

Mass Times

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



Recently Deceased



David Charles Fry, Sandy Lawn
May the light of God surround him forever.

Fr Colin - Mass of Thanksgiving

Fr. Colin has accepted our parish invitation to celebrate 11am Mass on **Sunday 22nd October** next. We will make him a presentation to honour his dedicated ministry in our parish as Administrator from 2019 until this summer particularly through the time of the pandemic. There will be a reception in the Parish Centre after Mass and everyone is invited to the Mass and the reception afterwards.

ST. THERESE

This Sunday is the first day of October and ordinarily, the Feast of St. Therese of Lisieux of the Little Flower. She is a wonderful saint and much loved in Ireland. She had many simple sayings that are profound and powerful. 'I will spend my Heaven, doing good on earth' is a powerful reassurance that we have someone looking out for us.



She spoke of her 'Little Way' as the key to Christian life with Jesus and Mary at the centre.

She struggled with illness and was surrounded by depression in her own family circle. She is a saint for our time as so many struggle with the pressures and demands of life. We all have a good friend in St. Therese in this.

She wanted to be a missionary to travel the world and never got to leave her convent due to ill health yet she is the patron of missions and missionary activity. We need missionaries in our time in an increasingly secular world and St. Therese will be there for us in this too.

St. Therese, pray for us, St. Michael, pray for us.

Fr. Michael

Welcome to the former employees of Dunlops to our Vigil Mass this weekend. Dunlops closed 40 years ago this year. In our Mass, we pray for the employees who have gone to their eternal reward. This Mass is an opportunity to meet together and pray together to maintain and celebrate friendships and give thanks for the faithfulness of God to the Dunlops workers and their families over the last 40 years.

October – Safeguarding Month in Cork and Ross

October is Safeguarding month in the Diocese. The parish and Diocesan Safeguarding Teams work hard all year to assure our Churches are a safe space for children. We welcome all children and young people to participate fully in the life of the parishes, whether it be attendance at Mass and the Sacraments, as Altar Servers, Choir, Children's Liturgy, Pray and Play, Youth Ministry etc

SECOND COLLECTION 7th & 8th OCTOBER.
Diocesan Needs.

The Papers Say.....

Irish Catholic. (1). Fr. Martin Delaney: Guard against 'hierarchy of grief' after tragedies. (2). Women arrested for silent prayer at UK abortion clinics gets police apology. (3) Nuala O'Loan: British government treats the people of the North with utter contempt. (4). Parishes need lay leaders doing more than 'Sunday service'.

Tablet. (1). The Pope of encounter. — The defining theme of this papacy marks a change of direction — from transmitting the truth to mutual learning. (2). The Catholic Church is struggling to survive in a remote area of North Wales which currently has no resident priest. (3). In a new book a medieval historian shows how St. Francis embraced not just the poor but non-Christians especially Muslims.

Catholic Voice . (1). Synod on Synodality X/Twitter account shows youth want 'a return to orthodoxy and tradition'. (2). The infallibility of Catholic doctrine. (3). No room for lukewarmness as Catholics.

Monastic Vocations Weekend for women at St Benedict's Priory, Cobh, Co Cork 28th-29th October. For more information contact Mother Prioress: 0214811354. cobhtyburnconvent@gmail.com With gratitude & prayers, Mother M Catherine OSB, Prioress

On Monday Oct. 2nd. at 7.30 p.m. we will mark the final week of the **Season of Creation by a Prayer Service** in Holy Cross Church Mahon. Sr Máire is hoping for six to eight volunteers to share simple leadership and prayer for the occasion. She will explain more at 087 6420135. Please consider risking this modest leadership in service of Creation, our local human community, and our children's children!

Are you getting married?

Looking for a pre-marriage course? NAOMI have courses in Douglas every month held on a Saturday. Why not give NAOMI a call at 086 309 4792 for further information.

Gougane Sunday

You are invited to the celebrations at Gougane Barra on Sunday 1st October marking the 1400th anniversary of the death of St Finbarr. **Mass at 3pm preceded by the Rosary at 2.30 pm.** Fr Bernard Cotter will preach this year. Bishop Fintan looks forward to seeing you in Gougane.

Sunday Cuppa continues in the Parish Centre after 11 am mass on Sunday 1st October for tea and refreshments and more chat!
Everyone welcome!



FIRST FRIDAY EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

On Friday 6th October 2023

There are sheets on the tables in the Church where Parishioners can indicate the times most suitable for them to be present. We would like that there would be at least 2 people present for each period. If there are vacant periods we would appreciate volunteers to fill these times by putting their names on the list. Thanks



Reflections

1. It is possible to be a dutiful and observant Christian, and yet feel there is something missing. It makes such a difference when your heart is in what you are doing—so much better than just going through the motions. Where do you experience that most in your life?
2. The desire of Jesus for us to grow in that kind of committed, enthusiastic involvement in life. What encourages you to grow in this way?
3. The elders probably thought well of themselves in contrast to the tax collectors and sinners. Perhaps you know some unconventional people, ones who appear to ignore the 'right' way of doing things, and yet they have taught you something about true goodness.

PRAYER

O God, you alone judge rightly and search the depths of the heart. Make us swift to do your will and slow to judge our neighbour, that we may walk with those who follow the way of repentance and faith and so enter your heavenly kingdom. Grant 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.

The Synod

This weekend we pray for the Synod which will be opened by Pope Francis in Rome on **4th October**, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. In his own words, Pope Francis said 'without prayer, there is no Synod'. This week we pray for the presence and guidance of the Holy Spirit at this critical time in the life of the church worldwide, in our diocese and most importantly, in our parish and Family of Parishes. St. Francis of Assisi, pray for us.



The winners of the Blackrock Village Community Award went to **Blackrock Clean-Up Group** pic shows l-r : Cllr Des Cahill, Festival Committee, Joe O'Brien, St Michael's Credit Union, Award sponsors, David and Bowie Ludgate, Orla O'Byrne pic *George Hatchell*

HAIL HOLY QUEEN CONFERENCE 2023

is live on Radio Maria Ireland from 2pm on Saturday 7th October. Speakers include Fr Seán Maguire, Fr Colum Power, Catherine McGowan and Fr Freddie Warner. Radio Maria Ireland can be listened to by downloading the Radio Maria Ireland APP, Saorview Channel 210 or listen live at (01)4373277

St Michael's Church Choir

Our choir sings at the 11:00am Sunday Mass and other important occasions during the church year. Pre-mass rehearsals take place at 10:00 am. Maybe you are new to the Parish, or have always wanted to join? We are a female choir and presently number 12 singers. We are actively seeking new members and you will be made very welcome. Prior knowledge of musical notation is not required but you should be able to sing in tune. If interested why not meet us on the balcony before or after mass. See separate handout for fuller information.

Thought for the day

In today's parable, the offence is to be found in the blindingly obvious answer to the question Jesus sets. The application is then very sharp: those who seemingly never have experienced sin and conversion (who are they?) are quick to judge others who come to God through failure and fracture. It is like the ninety-nine who have no need of conversion—we may doubt that they ever really existed! A certain complacency can mark any settled religious group and if we add to that self-righteousness, then the mix is explosive and we are far from the Gospel as preached by Jesus.

Prayer

Blessed are they who know their need of God (Mt 5:3). May we recognise ourselves as part of the community of the needy and show the compassion of Jesus to all without distinction.

K O'Mahony OSA

Christ be Beside Me

Christ be beside me, Christ be before me,
Christ be behind me, King of my heart.
Christ be within me, Christ be below me,
Christ be above me, never to part.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,
Christ all around me, shield in the strife.
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,
Christ in my rising, light of my heart.

Christ be in all hearts thinking about me,
Christ be on all tongues telling of me.
Christ be the vision in eyes that see me,
In ears that hear me Christ ever be

The Bells of the Angelus

The bells of the Angelus
Call us to pray
In sweet tones announcing
the sacred Ave.
Chorus: Ave, Ave, Ave Maria, Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.

2. An angel of mercy,
led Bernadette's feet,
Where flows the deep torrent,
Our Lady to greet.
Chorus: Ave, Ave etc.
3. She prayed to our mother
That God's will be done
She prayed for his glory
that His kingdom come.
Chorus: Ave, Ave etc



Anam Cara Cork, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on **Wednesday 4th October at 7:15pm in the Maryborough Hotel, Maryborough Hill, Douglas, T12 XR12.** This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. We also offer an online service. For more info call 01 4045378



BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Church Gate collection will take place on
Week ending 30/09-01/10 2023
Your support as always is greatly appreciated.