

Mass Times

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



Baptism

Síofra Seana Treacy,
Grace Margaret O'Donovan.
Cormac Aidan Browne.



We welcome them into the Christian Family

Our Family of Parishes

This weekend, we welcome the SMA priests from Blackrock Road Parish to celebrate our weekend Masses. Fr. John Denvir SMA Co-PP and Fr. Jerome Amounu SMA CC will celebrate Masses here in St. Michael's.

This is the first such time that priests will rotate between parishes which will happen once a month. Mons. Gearoid Dullea Co-PP will celebrate Masses in SMA Blackrock Road, Fr. Rafal Zielonka CC will celebrate Masses in Ballinlough and I will celebrate Masses in Holy Cross this weekend.

This is a gentle first start as we begin to work together as a Family of Parishes. In time, we will work together as four parishes to form parish ministries and representative groups. Very simply, there will be strength in numbers and as those involved get to know one another better, we can develop a sense of shared mission to strengthen our parishes.

May God bless us all as we take these small steps.

Fr. Michael

November Novena for the Dead

Mass for the November Novena will be celebrated each weekday morning from Thursday 2nd - Friday 10th November this year. November Lists and envelopes will soon be available in the church for this.

Confirmation 2024 & First Holy Communion 2024

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The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Wednesday 13th March 2024 at 10.30am.

First Holy Communion 2024

Saturday 27th April	Scoil Barra Naofa Buachaillí
Saturday 18th May	Scoil Barra Naofa Cailiní
Saturday 25th May	Scoil Ursula, St. Michael's, School of the Divine Child.

Remembrance Mass

Our annual Remembrance Mass for those from our parish who have died since this time last year will be celebrated on All Souls Day, Thursday 2nd November at 7.30pm. Families who have been bereaved during that time are warmly welcome and you might begin to spread the word about this.

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



The Papers Say.....

Sacred Heart Messenger. (1). Children's and Adult Crosswords. (2). Pat Shaughnessy reflects on the life of St. Maximilian Kolbe, murdered by the Nazis in 1942. (2). Grief has no guidelines. (4). The people of God on the move.
Synodal Times. The ST asks a wide range of Catholics what they want to see from the Synod of Bishops meeting. It also breaks down who exactly will be in attendance at this all-important event in Rome. It has an interview with Dr. Miriam Wijlens on how 'Synodality also means accountability'.
Irish Catholic. (1). Mary Kenny: A museum for women must be truly inclusive. — many Irish women who became distinguished in the arts, decor and literature, were also devout Catholics. (2). Elise Ann Allen: Pope offers cautious 'yes' on blessing some same-sex unions. (3). Fr. Bryan Shortall OFM Cap: Reflections on World Youth Day's renewal of mission. (4). Synodality can help us fulfil the Church's mission. - evangelisation.
Catholic Voice. (1). Fr. Sean Sheehy: My way or God's way? (2). The Moral Message of La Salette. (3). Fr. Gerald E. Murray: Outing the liberal Catholic Project.
Tablet. (1). The Synod on Synodality —. Moment of truth for Pope Francis. (1). Ecumenical prayers set tone for synod. (3). Synod of Bishops —. Do not be afraid.

Safeguarding Month

The Diocese is fully committed to creating and maintaining safe environments within our churches, parishes and ministry. We have a number of policies and guidance in place to ensure that best practice is maintained through our ministry with children and vulnerable adults. Such as Child Safeguarding, Adult Safeguarding, Garda Vetting, Pilgrimage Polices etc. We also have lots of guidance for ministry within the parishes, as well as general advice around Safe Use of Social Media etc. These policies and more can be found on new safeguarding page on the Diocesan website. www.corkandross.org/safeguarding

Anam Cara West Cork the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on **Tuesday 17th October 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

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.

BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Church Gate collection last weekend raised €2580
We are grateful for the ongoing support for SVP -
Thank you

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.

Reflections

1. The target audience of this allegorical parable are the Jewish chief priests and elders portrayed here as rejecting Jesus and his teaching, and as a consequence losing out on what God was offering them. It is a story of opportunity for life presented and rejected, and they lose out in the process. How important have you found it to recognise and accept opportunities for growth, development and new life when these were presented to you?
2. The parable is also a cautionary tale about the destructive effects of greed – doing violence to the rights of others and eventually destroying the greedy themselves. What attitude towards possessions has helped you to be at peace in yourself and at peace with others?
3. The vineyard of the Lord is an image for God's people. As we look at the vineyard we have been given, we can ask ourselves "are we good tenants?" Recall times when you have been a good tenant, and reached out caringly for those around you
4. "It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it was wonderful to see". Sometimes a person not highly regarded plays a key role in a project, and it is wonderful to see. Can you recall examples of this?

PRAYER

Yours, O God, is the vineyard and its harvest, yours the kingdom of justice and peace. You call your people to tend its growth. Bless the work entrusted to our hands, that we may offer you an abundance of just works, a rich harvest of peace. 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.

Fundraising Social for Marymount will be held at Blackrock Community Centre, Convent Road on **Tuesday 17th October at 7.30 pm.** There will be music on the night with Par Hurley, Tim and Friends. A dance performance by the award-winning dancers of Niamh Hatchell School ID and Special Guests on the night. Refreshments will be served. A super night's entertainment for €5 plus raffle for many prizes while supporting this great cause. Everybody welcome.

The last **Diocesan Needs Quarterly Collection** in July amounted to €49,098 throughout the Diocese, which is much appreciated.

The next quarterly collection will take place on weekend of 7th/8th October

This quarterly collection allows the Diocese to provide ongoing supports to parishes in many areas. It contributes to the day-to-day running costs of the Diocese including the cost of personnel, utilities (light & heat, phone, postage & stationery, repairs & maintenance, insurance), professional fees, primary and secondary school religious advisory costs, safeguarding, data protection, mission and ministry and levies paid by the Diocese for national hierarchy costs in Maynooth. People continue to be very generous to these quarterly collections over the years and your support would be greatly appreciated this weekend.

CONNECT 3 -

Faith Gathering for Young Adults (18 to 35 Years)
The Diocese of Cork and Ross is delighted to announce that **CONNECT 3** will take place on **Sunday, October 15th from 9.30am, in Devere Hall, UCC.** It promises to be a great day of fun, prayer, food, talks, Mass, fellowship, and more. There is no charge for attending. To register simply visit corkandross.org

Thought for the day

The risk for Christians today is that we read the parable complacently, because it clearly refers to Jews and Christians in the first century. But it is not only in the past that the leadership of God's project has changed hands, so to speak. Down through history, more committed groups have challenged the established Church—they can attract by more exciting worship and by a closer living of the Gospel. The hard words of St Paul to the Gentile Christians in Rome may help to shake us up: For if God did not spare the natural branches, perhaps he will not spare you. (Rom 11:21)
Prayer
Lord of the vineyard, you call us to live the Gospel and to produce its fruits. Send your Spirit into our hearts, that we know the fruits of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. (Gal 5:22–23)
K O'Mahony OSA

Be Still, for the Presence of the Lord

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here. Come, bow before him now, with reverence and fear. In him no sin is found. We stand on holy ground. Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around; He burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned. How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of Light! Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place; He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace. No work too hard for him; in faith receive from him. Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

How Great Thou Art

Oh Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds Thy hands have made I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed.

CHORUS: Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee: How great Thou art, how great Thou art. Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee: How great Thou art, how great Thou art.

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart; Then I shall bow, in humble adoration, And then proclaim, my God, how great Thou art. *CHORUS: Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee etc.*

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.