

# St Michael's Parish, Blackrock, Cork

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Ascension of the Lord

WEEKLY MASS LEAFLET UPDATES:

Email to : [parish@stmichaelsblackrock.ie](mailto:parish@stmichaelsblackrock.ie)

BAPTISMS:  
MARRIAGES:

Please contact the parish office.  
Minimum 3 months notice required by  
Church and State.  
Pre-marriage course required.

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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**



## Holy Communion 2025

Our concluding Do This in Memory Mass for all the First Holy Communion children and their families was a great success last Sunday. There was a great attendance and a lovely atmosphere in the church and afterwards. We are grateful to all those who have helped to arrange these Masses since last October. Families have had a very good experience this year and we look forward to beginning again in the autumn for the coming year. May God bless all the children, their families, schools and our parish.

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**Lourdes Pilgrimage** from Ballinlough Parish and our Family of Parishes as part of the Cork and Ross Diocesan Pilgrimage 19th - 24th September 2025. Direct flights from Cork. Staying in the Saint Sauveur Hotel. Cost €995 per person. For general enquiries 085-2525040

St. Michael's Cemetery Annual Remembrance Mass on Wednesday 25th June @ 7.30pm.

**99th Cork Eucharistic Procession** on Sunday 22nd June @ 3pm. - Blackrock and Mahon Parishes will be take part this year. Arrangements for our participation as a Family of Parishes will beforehand.

**Children's Adoration** – Friday 6th June from 3 - 3.30pm in St Michael's Church, Blackrock. Join us for guided meditation, songs and time with Jesus. Children must be accompanied by a parent/ guardian. For more information contact: Katie (087 7798175)

**State Examinations** – we will pray for all the students sitting the state examinations commencing on Wednesday 4th June at Masses in St. Michael's.



## PARISH DEFIBRILLATORS

There are 2 Defibrillators located in the Parish, one in the village & one outside Murphy's Circle K Petrol Station. The code to operate both is 2017

## A brief introduction on Sunday's readings

**First Reading** Acts 1:1-11

Luke and the Acts of the Apostles are a two-volume work as the introduction makes plain. First we hear kind of summary of the story thus far. Then the writer, in symbolic fashion, marks the end of the time of Jesus' appearances.

**Second Reading** Ephesians 1:17-23

The whole reading is a beautiful, inspiring prayer. We too are mentioned and we may allow ourselves to be moved!

**Gospel** Luke 24:46-53

The gospel of Luke closes with a great air of expectation, as the apostles wait to be clothed with power from on high. In this way, the writer prepares carefully for his second volume, the start of which was our first reading today.

## The Papers Say.....

**Irish Catholic.** (1). A presence that brings hope -- Pope Leo's relationship with the Asian continent. (2). Helping students realise their full potential with Ember. -- Our vision is to create a team of leaders who will serve as an example of faith in action, Sr. Bernadette Catton DC writes. (3). Looking to the future with Matt Talbot. (4). David Quinn: A new history course for Junior Certificate students gives an unbalanced account of the Church.

**Tablet of 24/5.** (1). A remarkable start -- Leo's vision of unity. )2). 'Catherine Pepinster: When Francis spoke of the Joy of the Gospel, you knew it came from the heart. (3). Letters page. -- Are just war principles still relevant? (4). France -- Assisted dying protests mount.

**Tablet of 17/5** (Pope Leo special issue) (1). Pope Leo XIV. -- The missionary bishop. (2). Austin Ivereigh: A Pope of Communion -- The first Pope from the United States has made it clear that he will build on the 'precious legacy' he inherited from Francis --but it is clear too that his style of leadership will be very different. (3) Pope Leo's in-tray -- What will he do about Opus Dei?



Members of the Cashman and extended Cashman family with team members from both finalist Erins Own and Blackrock (Winners) at the Annual Mick Cashman Tournament which took place in Church Rd pic George Hatchell

## BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Church Gate collection will take place on  
**Week ending 1 June 2025**

Your support as always is greatly appreciated.

**THERE WILL BE ONLY 1 COLLECTION ON THE SVP WEEKEND**

**Sunday Cuppa continues in the Parish Centre after 11 am mass on 1st June for tea and bikkies and more chat!**

**Cheaper than the Village 'cos it's free!!**

*Everyone welcome - Ah go on!*



## Reflections

1. The Ascension of Jesus was an important growth point for the disciples. Jesus would be with them in a different way from now on. Painful though it was, it was necessary for them to let go of his physical presence and adjust to the new reality. Perhaps you have known similar transition points in your own life.

2. Jesus invited the disciples to be witnesses to the good news they had learned. The way we live, speak and relate to others speaks of what we have learned about life. We all are witnesses. How have you been a witness to the goodness of life?

3. In particular, Jesus invited them to be witnesses to the good news of forgiveness. Recall people who have been witnesses to you of forgiveness and reconciliation. What effect did they have on your life? Have you been able to be a witness to the good news of forgiveness in your life?

4. In v. 49, Jesus instructs the apostles to wait patiently for the moment of grace. What been your experience of waiting or a moment of grace? What are the moments of grace that you particularly recall (a friendship, a new opportunity, birth of a baby, etc)?

## PRAYER

*God of majesty, you led the messiah through suffering into risen life and took him up to the glory of heaven. Clothe us with the power promised from on high and send us forth to the ends of the earth as heralds of repentance and witnesses of Jesus Christ, the first-born from the dead, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.*

## Ice Cream Sunday



Despite the rainy weather, there were lots of takers for ice cream cones last Sunday. Very tasty!!

**Anam Cara Cork**, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold it's monthly Face to Face Parent Support Evening for bereaved parents on **Wednesday 4th June at 7.30pm in the Maryborough Hotel, Maryborough Hill, Douglas, T12 XR12.**

This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age of your child, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was. You do not need to register in advance. Please note that this will be the last meeting before we break for the summer in July & August. We will recommence on Wednesday 3rd September.

*We also offer an online support group meeting. To find out more call 01 4045378 or email [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie)*

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

## Thought for the day

As the Easter season draws to a close, both the liturgy and the lectionary point us towards the clothing with power from on high. In these days, our prayer is "Come, Holy Spirit." Each year, this prayer is of greater urgency, as we all try to listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches. Our future being as Christians, as community, as church, all depends on our own deep attitude of listening and of openness. The future church will be a church of the Spirit, energised and exuberant, faithful and on fire.

## Prayer

*Breathe into me, Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Move in me, Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Attract my heart, Holy Spirit, that I may love only what is holy. Strengthen me, Holy Spirit, that I may defend all that is holy. Protect me, Holy Spirit, that I may always be holy. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Amen*

K O'Mahony OSA

## Observations

The first Ecumenical Council took place in Nicaea (Iznik, Turkey) seventeen centuries ago, starting in the month of May and ending in July of the same year. The issue at stake was whether Jesus was fully divine or a kind of second rank deity.

The Council composed a creed, which was expanded into the long creed we use today at the next Ecumenical Council of Constantinople (381). Those gathered at Nicaea adopted a new term to talk about Jesus being fully divine: consubstantial ("one in being" in 1975 Missal). The perhaps unfamiliar words of the original 325 Creed went as follows:

*We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, begotten from the Father, only-begotten, that is, from the substance of the Father, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one substance with the Father, through Whom all things came into being, things in heaven and things on earth, Who because of us men and because of our salvation came down, and became incarnate and became man, and suffered, and rose again on the third day, and ascended to the heavens, and will come to judge the living and dead, And in the Holy Spirit.*

As you can see, the understanding of the Holy Spirit was markedly undeveloped at this early stage. The Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed we use today is much expanded, included a far richer doctrine of the Holy Spirit.

The anniversary is worth marking properly because nearly all churches accept what was agreed at Nicaea (325) and Constantinople (381).

## FIRST FRIDAY EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Rosary and Benediction will commence at 4pm. each First Friday. There are time sheets on the tables in the Church where Parishioners can indicate the times most suitable for them to Attend. We would like, if possible, if there could be 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.  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION