

Mass Times

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



Recently Deceased

Eileen Fitzpatrick, Douglas.
 May the light of God surround her forever



Baptism

Róise Nell Harrisson
Evelyn Colette Boland
 Welcome to the Christian Family.



Annual Priests' Retreat - on next Tuesday 8th October there will be no weekday Mass in the church as Fr. Michael and the other priests in our Family of Parishes will be attending the annual diocesan priests' retreat. Keep our priests in your prayers this week and throughout the year. **November Novena for the Dead** will be celebrated from Saturday 2nd November – Sunday 10th November this year. Mass will be celebrated each weekday @ 9.30am. November Lists and Envelopes will be available in the church from next weekend.

Remembrance Mass for all those who have died during the past year will be celebrated on Monday 4th November @ 7pm. This is always a moving celebration for families and our parish as we lovingly remember those who have died. Please let people know about the Mass in good time.

Altar Servers – we are working towards introducing a number of altar servers in the parish. We are blessed that good few families are with us each weekend for Mass and if a family would like to support their child in becoming an altar server in Blackrock Parish, please let us know.

Season of Creation – Thanks to Sr. Moira O'Donoghue for leading a lovely celebration for this in Holy Cross Church on last Thursday 3rd October. This special time of the year concluded on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi last Friday. The Diocese of Cork and Ross, working together with UCC

Chaplaincy and the Presentation Brothers LEAF

Project, are organizing a new 10-week introductory course exploring the fundamentals of our Christian faith, which is called 'Foundations in Theology'. This is an exciting opportunity to delve more deeply into the foundations of Christian Theology. This 10-week introductory course is designed for young adults aged 18-35 years and will be led by local theologians. It will take place in Mardyke House, Cork, T12W8P, beginning on Wednesday 2nd October 2024, from 6 – 8pm, and will run for 10 consecutive weeks. Each session will begin with food and refreshments. To sign up or for more information, please email youthministry@corkandross.org

Gougane Sunday - You are invited to Gougane Barra on this **Sunday 6th October** to mark the Feast of St Finbarr. Mass at 3pm preceded by the Rosary at 2.30 pm. This year in Gougane Barra, the Diocese of Cork and Ross will be launching the diocesan year of prayer, listening and discernment as we plan for the future. Bishop Fintan looks forward to seeing you in Gougane Barra.

SECOND COLLECTION W/E 13th.OCTOBER 2024
DIOCESAN NEEDS.

A brief introduction on Sunday's readings

First reading **Genesis 2:18-24**
 The love between man and woman intrigued the ancients, as indeed it still fascinates us today. Using the mythology of the time, the writer explores the mystery of the mutual attraction of the sex- es.

Second Reading **Hebrews 2:9-11**
 Peer ministry is the key to many counselling situations—for example AA. In this reading, the writer tells us that Jesus can help us because he has become one of us, being like us in all things.

Gospel **Mark 6:1-6a**
 The big questions have a way of staying the same. What do you do when marriage breaks down? Jesus holds up a positive vision and ideal, quite challenging for us today.

The Papers Say.....

Tablet. (1). Crackdown on Pro-lifers -- British Government to roll out 'buffer zones'. (2). Vatican gives approval for Medjugorje devotions. (3). Safeguarding in the Church -- Bishops in a bind. (4). A life on the front line. -- Inspired by Oscar Romero, a young Scottish priest decided to live and work in civil war-torn El Salvador.

Irish Catholic. (1). Irish Unity. -- Nuala O'Loan: A united Ireland must envisage a solid, respectful future AND Michael Kelly: Like it or not the debate around reunification is here to stay, and the Church should be part of it. (2). A Church at the heart of child welfare. (3)Parents and Church leaders should stand up against inappropriate curriculum, says priest. (4). David Quinn: Ireland's strange lack of affinity for the Jewish people.

Sacred Heart Messenger: (1). Why do we sing in Church? (2). Spiritual Development in the Family. (3). In the footsteps of Columbanus. (4). Fr. Gerard Condon: What will become of us?

Blackrock Community Association are holding a SOCIAL FOR MARYMOUNT at the Community Centre on FRIDAY 11th October from 2.30-5 pm. Come along and support this great cause while enjoying a great afternoon with music by Pat Hurley and guests. Refreshments will be served. Cost €5.

Medjugorje May 28th, 7 nights. €949 pps half board in Hotel Leone. €100 DISCOUNT if paid by 15th November. €50 discount if deposit paid by 15th Jan. Spritual Director: Fr. Ted Sheehan. Limited places. All travelling with group entered in to group only draw to WIN cost of pilgrimage (excl single supplement). Group Leader Sean O'Shaughnessy 0862959380

Sunday Cuppa continues in the Parish Centre after 11 am mass on 6th October for tea and refreshments and more chat! Cheaper than the Village!! Everyone welcome!



BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Church Gate collection will take place on
Week ending 5/6 October 2024
 Your support as always is greatly appreciated.

Observations

Synod 1: Negotiating idealism, realism and compassion

Today's first reading and Gospel might not immediately seem pertinent to the synodal process, being focused narrowly on the union of man and woman in marriage. At the same time, they are a good reminder that living the vocation of marriage is the calling of the vast majority of believers. Their experience, with all the challenges of today and the normal ups and downs of married life, must be acknowledged and affirmed.

The synodal process itself has brought the voices of ordinary believers to bear on the deliberations of those attending the synod. Even more, the inclusion of up to 70 "non-episcopal" voting members, both lay men and lay women, will mean that the ordinary experience of grace in family and married life will indeed be part of the discernment process. For which we give thanks.

Reflections

1. Marriages do break down, but in this story Jesus appears as the wise person urging people to seek first the original harmony where possible, rather than seek escape routes when difficulties arise. When have you found that, in marriage or in other relationships, the bonds have been strengthened when you have been prepared to work through difficulties?
2. There are other things that we needlessly and wrongly put in opposition: young and old, male and female, people from different cultures, body and soul. Perhaps at times you have discovered the advantages of exploring the richness in combining such apparently exclusive opposites.
3. The children in the second story can be taken as representing any group of 'little ones' whose opinion we may be inclined to dismiss. When have you found that you have been taught an important lesson about life, about love, or about faith by people whose views you had been inclined to dismiss?

PRAYER

Creator God, in Christ you call man and woman to the fullness of glory for which you created them in your image. Heal our hardened hearts, renew our obedience to your will, and conform our lives to your gracious design. Grant 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.

Ballinlough Meals on Wheels: To ensure the continuity of this valuable service, kitchen assistants and drivers are needed. Please contact Kay 086 8769660.

Online Enrolment for Admissions for Junior Infants and ASD classes in Beaumont Boys School for the school year 25/26 will remain open from October 1-22, 2024 on our website www.beaumontboys.ie

Ballinlough Men's Retirement Club meets every Wednesday 2 pm to 4 pm in Ballinlough Community Centre. Enjoy a game of Short Mat Bowls (Bowls supplied by the club) in an atmosphere of fun and camaraderie or just drop in for a chat and a 'cuppa'. New members are welcome: Our membership comes from the general Cork City area. Contact person: Noel 0851615360.

Thought for the day

At present, the culture hesitates before the long-term commitments such as life-long marriage. Perhaps wisely! And yet, there is freedom in commitment. It is possible to walk the quay sides looking at various options for the journey. At that time, you have freedom of choice. However, if you want to get any where, one vessel will have to be selected. That is the freedom of choosing, choosing not to remain in the paralysis of choice. Once made, commitment opens up to another level of living and loving and being loved in return.

Prayer

Creator God, you know our hearts and in your wisdom you have made us for each other, knowing that it is not good to be alone. In our committed relationships, help to find freedom and love, life and joy. Amen.

K O'Mahony OSA

ENTRANCE

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.

RECESSIONAL

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.

Mass cards are available in the sacristy after every mass both at weekend and weekdays.

Medjugorje Pilgrimage

from Cork Airport
 Group Leader Jim Keogh
 This pilgrimage travels to Medjugorje from Cork with Aer Lingus on 4th June 2025.

For further information and full details please contact Jim Keogh 021 4885371 Early Bird Offer €100 off per person for bookings paid in full before 15 November 2024! N.B. As our places are strictly limited they are allocated on a first come first served basis.