

### 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**



### Recently Deceased

**Joan O'Hara, Beaumont**

May the light of God surround her forever.



### Pope Leo XIV

This weekend we celebrate and thank the Lord for the appointment of Pope Leo as our new Holy Father. The Lord is always faithful to us giving us the right Holy Father for our time. Now we have a Holy Father to lead us into the future. He is a Pope for our time and for this time of the church in the world. He will show that faith reconciles people and is never more needed. He will represent the universality of the church in a time of deteriorating global harmony. The Conclave has shown that the church discerns a new leader to maintain unity. The world needs discernment, reflection and communion. May the Lord bless Pope Leo and we will get used to his name being part of each Mass to be celebrated.



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**Cork International Choral Festival Sacred Trail** – thanks to Stockholms Musikgymnasium Youth Choir from Sweden who sang at 11am Mass last Sunday. We all appreciated them and it was great to see so many young people as part of that choir.

Thanks as well to the ladies who looked after them with refreshments after Mass in the Parish Centre.

**First Holy Communions** – Congratulations and every blessing to the Second Class boys from Beaumont BNS who celebrated the Sacrament of First Holy Communion this weekend. We look forward to all the First Holy Communion children and their families gathering for 11am Mass on Sunday 25th Mass as a parish community.

Second Class girls from Beaumont GNS will have their First Communion on next Saturday 17th May and the children from Scoil Ursula & St. Michael's NS will have their First Communion on Saturday 24th May. May God bless them all.

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

A webcam has been installed in Holy Cross Church and is available on <https://www.churchmedia.tv/HCMahon>

**The Polish Community** are now an integral part of Mahon Parish and our Family of Parishes. Mass in Polish is celebrated each Sunday @ 3pm and each Friday @ 7.30pm. All are welcome.

### A brief introduction on Sunday's readings

**First Reading Acts 13:14, 43-52**

In its very earliest stage, the Christian movement was really a sect of Judaism. Gradually, however, the acceptance of Jesus as Messiah led to a break with the mother religion. Today's reading portrays something of what was at stake.

**Second Reading Rev 7:9, 14b-17**

The Book of Revelation was written for people under pressure for their faith, probably local harassment rather than full-blown persecution. Nevertheless, it was very challenging and this symbolic reading is meant to encourage the wavering.

**Gospel John 10:27-30**

Can anything separate us from the love of God in Jesus? According to this short Gospel, no! Why? Because the Good Shepherd holds all the flock in his care.

### The Papers Say.....

**Irish Catholic.** (1) Sr. Margaret Hosty, the Irish Sister who helped control the HIV epidemic in Brazil. (2). Breda O'Brien: Hallucinations and Luddites. -- The ethics of artificial intelligence. (3). Army Chaplain Fr. Paul Murphy forgives radicalised attacker -- 'The risk of forgiveness paid off' (4). Cork awakes hope in Connect 6 event. (5). Mary Kenny: Did we odd bods know we were 'neurodiverse'?

**Sacred Heart Messenger.** (1). Leadership in a New Way of Ministry. (2). Fr. Jim Maher SJ: The Camino, Spiritual but not Religious? (3). What St. Louis Martin teaches fathers. (4). John Scally: Matt Talbot. -- 100th. Anniversary (5). The Sacred Heart Novena.

Cork Quaker Meeting is holding a **Silent Vigil for Peace** on Sunday May 11, 2025 between 1.00 and 2.00 pm, at the Cork Quaker Meeting House on Summerhill South, T12 XW8R. We invite anyone who wishes to drop in for any length of time during the vigil.

The vigil will be completely silent. We request that no political symbols or political statements be displayed.



### BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL

May collection came to €2460

Many thanks for your generous continued support.

### Cork Ecumenical Bible Week

Cork Ecumenical Bible Week is organized by a group from the Church of Ireland, Methodist and Catholic communities in Cork. Everyone is welcome to join us for two evenings of reflection and discussion on Scripture.

**Sunday 11th May at 7.00 pm.** Cork Methodist Church, Ardfallen, Ballinlough. Rev Eugene Griffin (Kinsale Union of Parishes): *'Singing the Scriptures: How our hymns tell the story of God'*

**Thurs 15th May at 7.00 pm.** Crypt, Church of the Descent of the Holy Spirit, Dennehy's Cross

Marian and Phil Mortell (Cork Scripture Group): *'Unfolding the Story of the Resurrection in Luke's Gospel'*

**Theology Open Day**, 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. Click here or visit our website [prioryinstitute.com](http://prioryinstitute.com) to find out more about our Open Day on Saturday 24 May.

This is the link to register for the Online Open Day [www.prioryinstitute.com/events/open-day-on-saturday-24-may](http://www.prioryinstitute.com/events/open-day-on-saturday-24-may)

### Observations

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday. By recent tradition, on this Sunday we reflect on and pray for vocations to ministry, in the community of faith, the church. Of course, times have changed and it may be that we are no longer sure about "vocations" or indeed what we should pray for.

If the wider community is not just to survive but even to flourish, we will need good leadership, good pastors, reliable spiritual guides. In our day, the lack of vocations to ordained ministry represents a challenge and opportunity to the community of faith. It is a challenge: in the short-term who will be the pastors, leading us in service and prayer? Who will hold the community together?

It is also an opportunity: for far too long the gifts of the ordinary membership have been under-used and even suppressed. That day is over. Every community will require the obvious ministries: baptism teams, catechists, bereavement counselling, as well as administration and guidance such as parish councils. I'm sure there will be new ministries emerging of which we are as yet unaware. The collapse of one, highly, hierarchical clerical, way of being "church" is giving way to new models. There will be surprises.



### Reflections

1. Jesus tells us that we can rely on his relationship with us. Think of the relationships you have in which you feel safe and secure because there is mutual understanding and the relationship has stood the test of time.

2. Jesus says that the disciple is one who listens. What is your experience of listening to the word of God in the Scriptures? To what other voices have you listened and found guidance?

3. The faithful disciple is also one who follows the path of love that Jesus preached and practiced. Although it may be difficult at times, it is in following it we find life. Where have you had the experience of listening, responding, loving, and finding life?

**PRAYER**  
*Safe in your hand, O God, is the flock you shepherd through Jesus your Son. Lead us always to the living waters where you promise respite and refreshment, that we may be counted among those who know and follow you.*  
*We ask this through Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who lies and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit God for ever and ever. Amen.*

**Anam Cara**, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on **Tuesday 20th May at 7.30pm in the Fernhill House Hotel, Clonakilty.**



This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was. You do not need to register in advance. To find out more call 01 4045378 or email [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie)  
*We are keen to grow this peer support group and grateful for your help in raising awareness of this free support for bereaved parents in your parish community.*

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

### Thought for the day

The cultural dismissal of faith as illusory consolation or opium has left its mark on us all. Is it all projection? Has God truly spoken and revealed God's self? In Christian faith, our response is a resounding yes and, while we should be wary of facile solace, at the same time we should not deny ourselves the good and wholesome reassurance of faith. After all, one of the most repeated phrases throughout the Bible is "Do not be afraid" (though not in John, curiously). There are grounds for fear; but we, of all people, should not be overwhelmed by the negative.

*Prayer*

*Lord Jesus, risen from the dead, guide us to listen deeply to your voice, your word, that we may know you and, that knowing you, we may enjoy life in abundance, now and into eternity with you. Amen.*

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### Entrance – Bring Flowers of the Rarest

Bring flowers of the rarest  
Bring blossoms the fairest  
From garden and woodland and hillside and dale;  
Our full hearts are swelling, our glad voices telling  
The praise of the loveliest flower of the vale

[Chorus]

O Mary, we crown thee with blossoms today  
Queen of the Angels, And Queen of the May  
O Mary, we crown thee with blossoms today  
Queen of the Angels, And Queen of the May

Their lady, they name thee  
Their mistress, proclaim thee  
Ah, grant that thy children on earth be as true  
As long as the bowers are radiant with flowers  
As long as the azure shall keep its bright hue  
(Chorus)

### Recessional – Hail Queen of Heaven

Hail, Queen of heav'n, the ocean Star:  
Guide of the wand'rer 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'rer, 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.

### Supporting Mission and Ministry in Our Diocese:

The annual collection for the Office for Mission and Ministry will take place on the weekend of **May 10th and 11th**. The office plays a vital role in supporting our priests, parishes and Families of Parishes in helping people grow in faith and live as missionary disciples. It offers formation for Parish Pastoral Councils, Baptism and Funeral teams, Ministers of the Word and Eucharist, and ministries involved in parish life. It also provides resources to support prayer, catechesis, and evangelisation. Your generosity in the past has helped this work to grow and reach more people. Thank you for your continued support.

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