

St Michael's Parish, Blackrock, Cork

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Easter Sunday

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Mass Times

Sundays: 9 am & 11 am
Saturday Vigil: 6.00 pm
Tuesday & Friday: 9.30 am
Baptisms are held on the 2nd and 4th
Saturdays of each month at 4pm.
Fr. Michael Keohane Co-PP



Baptism
Ben Peter Mathews.
Welcome to the Christian Family.



Recently Deceased
Patrick Cummins, Blackrock
May the light of God surround him forever.



Happy Easter

Despite the not-so-nice weather in recent days after such a beautiful spell in recent weeks, we have celebrated a wonderful Holy Week. We have journeyed from the Upper Room and Garden of Gethsemane on Holy Thursday, faithfully followed the route of the Passion and death of Jesus through the streets of Jerusalem and Golgotha on Good Friday to the moment of the Resurrection of Jesus on Holy Saturday and the Empty Tomb at the Easter Vigil.



Today we celebrate Easter and like the disciples and others in the scriptures in the coming days, we will meet the Risen Jesus. We may struggle to recognise the Risen Jesus in the ongoing troubles and worries of our own lives and of our families as well as the unspeakable suffering of war in so many places this year. The world is such a different place this year filled with uncertainty and fear. However, we believe the proclamation that ‘He is not here, He has risen’. We will experience these words when hope prevails and truth wins out. May you and your families experience the Risen Jesus this Easter. This is our hope and our joy. Have a blessed and Holy Easter this year.

Fr. Michael
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Easter Offerings - Sincere thanks for your tremendous generosity in your Easter Offerings this year. This is always appreciated and your support means a lot. Easter envelopes can be returned to the church or No. 1 Presbytery. Contributions may also be received via the Donate button on our parish website www.stmichaelsblackrock.ie/donate/ - Fr. Michael

Easter Collection – the offertory collection at our Easter Vigil and this Easter Sunday is for the support of the priest of the parish. This is only the case at Christmas and Easter Sunday. Many thanks for your generosity in this.

First Holy Communions 2025
Sat. 3rd May Gaelscoil Mhachan (Holy Cross Church)
Sat. 10th May Scoil Barra Naofa Buachaillí
Sat. 17th May Scoil Barra Naofa Caillíní
Sat. 24th May Scoil Ursula & St. Michael's NS
Sat. 24th May Scoil na Croise Naofa (Holy Cross Church)

A brief introduction on Sunday's readings

First reading Acts 10:34, 37-43
Belief in the resurrection is not at all static or neutral, as we listen to Peter drawing out the consequences of Easter faith.
Second reading Colossians 3:1-4
The attentive hearer will notice an alarming claim: we have all died! What can that mean and how do we live our new reality?
Gospel John 20:1-9 (10-18)
How can we today believe in the Risen Lord? It is a matter of faith and hope, of course, but even more importantly a matter of love.

The Papers Say.....

Irish Cathoic. (1). Why a new generation of women are pursuing religious life. -- The unlikely appeal of the convent to young women in our day and age. (2). David Quinn: A mini-religious revival is underway in Britain. (3). Mary Kenny: Is Rory a herald of a united Ireland? And is golf now revolutionary? (4). Senator Ronan Mullen: Freedom to protest and the extreme left vs diversity. (5). Fr. Bernard Cotter: Merging dioceses -- Is it really progress?
Tablet. (1). Where have all the migrants gone? President Trump promises to deport 'millions and millions' of criminal aliens' but the evidence from church affiliated shelters on either side of the US=Mexico border is that he is scrambling to find the numbers that will satisfy his Maga base. (2). Fr. Timothy Radcliffe OP: Greater love has no one that this. -- The silence of the Cross. (3). Bible Society Research. -- Survey finds that both Catholicism and Pentacostalism are becoming more popular to Generation Z in England and Wales.
Sacred Heart Messenger. (1). Fr. Brian Grogan: The Eucharist. -- Unending Source of Hope. (2). Fr. Peter McVerry: A Dysfunctional Social Service System. (3). John Scally: Carlo Acutis. -- The New Young Saint. (4). Children's pages.

Cork and Ross Jubilee Youth Pilgrimage to Rome 2025 – we will have some young people to speak after Communion at Masses next weekend 26th/27th April letting us know about the pilgrimage and seeking support. Accordingly, the second collection after Communion next weekend will be for this purpose.



Collection on April 19th./20th. for PRIESTS OF THE PARISH.



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 25th April - Next meeting
Chair Yoga led by Martina Egar



Observations

Christ is risen! Alleluia!
He is truly risen! Alleluia!

For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, the one who was proclaimed among you by us—by me and Silvanus and Timothy—was not “Yes” and “No,” but it has always been “Yes” in him. For every one of God’s promises are “Yes” in him; therefore also through him the “Amen” is spoken, to the glory we give to God. But it is God who establishes us together with you in Christ and who anointed us, who also sealed us and gave us the Spirit in our hearts as a down payment. (2 Corinthians 1:19–22)

For God, who said “Let light shine out of darkness,” is the one who shone in our hearts to give us the light of the glorious knowledge of God in the face of Christ. (2 Corinthians 4:6)
The deep meaning of resurrection is that God is absolutely faithful and that the last word is a word of life, everlasting life, and love without end. Perhaps we need to hear this message today more than ever.

Reflections

1. The disciples are in a state of shock after their traumatic loss. Jesus, the one in whom they had placed so much hope, has been murdered and buried. Then, before they have time to recover they get another shock. The body of Jesus is missing. Have you had experiences in which one tragedy or crisis follows quickly after another? What was that like for you? How did you cope? Who, or what, sustained you?
2. Mary and Peter, and the other disciple, came and discovered that the tomb was empty. In this text no explanation is given. They are left in a state of bewilderment ‘for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead’. Have you been in situations, faced with events you cannot explain, possibly events that have dashed your hopes in another person, or in God? What has that been like for you?
3. Yet in spite of the lack of explanation, the beloved disciple ‘saw and believed’. Have there been times when others have done something that you could not understand, and which they could not explain at the time, and yet you believed that all was not as it seemed; times when you decided to trust in spite of the evidence? Have there been times when others have shown this kind of faith in you, when you were not able to offer satisfactory explanations, and all you could say was ‘trust me’?
4. Have there been times in your relationship with God when you have felt that you were faced with an empty tomb, and still you believed? What have you learned about life, about love, from such experiences?
PRAYER
God of undying life, by your mighty hand you raised up Jesus from the grave and appointed him judge of the living and the dead. Bestow upon those baptised into his death the power flowing from his resurrection, that we may proclaim near and far the pardon and peace you give us.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, first-born from the dead, who lives with you, now and always, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.



Choir Interchange – we will have a visiting choir from St. Columba’s Church Douglas @ 11am mass next Sunday 27th April. St. Michael’s Church Choir will sing in St. Patrick’s Church, Lower Road next Sunday morning.

Thought for the day

Traditionally, we have found it easy to think of the cross as the measure of God’s love for us. Because of the focus on the cross, we find it more difficult to think of the resurrection as also the love of God, perhaps “all the more so”! The originality of the Fourth Gospel says it all: the disciple Jesus loved, the head cloth recalling Lazarus (see how much he loved him) and, not least, the great figure of Mary Magdalene (Mary!).
In summary, Jesus died and rose again for love of us.

Prayer
Loving God, you love us more than we can imagine or take in. Help us to allow ourselves to be so loved by you, that your love may penetrate our hearts, our lives and our loves. We ask this through Jesus, who died and rose for love of us and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.
K O’Mahony OSA

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ENTRANCE The Light of Christ

The light of Christ (the light of Christ)
Has come into the world (has come into the world)
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All men must be born again
To see the Kingdom of God
The water and the Spirit bring
New life in God's love
Chorus

God gave up His only Son
Out of love for the world
So that all men who
Believe in Him will live forever
Chorus

The Light of God has come to us,
so that we might have salvation;
From the darkness of our sins we walk
into glory with Christ Jesus.
Chorus

RECESSIONAL – Walk in the Light

Let's all join together in communion sweet,
Walk, walk, in the light.
And love one another til the Saviour we meet,
Walk, walk, in the light.

Chorus: Walk in the Light, Walk in the Light,
Walk in the Light, Walk in the Light of God

Jesus died on Calvary
Walk, walk in the light.
To save the lost like you and me
Walk, walk in the Light.
Chorus

But then again that’s not the end,
Walk, walk in the Light
He lives today, he'll be your friend
Walk, walk in the Light.
Chorus