYER DURING HOLY WEEK

SIX LENTEN TALKS ON PRAYER
WEDNESDAYS AT 7.30PM IN
SAINT FINBARR'S SOUTH CHURCH

JOIN US FOR A CUPPA AFTERSWARDS



Thought for the day

Every so often, we catch a glimpse of the "something more" that God has in store for us. These fleeting experiences are to be treasured: the birth of my first child, falling in love, a sense of "being held" by God's presence. Such experiences may help us approach the Transfiguration. Like all transcendent experiences, it is fleeting and yet it etches a memory and leaves a longing. What should we do? Practice listening to him. Be not afraid. We cannot always be "on the mountain" and yet what happens on the heights can help us on the lowlands of the everyday.

Prayer

Lord, listening sounds so easy and yet is such hard work! Guide us as we listen to your Son, whose word is alive, who is himself the way, the truth and the life.

K O'Mahony OSA

Reflections

1. The transfiguration experience was one that, for Jesus, clarified his relationship with his Father and strengthened him for the future. What have been the experiences, the moments of insight, that have clarified your sense of who you are, and what is your relationship with God?

2. On the mountain the disciples saw Jesus in a new way. Sometimes in friendship there are moments of sharing in which we get to know a friend in a new and deeper way. Have you had that experience in human friendship, or in your relationship with Jesus and God. Recall when that happened, and what it was like for you.

3. The clear vision of Jesus with Moses and Elijah was followed by a frightening experience of being in a cloud and it was in the midst of the cloud that the disciples were instructed "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him". Have you had the experience of learning the truth about life and about your relationship with God from moments of confusion as well as from times of special joy?

4. After their special experience the disciples came down the mountain again. We cannot live each day at the level of special spiritual experiences, but the memory of them can strengthen us in difficult times. What memories encourage you in time of trouble??

PRAYER

Holy God, from the dazzling cloud you revealed Jesus in glory as your beloved Son. During these forty days, enlighten your Church with the bright glory of your presence. Inspire us by your word, and so transform us into the image of the risen Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, holy and mighty God for ever and ever. Amen.

FATIMA 9TH – 15TH MAY, 2023 EX DUBLIN AIRPORT
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FULLY ESCORTED PILGRIMAGE

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