

### Mass Times

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



### Recently Deceased

**Theresa O'Mahony, Crosshaven.**  
**Martin Hanan, Blackrock Road**  
 May the light of God surround them forever



### Baptism

**Alisha Jae Heaphy Byrne.**  
 Welcome to the Christian Family.



## Christ is Risen, He is Truly Risen! Alleluia!

### Blessings

In the coming weeks we will be celebrating the sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion in the parish. These are special days so please pray for the children so that they will always remain close to God in their lives and realise the beauty and value of their faith in God.

The next Do This in Memory Mass will be celebrated this Saturday evening in the church. We also look forward to Sunday 26th May @ 11am Mass when all the children and their families who will have received First Holy Communion are invited to be at Mass together on that day.

Fr. Michael  
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### Parish Visitation of the Sick

If you are know of someone in the parish and area who would like to receive Holy Communion in their home, please let us know by contacting Fr. Michael (085 8735905 or [frmichael@corkandross.org](mailto:frmichael@corkandross.org))

### Choir Interchange

St. Michael's Church Choir has been invited to sing in the Church of the Incarnation, Frankfield on Sunday April 28th. The church choir from St. Mary and St. John's in Ballincollig will be with us for 11am here in St. Michael's on that day. The choir interchange is part of the Annual Cork International Choral Festival this year.

### First Holy Communions 2024

Sat. 11th May	Scoil na Croise Naofa (Holy Cross Church)
Sat. 18th May	Scoil Barra Naofa Cailiní
Sat. 25th May	Scoil Ursula & St. Michael's
Sat. 25th May	Gaelscoil Mhachan (Holy Cross Church)

**The second collection w/e 20th/21st April is for Diocesan Needs.**

### Thinking about the Diocesan Priesthood?

There is a special "Come and See" afternoon for men aged between 18 and 40 who may be thinking about Priesthood for the Diocese of Cork and Ross. It will take place from 2-5pm on Sunday April 28th in Mardyke House, Cork City (T12 W8RP). The afternoon will include time for prayer, reflection, discussion and a social dimension. For more information email [vocations@corkandross.org](mailto:vocations@corkandross.org)

### A brief introduction on Sunday's readings

**First Reading Acts 3:13-15,17-19**  
 What difference does believing in the resurrection mean? Peter expounds Christian faith with an eye to the consequence.  
**Second Reading 1 John 2:1-5**  
 As we hear this passage, it may help to remember that there is only one commandment in the Gospels and letters of John: to love! We are commanded to "do" what we most need and want.  
**Gospel Luke 24:35-48**  
 The gospel today invites us to acknowledge our own experience of faith and to become bearers of the good news in our time. The last line of the Gospel (v. 48) puts it up to us all.

### The Papers Say.....

Sacred Heart Messenger. (1). Fr. Donal Neary. SJ: Church Children's Day at the end of May -- a new initiative of Pope Francis. (2). Fr. Bernard Cotter: Mary of Lisheen. (3). 'O, to have a little house ....' --Fr. John Cullen works with the homeless in London. (4). Fr. Peter McVerry writes on the Citizens' Assembly on Drugs

Irish Catholic. (1). Priests warn about watching multiple Masses online. (2). Mary Kenny: United Ireland. -- 'The first priority in putting a nation together is vision. You need a vision of what kind of unity you are going to construct.' (3). Maria Steen: A government not valuing the indispensable role of parents. (4). Elise Ann Allen: Vatican touts 'seamless garment' of human dignity in new document. (5). Prolife campaign -- Dublin and Cork Exclusion Zones

**Meals on Wheels** need a driver for every second Thursday. Full training will be given. Ring Eleanor 087 9741355 or Anne 087 9569236

*Have you ever dreamed of walking the Camino?*  
 Join our team as we walk the shaded lanes and valleys of northern Spain as we take on the Camino Ingles walking from Ferrol to Santiago.. The temperature in this part of northern Spain in July is perfect for walking, like a balmy summer day in Ireland. For more details of this fundraising pilgrimage ring Mary at 021 454 6691 or email [info@mscmissions.ie](mailto:info@mscmissions.ie)

**CHURCH GATE COLLECTION FOR MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS**  
**w/e 27th and 28th April, 2024.**



**BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL**  
 Church Gate collection last weekend came to €2075  
 Many thanks for your generous continued support.

### Observations

The Gospel on this Sunday (Luke 24:35-48) follows on from the much-loved Emmaus story. That story is really a catechetical parable on how to come to Easter faith — an important consideration for Luke's much later generation and for us today too. In particular, the words "Stay with us Lord" articulate the desire to have the risen Lord in your life.

Luke goes on in this Sunday's Gospel to stress the continued humanity of Jesus after the resurrection. This mattered at the time because there was an emerging tendency to downgrade the humanity of Jesus in favour of his divinity. It still matters today: Jesus carries into risen life our humanity and continues to speak us from within that same humanity. As the Letter to the Hebrews affirms: Jesus can help us because he is like us.

As always, the resurrection appearance narratives — unique to each Gospel — deal with important issues at the time of writing.

### Reflections

1. When we are not expecting it to happen, even a good event can startle us. So it was with the disciples when Jesus appeared to them. He sought to calm them and helped them to see the good news behind what had initially alarmed them. Who has been a Jesus person for you by helping you to find meaning and good news in life?

2. Jesus helped the disciples to find new hope, but he did not give them easy answers. He asked them to see the facts before their eyes. He wanted them to learn from the experience they were having. As a parent, teacher, friend or guide, have you been a Jesus person to another, helping him/her to find hope and purpose in life by learning from his/ her experiences? Who has done this for you?

3. The disciples had a resurrection experience. Unexpected possibilities for the future surfaced when it seemed that hope had gone. What have been your resurrection experiences; recovery of health when it did not seem possible, new opportunities after failure or disappointment, inner healing after a deep hurt, etc?

4. It took the disciples some time to grasp the meaning of what was happening. It can take us time to learn the deeper lessons of life. Reflect on an example of some lesson about life that you have learned slowly over time?

### PRAYER

*God of all the prophets, you fulfilled your promise of old that your Christ would suffer and so rise to glory. Open our minds to understand the Scriptures and fill us with joyful wonder in the presence of the Risen Christ, that we may be his witnesses to the farthest ends of the earth. Amen.*



**Anam Cara West Cork** the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on Tuesday **16th April at 7:20 pm in the Fernhill House Hotel, Clonakilty, P85 X322.** This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents. We also offer a free online monthly support meeting. For further information please contact us on 085 288 8888 or [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie)

### Thought for the day

For the word of God to become a living word, we need to listen beyond the words to the one speaking to us through Scripture. It is our faith that God speaks to us as we listen to "the very voice of the pilgrim people God." This does not happen of its own accord; it calls for a listening ear and an open heart.

### Prayer

*Merciful God, anoint me with you Holy Spirit. As I read your Word, let me hear your voice speaking to me from within. Give me the wisdom to understand your message to me. Let your Word be the joy of my heart and the light to my feet. Give me strength to build my life on your Word. Let it be done to me according to your Word. May I rejoice in the blessedness of hearing your Word and keeping it. Speak Lord; your servant is listening.*

K O'Mahony OSA

### ENTRANCE - 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.*

### RECESSIONAL - The Bells of the Angelus

The bells of the Angelus  
 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.*

She prayed to our mother  
 That God's will be done  
 She prayed for his glory  
 that His kingdom come.  
*Chorus: Ave, Ave etc*

**Easter Dues Envelopes** have been delivered to homes and sincere thanks to so many people who have returned these during Holy Week. It's also possible to contribute Easter Dues via the parish website [www.stmichaelsblackrock.ie/donate/](http://www.stmichaelsblackrock.ie/donate/)

**Trocaire Boxes** – Please return to the Church very soon. Trocaire envelopes are also available in the church if you wish to contribute in that way.

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