

Mass Times

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



Weddings

Congratulations to **Laura Barrett and William Nolan** who were married in our Church on 15th Sept, 2023. Fr. Colin Doocey officiated.



Congratulations to **Sinead Tyrell and Stephen Trevor** who were married in our Church on 16th. September, 2023. Fr. Sean O'Sullivan officiated.

Recently Deceased

Tim Prendeville, Cork
Jimmy Brohan, Gate Lodge

May the light of God surround them forever.



St. Anthony, Our Favourite Saint

The people of Ireland have voted for Ireland's favourite saint at the National Ploughing Championships during the week. Despite the rain and the mud there was a rush to vote! The outright winner was St. Anthony followed by St. Brigid, St. Patrick, St. Padre Pio, St. Therese of Liseux and St. Martin de Porres in that order. All very democratic and an interesting insight into our devotion and our prayers.

We are very proud of our own statue to St. Anthony here in St. Michael's Church. It's lovely to see people drop in to pray and light a candle there. Always lovely to see our young people drop in to spend a quiet moment in the church.

We have many deep prayers known only to ourselves and God. St. Anthony and the other saints are a friendly face to convey these prayers and help us as well. Increasingly, we can forget to turn to God in prayer. We try so many other things and can forget the profound resource we have in our faith and devotion.

This weekend, we pray for many things. St. Anthony, pray for us. St. Michael, pray for us.

Fr. Michael

Priesthood Education Fund –

Special Collection this Weekend
The annual collection for the Priesthood Education Fund in the Diocese will be taken up on weekend of 23rd/24th September. This year two seminarians will begin studies in St. Patrick's College Maynooth. Both have completed a year of initial formation in Vallodolid last year. Another man is studying for the Permanent Diaconate in the Diocese. The Priesthood Education Fund will finance their studies as well as costs for ongoing training and education for priests. In the region of €110,000 will be needed to meet these costs in the coming year. Last year €70,616 was raised in this collection which was very generous. Appreciating that these are difficult financial times, you are asked to be as generous as you can to the Priesthood Education Fund annual collection this year.

Church Maintenance

Scaffolding has been erected in the church sanctuary to prepare for the painting of that area in the coming weeks. Sincere thanks for your continuous generosity to the regular repairs collection that enables this to be completed. It's much appreciated.

The Papers Say.....

Irish Catholic. (1). Sr. Bridge McKenna: Healthy families not female priests are the answer to vocations dearth. (2). Dominicans keen to share vocations' success. (3). David Quinn: We can't forget that in our lifetime, the government actually criminalised going to Mass. (4). How to heal after your parish merges or closes.

Catholic Voice. (1). No room for lukewarmness as Catholics. (2). Synod on Synodality X/Twitter account shows youth want 'a return to orthodoxy and tradition'. (3). The infallibility of Catholic doctrine. (4). Do we believe souls are worth saving?

Tablet. (1)Northern Ireland. — A formula for peace. (2). Transcending boundaries — The synodal process launched by Pope Francis has a deeper meaning than merely the reform of the Catholic Church. (3) Vatican beatification of the martyred Ulma family. — A ray of light in the darkness. (4). Lord David Allon says says AI led eugenics is new danger to the unborn child.

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.

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



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



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.

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. "I was there first". Envy easily comes to the surface when faced with the good fortune of others, especially when compared to what seems less favourable treatment of ourselves. Can you recall that feeling in yourself and what it did to you? Can you also recall times when you were content with your lot, even though it seemed others had greater gifts, better opportunities, etc.

2. A parent or teacher who gives a lot of time to a difficult child does not love the others less, but if we are one of those other children we may not see that. Recall a "Jesus person" in your life who helped you to overcome feelings of envy and helped you appreciate that the apparently more favourable treatment of another did not mean a lessening of love for you.

3. Generosity can make us uncomfortable. We feel more comfortable when we see ourselves as having done something to deserve the generosity.

But perhaps you can recall a moment of great need, when you were at the receiving end of someone's generosity, a time when you recognised you had done nothing to 'deserve' that response, a time when all you could do was to say "thanks"? 4. This leads us to the core message of this parable, namely, that God's love is a free gift and not earned. Recall moments when you were particularly conscious of the gift that God's love is to you.

5. "It is too late now" are words some- times uttered to justify doing nothing about a situation. This parable tells us that where love is involved, it is never too late. Can you recall times when you got a positive response after taking action when you thought it was "too late"?

PRAYER

God most high, your ways are not our ways, for your kindness is lavished equal- ly upon all.

Teach us to welcome your mercy to- wards others, even as we hope to receive mercy ourselves.

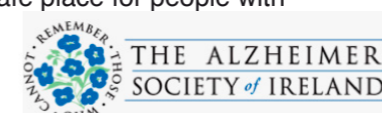
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

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



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

Cork Alzheimers Café a safe place for people with Alzheimers and other dementias, their carers, family and friends, along with social and health professionals to meet. Last Friday of each month 11am to 12.30pm in St Finbarrs Hospital Activity Centre, Douglas Road.



Light refreshments provided free of charge. All welcome.
Friday 29th September the next meeting.
Featuring: Dietician Helen Cummins speaking on the Importance of Diet.

Thought for the day

The forty-two parables in the Gospels are designed to take us up short and make us think again. Today's parable is a good example. The actions of the employer and the treatment of the workers simply would not work today as a labour relations strategy and would also not have worked in the time of Jesus. And what is the point? Really that it doesn't matter when we come to the Gospel, early, middle or late, by routes direct or circuitous, in full stride or falteringly: all that matters is that we come to the Gospel. Achievement counts for nothing; grace is everything, thanks be to God!

Prayer

The door of faith is always open and you welcome us, O God, whenever our hearts are open. We are grateful for your loving patience and generosity.

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



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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

4. Immaculate Mary,
your praises we sing,
Who reign now with Christ,
our redeemer and king.

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.

