

St Michael's Parish, Blackrock, Cork

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Trinity Sunday

WEEKLY MASS LEAFLET UPDATES: Email to : parish@stmichaelsblackrock.ie



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

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
Desmond J Nagle, Well Road, Douglas
May the light of God surround him forever.



Trinity Sunday
Communion is at the heart of the celebration of Trinity Sunday. We recognise and value a sense of community in our parish and our area. Communion is something which runs even more deeply. Often times, it can be something quiet or even silent. When we gather in the church for Mass, we may not know many people but we sense something deeply shared with them. We sense that we are all doing our best to live our faith lives and that others are doing the same. On occasion, we can be inspired seeing others at prayer with us knowing that life may not be easy for them. Our faith is deep relationship with God and with others. The Trinity captures these relationships and we celebrate that this weekend.

Fr. Michael
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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 is €995 per person. For general enquiries 085-2525040

Holy Cross Webcam is available at https://www.churchmedia.tv/HCMahon

St. Michael's Cemetery Mass will be on Wednesday 25th June @ 7.30pm.

Cork Eucharistic Procession – Sunday 22nd June - Blackrock Parish will join in the Procession as part of our Family of Parishes with Ballinlough, Blackrock Road & Mahon Parishes. We will convene at the Dominican Pastoral Centre adjacent to St. Mary's Church, Pope's Quay at 3pm to join the Procession as it comes down Mulgrave Road from the Cathedral. You are invited and encouraged to participate in the Procession.

State Examinations – we will continue to pray for students undertaking the exams at Masses here in St. Michael's.

Céilí na Carraige Duibhe will begin TUESDAY 17th JUNE at 7.30 pm at the Community Centre outdoor area. Live music by Douglas Comhaltas and a performance by the National award-winning Niamh Hatchell SD. Cupán tae after. Fáilte roimh gach éinne Everybody welcome.

Missionaries of the Sacred Heart - This September join the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart as we walk the Camino Frances. We will end this special fundraising pilgrimage with two days in Fatima. Ex Dublin.” Spiritual Director Fr Tony Horgan MSC. For details ring Valerie at 021 4543988 or email Valerie.buckley@mscmissions.ie “

A brief introduction on Sunday's readings
First Reading Proverbs 8:22-31
Our reading today is a poem, reflecting on Wisdom, a womanly figure alongside God at creation. It's a way of saying God's fingerprints are to be seen in all that is.
Second Reading Romans 5:1-5
This beautiful and inspiring paragraph is a picture of the Christian life: we are in love with God, through Christ Jesus, by the gift of the Holy Spirit.
Gospel John 16:12-15
After Jesus' ministry, what is the role of the Holy Spirit? That we make take to heart all that God did for us in Jesus.

The Papers Say.....
Irish Catholic. (1) Iraqi priest who served at Lough Derg remembered on martyrdom's anniversary. (2) Notes from the Confession box. -- one filmmaker's journey back to faith. (3). From Genazzano to Cascis. -- Te geography of Pope Leo XIV's devotion. (4). Elise Ann Allen: Pope had phone call with Putin same day Trump does. (5). 'A powerful force for good in Ireland' - All Ireland Rosary Rally

Sacred Heart Messener. (1). Scripture. -- The widow and the unjust judge. (2). Solidarity with South Sudan. -- Building Peace. (3). Fr. Gerard Condon of Cloyne diocese: Welcome Pope Leo XIV. (4). Remembering Pope Francis

Tablet of 7/6. (1) Tongues of fire. - A former enclosed Carmelite nun recalls a powerful if quirky Pentecost custom from her years in the cloister. (2). The China question. -- Apostles or functionaries? How he responds to the unilateral election of two Chinese bishops in the days before his election will reveal how closely Pope Leo intends to follow the diplomatic policies of his predecessor. (3). Religious leaders in England & Wales unite against assisted dying legislation.

Applications Now Open for Ss Peter and Paul's Young Adult Community!
The Cork Cathedral Family of Parishes invites young adults of faith aged 18–30 to consider living in Saints Peter and Paul's Young Adult Community from September 2025 to June 2026. This community is a place for both men and women, whether you are a third-level student or a young adult already working, to grow in faith, make lifelong friends, and get involved in projects within the Cathedral Family of Parishes.
What does community living entail?
• Weekly community meal
• Prayer, reflection, and faith formation
• Social gatherings and community life
• Volunteering opportunities
• Spiritual direction (optional)
• Active involvement in parish life and ministry
Cost: €150 per week plus utility bills.
For an application form email youngadultcommunity@corkandross.org. Closing date for applications 23rd of June 2025

An invitation to the 99th Cork Eucharistic Procession:
Please join us for the 99th Eucharistic Procession which takes place on Sunday, June 22nd leaving the Cathedral of St. Mary and St. Anne at 3.00pm. It would be great to continue the tradition of parishioners from parishes throughout the city and beyond to walk in the procession. Parking is available in the grounds of St. Anthony's Convent, St. Mary's Road (across from the Cathedral). This year to accommodate the growing large numbers it was decided to take the final prayer and Benediction outside onto a specially constructed platform down at the end of Grand Parade near the National Monument.
For more details see www.corkandross.org

Observations
The Nicene Creed 325-2025

Usually on Sunday, we recite the long version of the Creed known as the Nicene Creed. The name comes from a town in Turkey called Nicaea where a church council was held seventeen centuries ago, in the year 325. The name Nicene isn't quite accurate — the basics were indeed agreed at Nicaea but the full version we use is an expended version agreed some years later at the council of Constantinople in 381. The anniversary of Nicaea is important because what was agreed in Nicaea and later in Constantinople has been accepted by the great majority of churches ever since. In spite of all our differences, we are united, we are one, when it comes to the Creed.

Here is the shorter version as agreed at the Council:

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 humans 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.

A Cork Celebration of the centenary of Matt Talbot's death will be held in The Church of the Ascension, Gurranabraher parish at 7.30 p.m. on Friday 27th June. Fr. Tomás Walsh will be the celebrant and homilist at the mass and special prayers for Matt's beatification will be said.

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Tuesday 17th June 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 Please note that our meetings will take a break for the summer in July & August and will recommence in September.



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

Thought for the day
“Silence is the language God speaks and everything else is a bad translation” is variously attributed. Whoever penned it, it strikes a chord on the feast of the Holy and Undivided Trinity. As we stand before the absolute mystery of God, one and three, transcendent and immanent, greater than our hearts and yet closer to us than we are to ourselves, wordless prayer is fitting. And yet... the Mysterious Silence has been broken, if not by “mere” words then certainly by the Word made flesh, whose Spirit has been poured into our hearts.

Prayer
God, beyond our minds and ideas, our hearts and our feelings, we believe absolutely in your love for each and for all. Let your astonishing love kindle in our inner selves a response of love and wonder. Amen.
K O'Mahony OSA

Reflections
1. Wisdom about life comes slowly and sometimes painfully. Hearing the ‘right’ answer at the ‘wrong’ time does not help us. We need to be ready and open to receiving the truth if it is to have any impact. Perhaps you can recall some occasions when it was the ‘right’ time for you to learn a truth about life. Remember your experiences of growing in understanding and truth.

2. Perhaps the Spirit guided you through the words of someone close to you, or through the words and actions of people you read about or saw on TV. Or maybe understanding came to you when praying or reflecting on your life. Remember and give thanks for the people who have helped you to greater wisdom on your journey through life.

3. Wisdom is handed on from person to person, and from generation to generation, within families, within communities, etc. Are there any particular gems of wisdom that you cherish from what has been handed on to you?

PRAYER
God, your name is veiled in mystery, yet we dare to call you Father; your Son was begotten before all ages, yet is born among us in time; your Holy Spirit fills the whole creation, yet is poured forth now into our hearts. Because you have made us and loved us and called us by your name, draw us more deeply into your divine life, that we may glorify you rightly, through your Son, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.



Anam Cara, supporting parents after bereavement, are hosting an Online Bereavement Information Evening on Tuesday 17th June 2025 at 7pm. Our guest speaker Bryan Nolan has an M.A. in Healthcare Chaplaincy from DCU, and is a Certified Healthcare Chaplain with specialisations in end-of-life, grief, and loss care. He has worked with the Irish Hospice Foundation for over 13 years. Bryan's talk will focus on what lies ahead for parents who have experienced the loss of a child, how we can face the challenges ahead, and what can help us to move forward. To register visit www.anamcara.ie

