

Mass Times

Sundays: 9 am & 11 am
Saturday Vigil: 6.00 pm
Tuesday & Friday: 9.30 am
Fr Colin Doocey Adm.



Recently Deceased

Michael Costelloe, Ashleigh
May the light of God surround him forever.



Easter Vigil Baptism

Sean Patrick Muldoon.
We welcome him into the Christian Family



Cork International Choral Festival Church Interchange Programme 2023



The Choir of St Michael's Church,
Blackrock; Conductor Jane Fitzpatrick,
Organ John Fitzpatrick will sing at the 11am Mass on Sunday,
23rd April in St Patrick's Church, Rochestown.
The Choir of St Francis Church will sing in St Michael's.
On Sunday, 30th April at 11am, as part of the Choral Festival
Sacred Trail, we will have the Chamber Choir Orfez SLOVENIA
visiting St Michael's Church. They are a 34 member choir and
the Conductor is Andraz Hauptman.

PIX APPEAL.

If any parishioner has a PIX in their home that they are not
using would they kindly return same to the Sacristy please.

THE PAPERS SAY.....

Irish Catholic. (1). Fr. Rolheiser: Easter light after Good
Friday darkness. (2). Fr. Bernard Cotter: Nothing I have ever
seen at Sunday Mass. (3) Garry O'Sullivan: Bishops have to
urgently engage their priests on synodal process. (4). Bishop
Paul Dempsey: We should not attempt to water down the
Gospel message to make it more attractive to-day, rather we
should live the message unapologetically.

Sacred Heart Messenger. (1). Fr. Brendan Comerford SJ:
Courageous Witnesses. — Frank Duff. (2). Scripture. — The
Gift of the Spirit. (3) Eamonn Walls SJ: Mary, a Model of
Expectation

Tablet. (1). Overseas Aid. — The complexities of
compassion. (2). International politics. — Pope Francis
between China and the West. (3) Synodality — Catholics
lament lack of good sermons.

Synodal Times: (1). Following Pope Francis' dreams in
Amazonian Peru. (2). Call to 'abolish the clergy' ignites
controversy in Belgium. (3). African Synod Assembly — A
'kairos' for renewal of the Church. (4) Pope Francis promises
all participants, men and women, will vote in Rome synod.

Catholic Voice. (1). Niall Carroll: Priestly Vocations. — A
way forward for Ireland. (2) Canon Anselm J. Gribbin: St.
Herman Joseph and the Apple. (3). Theologians call for
combat against secular globalism. (4). Four teachings on Hell
from St. Thomas Aquinas.

Some thoughts on today's Gospel....

Easter invites us to pause before the mystery of the
Resurrection. For the Christian, as St Paul reminds us, the
truth of Christ's resurrection is foundational. It is that truth on
which everything else is built: without the resurrection of Christ,
our faith is devoid of meaning (1 Corinthians 15,14).

EASTER CREED

Do you believe in God, Source and incarnating power of
the immense cosmic space and time, who personally knows
and cares about each person in the small and most intimate
moments of our lives? **I do.**

Do you believe in God who is intensely personal,
Taking flesh in fathers, but is much more than fathers,
Taking flesh in mothers, but is much more than mothers,
who is ultimately MYSTERY and before whom we must stand
wordless and in awe? **I do.**

Do you believe in the divinely human Jesus, born of Mary,
Who emerged from among us to open our eyes to the
presence of God working in all creation? **I do.**

Do you believe in Jesus as the special revelation of our
knowledge of God, Who sometimes used images of women
and men, birds and trees, seeds and weeds to help us sense
the incredible power and earthy intimacy of God's love? **I do.**

Do you believe in Jesus who from the cross in agony found
the strength to love and forgive those who betrayed,
tortured, reviled and executed him, And who rose to offer
comfort, love, forgiveness and hope And to entrust his
mission to us? **I do.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit of God working in and
through creation to forgive and comfort, heal and rebuild
Communities of hope and love in universal solidarity? **I do.**

Do you believe that you are a part of this community in
Christ's Spirit, called every day to spread this hope and
comfort in rebuilding our communities, our Church, our
nation, our world? **I do.**

*We, in and of your immense universe of cosmic time and
space, give you our deepest thanks, our Loving God, through
Christ our Lord and in the Living Spirit. Amen.*

**Collection on Holy Saturday 8th. and Easter Sunday 9th.
is for Priests of the Parish**

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.

BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL
The Collection last Sunday raised €2270
A great response and support from parishioners.
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**



Orservations

A very happy and blessed Easter to all!
The core of our Christian proclamation is "Christ is risen, he
is truly risen!" In the Orthodox Church, this Easter greeting is
exchanged during the liturgy and throughout the Easter season
— sparking something of the excitement of the feast.

Today, we celebrate a victory: Christ's victory over
death, destruction and evil. Today, we celebrate a liberation:
our being set freedom from the power of death and even from
the fear of death. Finally, today, we celebrate the triumph of
love. In the words of the Song of Songs: for love is strong as
death, passion fierce as the grave (Song 8:6). God's newest
word to us all is a loving and resounding "yes". As St Paul says
in 2 Corinthians,

*For the Son of God, Jesus Christ ... was not "Yes and
No," but in him it has always been "Yes." For in him every one
of God's promises is a "Yes." For this reason it is through him
that we say the "Amen," to the glory of God.*

(2 Corinthians 1:19-20)

This "yes" is spoken to each one of us this Easter Day.



*Alleluia! Christ is risen.
He is truly risen. Alleluia.*



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.

Anam Cara West Cork the organisation
that supports bereaved parents, is holding a
Parent Evening on **Tuesday 18th April
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



Thought for the day

Traditionally, we have found it easy to think of the cross as
the measure of God's love for us. Because of the focus on
the cross, we find it more difficult to think of the resurrection as
also the love of God, perhaps "all the more so"! The originality
of the Fourth Gospel says it all: the disciple Jesus loved, the
head cloth recalling Lazarus (see how much he loved him)
and, not least, the great figure of Mary Magdalene (Mary!). In
summary, Jesus died and rose again for love of us. Let us be
loved!

Prayer

*Loving God, you love us more than we can imagine or take in.
Help us to allow ourselves to be so loved by you, that your love
may penetrate our hearts, our lives and our loves. We ask this
through Jesus, who died and rose for love of us and who lives
and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.*

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Reflections

1. The disciples are in a state of shock after their traumatic
loss. Jesus, the one in whom they had placed so much hope,
has been murdered and buried. Then, before they have time
to recover they get another shock. The body of Jesus is
missing. Have you had experiences in which one tragedy or
crisis follows quickly after another? What was that like for you?
How did you cope? Who, or what, sustained you?

2. Mary and Peter, and the other disciple, came and
discovered that the tomb was empty. In this text no
explanation is given. They are left in a state of bewilderment
'for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must
rise from the dead'. Have you been in situations, faced with
events you cannot explain, possibly events that have dashed
your hopes in another person, or in God? What has that been
like for you?

3. Yet in spite of the lack of explanation, the beloved disciple
'saw and believed'. Have there been times when others have
done something that you could not understand, and which
they could not explain at the time, and yet you believed that
all was not as it seemed; times when you decided to trust in
spite of the evidence? Have there been times when others
have shown this kind of faith in you, when you were not able to
offer satisfactory explanations, and all you could say was 'trust
me'?

4. Have there been times in your relationship with God when
you have felt that you were faced with an empty tomb, and still
you believed? What have you learned about life, about love,
from such experiences?

PRAYER

God of undying life, by your mighty hand you raised up Jesus
from the grave and appointed him judge of the living and the
dead. Bestow upon those baptised into his death the pow- er
flowing from his resurrection, that we may proclaim near and
far the pardon and peace you give us. Amen.

Trocaire Boxes

Please return your Trocaire Box to the sacristy or the
presbyteries. Thank you.