

Mass Times

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



Recently Deceased

Kieran Walsh, St Michael's Lawn, Ballinure
May the light of God surround him forever.



Do This in Memory Programme

This Saturday evening, we welcome to the second class children and their families from our parish who are preparing for the Sacraments of First Confession and First Holy Communion next year. We will begin our Do This in Memory programme in the parish with the children and their families as they enrol for the sacraments in this Mass.



These Masses that will continue throughout the year is the parish playing its part to support the families and our schools as we all work together to bring the children to know Jesus in First Confession and First Holy Communion. Our schools do wonderful work with the children already and we are all grateful for this.

This year, the children have already received a special Do This in Memory candle from the parish which they will bring to each of the Masses throughout the year.

May God bless the children, their families, their schools and our parish as we work together to make everyone welcome in our church and ultimately bringing the children to experience the joy of faith and meeting Jesus in the Sacraments.

The next Do This in Memory Mass will be celebrated on Saturday 9th December.

Fr. Michael



November Novena

Our Novena of prayer for the Holy Souls concluded on Friday 10th November.

Weekday Masses during the coming week will be on Tuesday and Friday as normal.

BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL
The Collection last Sunday raised **€3050**
A great response and support from parishioners.
Thank you.

The Papers Say.....

Sacred Heart Messenger. (1). Where are they meant to live. (2). Fr. Peter McVerry: Being poor at Christmas. (3). Children's Pages.
Synodal Times. (1). Going forward in joy to be a Church of service -- Pope Francis' final remarks to the Synod of Bishops (2). What the 2023 Synod on Synodality assembly said -- Proposals with compromise.
Irish Catholic. (1). Cindy Wooden: Synod, soccer, sexuality --Pope gives another wide-ranging interview. (2). Fr. Tom Whelan: Laity 'mimicking' priests no solution to vocations shortage. (3). David Quinn: Church should consider unilateral divestment of some Catholic schools.
Tablet of 4/11. (1). Christopher Lamb: The Church begins to dream. -- The Synod on Synodality has laid a foundation stone for a deep reform for how the Catholic Church carries out its mission and how it contains disagreements that threaten its unity. (2) Christians in Holy Land fear the worst
Tablet of 28/10. (1). Fragile seeds of hope -Catholics have spiritual ties and painful shared histories with both the Jewish people and the Palestinians. What would being in solidarity with both look like?
Catholic Voice. (1). Fr. Sean Sheehy: I have called you by your name. (2). Mary Kearns: Plenary indulgences do not remit sin. (3)Synod on Synodality -- Laywoman;s speech opposing Women's Ordination draws big Ovation.



The 5 Wise Bridesmaids (Erfurt Cathedral)

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.

St. PIO Prayer Group of Our Lady of the Rosary

We meet on the **last Wednesday** of every month with Rosary at 7.45pm followed by Mass at 8pm. In Ardfoyle Convent
Why not join us for a quiet unrushed hour?
ALL WELCOME.



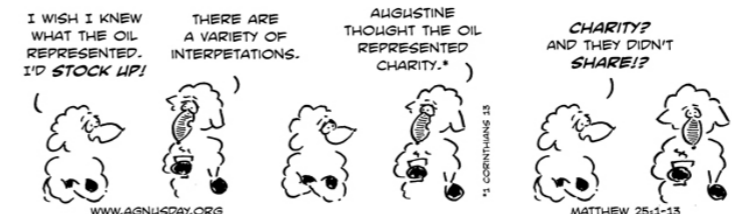
Tutus Tuus Scripture Conference is live on Radio Maria Ireland on Saturday 18th November from 2 pm.
Speakers include FR. JOHN RYAN (CLOYNE DIOCESE), FR. LUKE DEMASI (HOME OF THE MOTHER), FR. JOHN MCENEANEY (WATERFORD & LISMORE DIOCESE), FRANCES HOGAN (SCRIPTURE SCHOLAR). Radio Maria Ireland can be listened to by downloading the Radio Maria Ireland APP, Saorview Channel 210 or listen live at (01)4373277

Reflections

1. While the parable has clear end-of-time applications, it can also be applied to any moment of grace. It reminds us that moments of grace come unexpectedly, and we need to be awake to receive them. Recall times when you were alert for such a moment. What were the consequences for you?
2. Grace can also be disturbing. We can be coasting along in life and suddenly an opportunity or a graced moment arrives and we are shaken out of our routine in order to respond. Perhaps you can recall both moments when you were unprepared and moments when you were able to respond. What lessons have you learned from such experiences?
3. We may be tempted to judge the wise virgins as being selfish for not sharing with the others, but perhaps Jesus is teaching us that there are some things that other people cannot provide for us. We have to acquire them ourselves. What qualities in life do you see as the essential oil that you must provide for yourself?

PRAYER

*A mighty and ever-living God, remove the obstacles that stand in our way, that unimpeded in body and soul, we may freely devote ourselves to your service.
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.*



Theology Online Open Evening. Is this for you?

The Priory Institute provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Email enquiries@prioryinstitute.com to find out more about our Online Open Evening on Wednesday 29 November.

Anam Cara West Cork

the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on Tuesday 21st November 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



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



BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Fr. Michael has 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.

Thought for the day

To engage with today's readings, it might helpful to go back in your own mind to someone in your life whom you regard as really wise. When did you become aware of it? Have you benefited from it? If someone were to ask how would you recognise wisdom and what are its marks, what would you say? Have you learned from your encounters with wise people? Do you desire wisdom for yourself? Perhaps as parent or friend or family member or colleague. Do you nourish your hunger (!) for the qualities and attitudes which we associate with people who have learned from life?

PRAYER

All wise and loving God, the desire for you lies deep within us. Awaken us to the quest for true wisdom that by being true to ourselves we may come home to you, the source of all wisdom. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen. K O'Mahony OSA

ENTRANCE - Amazing Grace

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come
This grace that brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home

RECESSIONAL – Hail Queen of Heaven

Hail, Queen of heav'n, the ocean Star:
Guide of the wand'r'er here below,
Thrown on life's surge, we claim thy care;
Save us from peril and from woe.
Mother of Christ, Star of the Sea,
Pray for the wand'r'er, pray for me.

O gentle, chaste, and spotless Maid,
We sinners make our prayers through thee;
Remind thy Son that He has paid
The price of our iniquity.
Virgin most pure, Star of the sea,
Pray for the sinner, pray for me.

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

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 and register to receive the emails. K O'Mahony OSA