

St Michael's Parish, Blackrock, Cork

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14th Sunday Ordinary Time

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

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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

Margaret Lysaght, Blackrock May the light of God surround her forever.



Baptism

Phoebe Nora Coyne. Sorcha Heather Daly. Lyla Hegarty. Welcome to the Christian Family.



May They Rest in Peace

During the past week, two extraordinary religious returned to the House of the Father. Br. Kevin Crowley OFM. Cap and Fr. Oscar O'Leary OFM dedicated their lives to serve those in need and on the margins. Their deep faith in God and people propelled them to work quietly and effectively fulfilling their vows as religious. In our fast-moving world, their ministry could be easily overlooked but their authenticity as people of faith shone through and prevailed. May the Lord grant them both a bed in Heaven for their work and ministry.



First Friday Visits to the Sick and Housebound –

Many people have been in touch to let us know of a family member who would welcome a visit to receive the Blessed Sacrament in their homes. This is so important for people who came to the church all of their lives and now can do so no longer. If you know of a neighbour or family member who needs a visit just let us know.

Year of Prayer, Listening and Discernment

Bishop Fintan would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all those who engaged in the journey of Prayer, Listening and Discernment so far and to those who supported it with their prayer. He has written an initial response to what has emerged from the gatherings and invites us to read this Pastoral Letter which is now available at the back of the church. The Pastoral Letter and the thematic summary of the responses from our Family of Parishes and the diocese as a whole are available on the diocesan website www.corkandross.org

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A brief introduction on Sunday's readings

First reading Isaiah 60:1-6 Our reading is overflowing with joy and consolation. In the current context of faith, it may hard to feel such exuberance, and yet, the joy of the Gospel is what we are about! Second reading Galatians 6:14-18 This is our final reading from Galatians. After the tumultuous letter, Paul comes to a gentle conclusion. He repeats his core teaching and makes a final plea. Gospel Luke 10:1-12, 17-20 The sending of the seventy-two, a kind of expanded mission, looks forward to the expansion of the church in the Acts of the Apostles. The motivation is always to same, then and now: the harvest is rich but the labourers are few.



The Papers Say.....

Irish Catholic. (1). Female congregations and the challenge of communication (2). Marie Steen: An adventurous pilgrimage to the Holy City -- the scope and mission of the Irish College has now been widened to include lay students who want to study their faith too. (3). David Quinn: Why we can't afford to be tut-tutting about the Bezos-Sanchez wedding. (4). Mary Kenny; Why are public demonstrations so popular in today's culture? Tablet. (1). Living with assisted dying. -- It is not just doctors who will face moral challenges. What about the nurses, nursing assistants and pharmacists? (2). Pope Leo echoes Pope Francis: 'War is always a defeat'.

Support the Catholic press and keep in touch with the Church Buy and read a Catholic publication weekly!

PARISH DEFIBRILLATORS

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

BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL

July Church Gate collection will take place on Week ending 6 July 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 6 July for tea and bikkies and more chat! Cheaper than the Village 'cos it's free!! Everyone welcome - Ah go on!



The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out ahead of him, in pairs.

Over the past while, there has been a spate of books on how to bring back a sense of energy and vision to the community of faith. Often, such books themselves have energetic, challenging titles. One was called Relaunch and another was called Wake up, Lazarus.

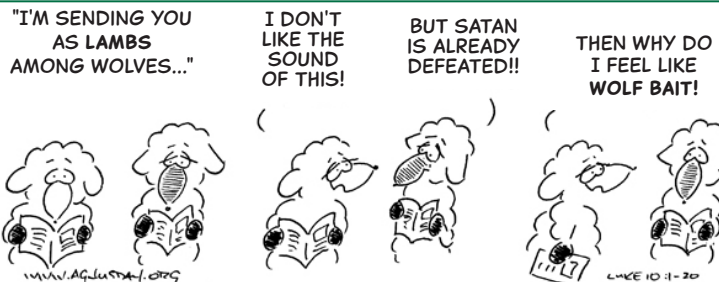
Broadly speaking, these various analyses point to three signs of life: personal engagement, community belonging and being outward looking in a missionary sense. All three are essential; all three belong together and all three lead to joy. In the synodal view, three dimensions are essential: communion, mission, participation, that is, another way of saying personal engagement, community belonging and being outward looking.

At this moment, as the people of God, we are hoping for radical change, renewed energy, in the challenging context of our day. A great beginning has been made both nationally and internationally. What happens next is up to us all.

Reflections

- 1. Jesus sent out his disciples on a mission to let people know "The kingdom of God has come near to you." Recall when you have reached out to another in word or in deed to help them realise that they were cherished, perhaps by a word of sympathy or encouragement, or by giving a hand with a difficult task. What was it like for you to experience yourself as a person bringing help and encouragement to another?
- 2. Jesus sent the disciples out two by two. When have you found it beneficial not to be working alone, but with another by your side? How did companionship change the experience, or what you were able to achieve?
- 3. The instructions Jesus gave the disciples suggest appropriate attitudes for the one who 'goes before Jesus'. Let the images speak to you and evoke memories of times when you were welcomed and times when you were not. When have you found that it was good news to have the attitudes Jesus describes?
- 4. When the disciples returned Jesus warned them not to focus on the thrill of what they had been able to achieve. It was more important that their "names are written in heaven". Sometimes we also need reminders that who we are is more important than what we do. Who have been the people who brought this home to you? Have there been experiences that helped you to appreciate this?

PRAYER Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory and in your presence angels stand in awe. Enlarge our vision, that we may recognise your power at work in your Son and join the apostles and prophets as heralds of your saving word. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.



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Fr. Michael has generously offered the poor box near the exit as a collection point for SVP. If you wish to contribute any time, it would be appreciated.

Thought for the day

How to be an evangeliser today? The question is not limited to so-called "professionals," but forms part of the role and identity of every believer. It is, of course, not easy. The "marks" of bearers of the Good News surely include the following. Firstly, an awareness of the hungers of the human heart, recognised or not. Secondly, in a metaphorical way, to travel light, with little attachment. Thirdly, to do so confidently but not overbearingly. Fourthly, to do so joyfully. Finally, in the time-honoured phrase, to have an account of hope you have in you (1 Pet 3:15), when the appropriate moment for words opens up.

Prayer Help us, who have heard your Good News, to help others to be open to the Christ and his teaching, that people everywhere may know your salvation. K O'Mahony OSA



Boys and Girls enjoying the Rockies Kellogs Cul Camp at Church Road. Pic George Hatchell

"Be Strong In The Lord" -

Human Life International Ireland 32 County Mission Event with relics of St Thérèse & The Holy Face. St Martin's Chapel, St Mary's Pope's Quay, Cork, Saturday 12th July, 7pm-9:30pm - With International Guest Speaker Fr Shenan Boquet (USA).

SPEED DATING FOR CATHOLICS IN AID OF MARY'S MEALS

On Saturday 19th July at The Kingsley Hotel, Cork, meet other single Catholics who share your faith in a fun and relaxed environment. This in-person event is the perfect opportunity to meet like-minded individuals while raising money for the amazing charity Mary's Meals. There are two sessions, ages 35 - 55 @ 5.30pm and ages 27 - 40 @ 8pm. Tickets €23, see www.eventbrite.ie, search for 'Speed Dating for Catholics' and put Cork as the location. Email littlerosesevents@gmail.com

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

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