

Mass Times

Sundays: 9 am & 11 am
Saturday Vigil: 6.00 pm
Tuesday & Friday: 9.30 am
Fr. Michael Keohane Co-PP



Baptism

Lyla Anne Suri Rau.
We welcome her into the Christian Family



Thank You Fr. Colin

We are all very grateful to Fr. Colin for his dedicated ministry in Blackrock Parish over the last four years. We appreciate his gracious words at Masses last weekend and we give him our prayerful support as he bids farewell to Mahon Parish this weekend after nine years of dedicated and faithful ministry there as Parish Priest.

In his own words last weekend, he was appointed to Blackrock Parish as Administrator following the death of the beloved Canon Kieran Twomey. Fr. Colin served this parish faithfully since that time attending to the pastoral care of parish groups and ministries, local schools, accompanying many families in their bereavements, celebrating the Sacraments of baptism and Marriage in a busy parish along with his commitment to Mahon Parish.

Blackrock Parish is profoundly grateful for his ministry, his kindness and his faith which he has gently shared over the last four years. We all now wish him every blessing as he embarks on a different ministry as Chaplain of Cork University Hospital as part of the Chaplaincy Team there.

As a parish, we look forward to marking Fr. Colin's ministry in Blackrock parish in the autumn when he has settled into the routine of his new appointment in CUH.

Fr. Michael

BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Church Gate collection will take place on
Week ending 5th/6th August 2023
Your support as always is greatly appreciated.

PARISH DEFIBRILLATORS

There are 2 Defibrillators located in the Parish,
one in the village & one outside Murphy's Circle K
PetrolStation. The code to operate both is 2017

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



Sunday Cuppa continues in the Parish
Centre after 11 am mass on Sunday 6th
August for tea and refreshments and
more chat!
Everyone welcome!



Some thoughts on today's Gospel.....

The apostles saw into the real Jesus - a few hours on the mountains which they would never forget. When later they would see the disfigured face and the dying body on the cross, Peter and James and John would remember this day, and would remember it for the rest of their lives. They saw Jesus as the Son of God, and saw a glimpse in him of our humanity at its best. The glory of Jesus is the glory of love - his love unto death, and the love in him of Father and Spirit.

Synod 2023/2024

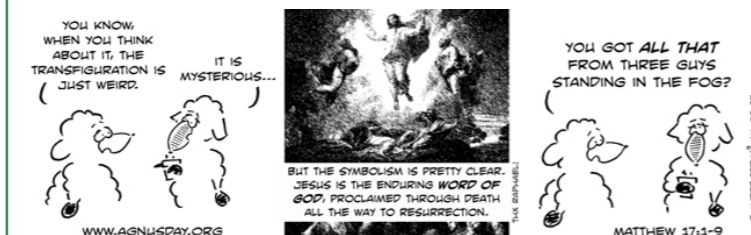
The working document for the first session of the Synod has just been published. This is a crucial moment and the document itself is inspiring. We should all give it our attention. www.synod.va



From Working Document -

19. Some follow Jesus more explicitly, experiencing the fidelity of discipleship, while others are invited to return to their ordinary lives: yet all testify to the power of the faith that has saved them (cf. Mt 15:28). Among those who follow Jesus, the figure of the apostles, whom he himself calls from the beginning, having given them the task of mediating authoritatively the crowd's relationship with Revelation and with the coming of God's Kingdom, clearly becomes prominent. The third actor's entrance on the scene occurs not thanks to a cure or a conversion, but because it coincides with Jesus' call. The election of the apostles is not the privilege of an exclusive position of power and separation but the grace of an inclusive ministry of blessing and fellowship. Thanks to the gift of the Spirit of the Risen Lord, they are to guard the place of Jesus, without replacing him: not to put filters on his presence, but to make it easy to encounter him.

20. Jesus, the crowd in its diversity, the apostles: this is the imagery and the mystery that must be constantly contemplated and explored in depth so that the Church may increasingly become what she is. None of the three actors can leave the scene. If Jesus is absent, and someone else takes his place, the Church then becomes a contract between the apostles and the crowd and whose dialogue will end up following the plot of the political game. Without the apostles, authorized by Jesus and instructed by the Spirit, the relationship with the evangelical truth is broken, and the crowd, whether it accepts or rejects Jesus, remains exposed to a myth or an ideology about him. Without the crowd, the apostles' relationship with Jesus becomes corrupted into a sectarian and self-referential form of religion, and evangelization, which emanates from the direct self-revelation that God addresses personally to all, offering His salvation, loses its light.



Inspiration

The event of the Transfiguration remains fundamentally shrouded in mystery as such. But the manner of the telling orients us through symbolism: a mountain, light bright as the sun, a bright cloud, a voice, fear and the reassurance not to be afraid. Even the desire to hold on to the experience is part of it: if you wish, I will make three tents here. The disclosure of who Jesus really was leads to an instruction which transcends the particularity of the event: 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.'



72nd Annual Mass & Devotions

HOLY ROSARY SHRINE Lee Road, Cork

Feast of the Assumption 7.30 p.m. Tuesday 15th August 2023
Chief Celebrant: **Bishop John Buckley**, Bishop Emeritus, Diocese of Cork & Ross
Preacher
Fr Marius O' Reilly, Ss Peter & Paul's Parish & Rosary Stories, Radio Maria
Part of Cork's Heritage of Faith. All are welcome.

The Papers Say.....

Sacred Heart Messenger. (1). Life on the Margins — Sr. Stanislaus Kennedy reflects on the Pope's intentions for September. (2) Pope Francis in his own words on heaven, saintliness and creation. (3) Our Immigrants. — Fr. Peter McVerry SJ writes on the situation of our immigrants in Ireland. (4). Children's pages and crossword.

Irish Catholic. (1). John L. Allen: What World Youth Day and Gay Pride have in common (it's not what you think). (2). FBI gives documents to US Congress relating to memo targeting Catholics. (3). Ruadhan Jones: How Alpha became number one in Christian catechisis. (4). David Quinn: Why is the government funding IVF and not pro-life alternatives.

Tablet. (1). Fr. Vincent Twomey SVD: Pope Benedict's legacy — Is it too late for liturgical reconciliation? (2). Church history — A century and a half ago the Capuchins began their mission in England and Wales, living among the poor and rebuilding the Church. (3). Orthodox Cathedral in Odesa in ruins after night of missile attacks.

BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The priests have 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.

Thought for the day

Special moments of "presence" are important to us, even though we may not often speak of them. These can happen in all sort of ways: at the birth of a child, in nature, while listening to music, in prayer, as we contemplate a work of art and so forth. In any case, always unexpectedly. Often we would be a little embarrassed to talk about such "epiphanies" for fear of seeming foolish or naive but, nevertheless, such intimations of something more really matter to us personally because they give the holy a foothold in our own experience. We would like to prolong such experiences, but that is not their nature (as Peter discovered!).

Prayer

Help us, Lord, to recognise you more and more in the present moment of our lives, that our love for you may be real and our hope in you strong.

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

God of glory, it is good for us to be here. Reveal your Son to us now in the message of the prophets and the witness of the apostles, that we may heed his voice and receive him in faith.
We ask this 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.

Special Annual Mass to celebrate Padre Pio's ordination to the Priesthood will take place on **Sunday August 13th @3pm in the Church of the Holy Spirit, Dennehy's Cross, Cork.** Confessions, Rosary and other devotions from 1.30pm. Priests will bless people with Padre Pio Mitten and heart bandage after Mass. Anointing of the Sick also during Mass.