St Michael's Parish, Blackrock, Cork

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Mass Times

Sundays: 9 am & 11 am Saturday Vigil: 6.00 pm

Email: info@stmichaelsblackrock.ie

Tuesday & Friday: 9.30 am Fr. Michael Keohane Co-PP

Baptism
Leon Edward Counihan.
Jordan Jay Murray-Chantry.



Thank You Fr. Colin

At 11am Mass this weekend, we are delighted to welcome
Fr. Colin Doocey to celebrate Mass for and with us. We also welcome his mother Marie and family members who join us as well.



In welcoming Fr. Colin and his family, our parish wants to thank him in a public way for his dedicated ministry here since 2019. Fr. Colin graciously undertook the role of Administrator following the death of Canon Kieran in June 2019. It was a big undertaking in addition to his ministry as Parish Priest of Mahon Parish. This became even more challenging during the pandemic from March 2020.

We are very grateful for his prayerful presence and attention to duty over those years. He shared his own deep personal faith with us to nourish us all as a parish faith community.

As we gather this weekend, we ask God's blessing on Fr. Colin and on the next chapter in his life and ministry as Chaplain to Cork University Hospital as a member of the Chaplaincy Team there.

Thanks to all those who arranged the parish reception for Fr. Colin, his family and our parishioners in the Parish Centre after 11am Mass.

Fr. Michael

The Blessing of the Graves at St James' Cemetery, Chetwynd, Togher, will take place on Sunday 5th November, at 3.00pm

BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Church Gate collection will take place on Week ending 4/5 November 2023

Your support as always is greatly appreciated.

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.....

Irish Catholic. (1) 'Totally wrong' new tax on religious orders such as the Poor Clares Cork condemned. (2)Synod 'setting stages for future changes' on role of women. (3). David Quinn: The recent terror attracts in Israel have highlighted ongoing anti-Semitism around the world.

(4). Priests trained abroad can 'invigorate' Faith in Ireland. **Tablet of 14/10.** (1). Hamas Terror —. Israel must avoid trap laid by the perpetrator. (2). The ultimate question —. C.S. Lewis's crisis of faith. (3). The lure of Lourdes —. 'The Miracle Club' a new film starring Maggie Smith and Kathy Bates joins tradition of movies where the shared journey is what matters.

Catholic Voice. (1). Fr. Ed. Breen: Mary's two greatest desires. (2). St. Bonaventure —. Christ's Victorious Last Words.

(3). Mins. Charles Pope: Unbelief in our culture is more serious that most imagine — A reflection on the First Commandment

Synodal Times. (1). Christopher Lamb: The harvest is rich but the labourers are few'. — Reflecting on England and Wales' winding Synodal journey. (2). Fr. Eamonn Conway: Secrecy or prayerfulness at the Synod? All the evidence points to the latter. (3). The Synod in Rome where everyone will be talking about women.

Fatima Rosary Prayer group Pilgrimage at the Lough Cork this Sunday at 2.30pm.

Life Love Loss - An Online Afternoon Retreat

Sunday 5th november 3p.m. - 6pm. A sacred time to honour our losses and remember our loved ones. Input, Scriptural Reflections, Music, Meditation & Remembrance Service. Martina Lehane Sheehan with Fr. Ronald Rolheiser OMI. For further information & booking: www.ruahrest.com or Email: info@ruahrest.com Donation: €20

FIRST FRIDAY EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

On Friday 3rd November 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

Second Collection w/e 21/22 October Propagation of the Faith.

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.

RALLY TO THE ROCKIES

The Rockies GAA Club takes pleasure in extending A HEARTY CÉAD MÍLE FÁILTE to its Friends & Followers to A General Get-together at The Rockies Club, Church Road on Friday, 27th October 2023, from 10:30am to 12pm.

Tea, Coffee & Light Refreshments will be served. MEET OLD FRIENDS & MAKE NEW ONES AT THE ROCKIES!

Fr Colin - Mass of Thanksgiving

Fr. Colin will celebrate 11am Mass on **Sunday 22nd October**. 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.

22/10/2023 Mission Sunday

WEEKLY MASS LEAFLET UPDATES: Email to: info@stmichaelsblackrock.ie



BAPTISMS: MARRIAGES: Please contact the parish office.

Minimum 3 months notice required by
Church and State.

Pre-marriage course required.

Book Launch Tuesday 24th October:

One of our priests, Fr Noel O'Sullivan, has just published a book entitled, **Sacraments in a Synodal Church**. It is the fruit of his work in parishes here in the diocese and his years teaching in Farranferris and Maynooth. The book is a comprehensive exploration of the sacraments of the Catholic Church as they developed from the time of Christ and as they are understood today. What is particularly refreshing about this publication is that it is situated in the context of Synodality as presented by Pope Francis.

The book will be launched by Bishop Fintan Gavin on Tuesday 24th October, at 7.30 in Mardyke House, Cork (T12W8RP). All are welcome.

Sunday Cuppa continues in the Parish Centre after 11 am mass on Sunday 5th November for tea and refreshments and more chat! Everyone welcome!



THE ALZHEIMER SOCIETY IRELAND

Resources for our Time of Crisis.

There are huge resources available on **www.tarsus.ie** relating to the War in the Holy Land, the roots of the Israel-Palastine conflict and a reflection by Fr Laurence Freeman OSB, recently returned from the Holy Land.

Cork Alzheimers Café a safe place for people with Alzheimers

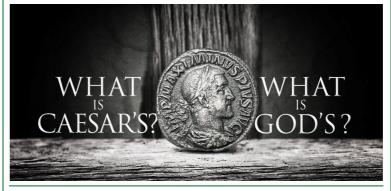
and other dementias, their carers, family and friends along with

social and health professionals to meet.

Last Friday of each month 11- 12.30 pm in St Finbarrs Hospital, Douglas Road.

Light refreshments provided free of charge. All welcome. Friday 27th October the next meeting.

Featuring: Sinéad O' Halloran - Speech & Language Therapy



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

Croí na Gaeilge (Tel. 085 1213189 after 6 p.m. only) is holding a Leaving Certificate 2024 Honours Irish Oral/Written 2-Day Exam Preparation Course on Sunday October 29th / Sunday November 19th 2023 from 11-6 p.m. given by an experienced Oral Examiner / Exam Corrector / Teacher. All topics covered (including sraithpictiúir, Gaeltacht phrases, poetry, prós, essays, comprehension, & grammar). *Míle buíochas, Peadar Ó Murchú.*

Thought for the day

The relationship between religious faith and public life is perplexing. In some societies, even today, there is virtually no difference between the two. In other, more secular societies, any expression of religious conviction is unacceptable in public. It is true of course that there is an appropriate distinction and even separation to be made, as indeed Jesus does make today in the Gospel. But on at least two issues, there is bound to be some crossover. Religious faith informs our values and in society today policies and laws must be grounded, not in a particular faith certainly, but in values nevertheless.

Praver

Lord, we need your wisdom to tell what belongs to God and what belongs to Caesar. Send your Holy Spirit into the heart of all believers that we may be true to ourselves and tolerant towards people with whom we disagree.

K O'Mahony OSA

Reflections

1. The story sees a mixture of religion and politics, a potentially explosive combination. Jesus does not ask us to avoid politics, but that our involvement in the affairs of the world be informed by the perspective of the Reign of God. How does the gospel give you a vision of how your involvement in society should be?

2. Pharisees and Herodians were not natural allies but a shared dislike of Jesus brought them together in an attempt to discredit him. Perhaps you experience the same opposition in society today when you profess to being a Christian or a Catholic. Jesus did not get into an argument with them but simply professed his belief in the priority of God in his life. What have you found helpful in bearing witness to the fact that you are still a believing Christian or still go to church?

3. Jesus recognises that we can be faced with conflicting

claims for attention. He does not tell us how to solve that dilemma, but challenges us to make sure that our allegiance to God takes priority. When have you been faced with a conflict of loyalties? What helped you to get your priorities right?

PRAYER

O God, whose image we bear and whose name we carry, yours is the world and all it contains.

Recall us to our true allegiance, so that above the power and rulers of this world you alone may claim our fullest loyalty and love. We make our prayer 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.

PRAYER FOR MISSION SUNDAY

Almighty and ever-living God, who in Christ revealed your glory to all the nations, watch over the works of your mercy, that Holy Church, spread throughout the whole world, may persevere with steadfast faith in confessing your name. through Christ our Lord. Amen.

For more resources for Mission Sunday, visit www.wmi.ie the website of World Missions Ireland.

Beaumont Girls' School are advertising for a new caretaker/janitor. We are using local social media sites and information boards to advertise the position. We also accepting enrolments for the 2024 school year. Admissions are now open for Junior Infants and school transfers.



Visit our website for more details:

www.beaumontgns.com