



### Mass Times

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



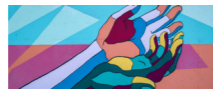
### Recently Deceased

**Stephen Montgomery, Youghal & Cork City**  
**Mary Ahern, Skehard Road**  
**Joan Cummins, Avonlea Court**  
*May the light of God surround them forever.*



### Baptism

**Millie Hegarty.**  
**Isobel Bridget Long.**  
**Faye Elizabeth O'Dwyer.**  
We welcome them into the Christian Family



### The Beauty of Forgiveness

We have been blessed with some beautiful weather at the start of this month. It has certainly changed in the last few days. Temperatures have dropped, we are running from the rain, scrambling for coats and umbrellas which we thought we could put away for longer. The cycle of the seasons is inevitable and beautiful at the same time.



This weekend, the Word of God draws us into a cycle of anger, frustration and forgiveness. Like the seasons this is inevitable and beautiful. Forgiveness must be the most beautiful thing in life. We are blessed by the grace of God when we receive and give forgiveness. Mother Theresa spoke 'of doing something beautiful for God'. Everyday, we have that opportunity in front of us to give and receive forgiveness. This is what makes us children of God and people of authentic faith.

May God bless us this weekend. St. Michael pray for us.

Fr. Michael

### Thank You

Sincere thanks to all those who continue to support our parish in the offertory collection each weekend as well as the church maintenance collection. Thanks to people who continue to support the parish via the donate button on the parish website or through standing order. Your support ensures a welcoming church and parish where we gather to pray and celebrate the happy and sadder days with people around us in the presence of God.

Fr. Michael

**St. Pio Prayer Group of Our Lady of the Rosary, Ardfoyle, Blackrock** will recommence on **Wednesday 27th September**. We meet on the last Wednesday of every month with Rosary at 7.45pm followed by Mass at 8pm. ALL WELCOME.



### The Papers Say.....

**Irish Catholic.** (1). David Quinn: Does Richie Sadlier really believe his teachings will lead to sexual nirvana? (2). Martyred Polish family's beatification prompts theological reflection as one family member was an unborn child (3 articles). (3). Prof. Eamonn Conway: The Catholic culture of our childhood memories is unlikely to return, whether we wish it or not. (4). Michael Kelly: We all have a role to play in keeping the parish afloat.

**Tablet.** (1). The bridge builder — Fr. James Martin SJ, one of America's most admired and most controversial Catholic priests tells us that one Gospel story was life-changing for him. — and can be for others. (2). Injury in sport. — Rugby's uncomfortable truths. (3). Archbishop Diarmuid Martin: Real challenge for Church is crisis in faith.

**Sacred Heart Messenger.** (1). Nikki Lawrence recounts the story of one of Ireland's most famous and influential priests, Fr. Patrick Peyton CSC. (2). Kevin Hargaden addresses the challenges, outcomes and sometimes snags of dealing with the problem of drugs. (3). Is doing the right thing enough?  
*Support the Catholic press and keep in touch with the Church Buy and read a Catholic publication weekly!*

### 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 and participation at Mass resumes on **Sunday 17 September**. 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 and be open to becoming part of a special and dedicated group of existing members. If interested why not meet us on the balcony before or after mass. See separate handout for fuller information.

### 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.

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](http://www.tarsus.ie) and register to receive the emails. *K O'Mahony OSA*

### Cork Scripture Group

4 Monday nights (25th Sept, 2nd, 9th, 16th Oct) on "When you pray . . . (Matthew 6:5): Exploring Prayer in the Bible  
Presenters: Pauline Byrne, Marian Mortell, Fr John Newman, Phil Mortell  
Saturday workshop (Oct 7th) on Praying the Psalms facilitated by Ciaran O'Callaghan CSsR  
**Cost €50.**  
To book a place please email [corksripturegroup@gmail.com](mailto:corksripturegroup@gmail.com)

**SECOND COLLECTION 23rd/24th SEPTEMBER.**  
**Priesthood Education.**

### SMA Novena

The SMA Novena in honour of St. Therese will begin on **23rd September in St. Joseph's Church, Blackrock Road** and will conclude on the Feast of St. Therese on 1st October next. The Novena will be celebrated each evening at 7.30pm (except Sat. 23rd & Sat. 30th @ 7.30pm). There will be a choir each evening.  
For information contact 021-4292871



### SANCTUARY PAINTING

The painting of the Sanctuary will begin this week with the erection of significant scaffolding. We apologise in advance for any inconvenience caused. The work will take about 2 weeks.

### St. Michael's Church Folk Group

Our Folk Group will be re-commencing the 'new season' with singing at 6pm Mass, today Saturday - and fortnightly thereafter. We rehearse our existing repertoire, together with learning new songs, every Tuesday evening in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm for 1hr approx. and new members will indeed be very welcome. Should you require more information, please contact **Olan at 086/8420237**.

**St Michaels Conference SVP Blackrock** are currently seeking new members. We would welcome interested persons to contact either a conference member, Fr Keohane or SVP Tuckey Street.  
*Lucette Murray Conference President.*



### 40TH. ANNIVERSARY OF CLOSURE OF IRISH DUNLOP CO.

The 6pm Mass on Saturday 30th. September will be offered for the living and deceased ex-employees of Dunlops, Cork. Please spread the word on social media or any other means. Everyone welcome in the Parish Centre after Mass for a cuppa and a catch up.

**Anam Cara West Cork** the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on **Tuesday 19th September at 7:20pm** in the Fernhill House Hotel, Clonakilty, P85 X322.

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](mailto:info@anamcara.ie)



**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**



### Thought for the day

"The world needs forgiveness; too many people are caught up in resentment and harbour hatred because they are incapable of forgiving. They ruin their own lives and the lives of those around them rather than finding the joy of serenity and peace." (Pope Francis in Assisi in 2016) His point is that those who do not forgive, who hold on to resentment, hurt themselves almost as much, even if they are unaware of it for a while.

### Prayer

*God, always ready to forgive, we thank you for your forgiving love. Give us the grace to show the same love and forgiveness to all. Amen.*

*K O'Mahony OSA*

### Reflections

1. Jesus surprised Peter by telling him he needed to forgive seventy-seven times. Perhaps you have known the truth of this when something reminds you of a past hurt and you find your need in your heart to forgive again the person who hurt you. What was this like for you? How has a capacity to have a forgiving heart helped you?

2. Sometimes we need to forgive ourselves for things we regret about past behaviour. What happens to you when you cannot do this? How has your ability to forgive yourself for past mistakes influenced your attitude towards yourself now?

3. Are there people whose ability to forgive has inspired you? Recall them and the forgiveness they showed and give thanks for their example.

### PRAYER

*O God most high, you are slow to anger and rich in compassion. Keep alive in us the memory of your mercy, that our angers may be calmed and our resentments dispelled. May we discover the forgiveness promised to those who forgive and become a people rich in mercy. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### Sycamore Series for Young Adults- Exploring Catholic Faith

Have you ever questioned why you are Catholic and wondered why we Catholics believe what we believe? The Sycamore Series is an informal course for those aged 18-35. Join us as we deepen our understanding and knowledge of the Catholic faith. Each session involves a short film and time for discussion, with a meal also included. Everyone is welcome. Start date Wednesday October 4th 2023, 6pm-8pm at Presentation Brothers Mardyke House, Cork T12 W8RP. The course runs for 10 consecutive weeks. The course is free, but places are limited. Please email [chaplaincy@ucc.ie](mailto:chaplaincy@ucc.ie) or ring 0214902459 to let us know you are interested.

