

St Michael's Parish, Blackrock, Cork

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All Souls

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



Baptisms

Henry Paul Cahill.

Nevach Noelle Brady.

Welcome to the Christian Family.



Recently Deceased

George Wallace, Mahon

Rest in Peace



Remembering Our Loved Ones

When I was student for the priesthood, I clearly recall returning home from Maynooth at this time of the year. In those days, we would have returned to Maynooth in late August and the first visit home was at the end of October. I couldn't but notice the change between late August and late October. The familiar trees that surrounded our farmyard and home were nearly empty of leaves, temperatures had changed, the summer warmth and colours had gone. Evenings were darker and I had not been part of this natural change of season and scenery while in college. The difference was stark.

We begin our Novena for the Dead this Sunday. We will place their names on our Novena Lists, pray for them at Mass and know that we are closest to them gathered around the Altar. While there is sadness, there is a greater warmth when we remember people. Our lives are changed in their absence and things can be stark like the changed season, however, praying for the dead keeps them close to God and close to us. May they rest in peace in the Home of the Father. They have gone no further than to God and God is very near. Fr. Michael



Annual Remembrance Mass

- for all those who have died in our parish over the last year will be celebrated on Monday 3rd November @ 7pm. All are welcome to this poignant and consoling celebration.

November Novena for the Dead

- Sunday 2nd to Monday 10th November. There will be Mass each weekday @ 9.30am during the Novena. Envelopes and Lists are available in the church.

Blessing of Graves

- on this Sunday 2nd November @ 3pm in St. Michael's Cemetery.

Catholic Papers and Literature

- we are fortunate to have a good selection of Catholic papers available in the church each weekend. This is appreciated by many people as good Catholic literature keeps us in touch with the wider church and faith development in a rapidly changing world.

Children's Adoration

- Friday 7th November from 3pm - 3.30pm in St. Michael's, Blackrock.

SMA Parish

- Sunday Masses continue temporarily @ 10am & 12noon in Crab Lane NS (Portakabin) off Boreenmanna Road. We continue to facilitate SMA parish here in St. Michael's in the celebration of baptisms, funerals and a number of weddings.

Fr. Michael

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A brief introduction on Sunday's readings

First Reading Isaiah 25:6-9

The reading is familiar from funeral Masses and very suitable for today, All Souls. God's victory over death couldn't be clearer.

Second Reading Romans 5:5-11

The victory over death - promised in our first reading - is fulfilled in Jesus' ministry, life, death and resurrection. This is the measure of the love of God for us all.

Gospel Luke 7:11-17

Luke is keen to portray Jesus as a prophet in word and in deed. The compassion of Jesus discloses the compassion of God for humanity and for the human condition in general.

The Papers Say.....

Irish Catholic.

(1). Irish delegates prominent as Pope Leo engages Synodal Teams on the role of women. (2). Garry O'Sullivan: Irish priests should never have to walk alone. (3). David Quinn: How Catherine Connolly is more Catholic than we think. (4) Billy Morgan. -- the guardian of Cork football. (5). Signs of life. -- reflection on the Pre-Synodal Assembly in Kilkenny. (6). Fr. Kieran O'Mahony OSA: Hearers of the Word -- When the Lord saw her, he had compassion for her.

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

Medjugorje Pilgrimage May 27th 2026

7 nights, €949 pps (€849 if paid in full by Nov 3rd). Staying in Hotel Leone (half board). Spiritual Director Fr. Ted Sheehan. Group Leader Sean O'Shaughnessy 0862959380 / medjugorcork@icloud.com. Or contact JWT on 01 2410800. Places Limited. Early booking advisable.

Choral Christmas Cheer

Sunday 30th November St. Michael's Church, Blackrock, 7.30 pm

The Willcollane Singers, Carrigaline Gospel Choir, River Rhythms Community Choir,City Hall Singers,CADA Performing Arts, St Michael's NS, Blackrock

Soloists: Mary Hegarty, Andrew Lane & Siomha Marrion

Tickets: €26 - Available at corkchoral.ie

Youth Ministry Special Collection - November 8th & 9th, 2025

The Youth Ministry Special Collection will take place on the weekend of November 8th and 9th, 2025. It is important for us to support and encourage our young people in every way we can and encourage them to take part in their local Parish. This collection directly supports the work of Sheila Kelleher, our Diocesan Youth Ministry Coordinator, and the many volunteers dedicated to nurturing faith among our youth. Over the past year, new initiatives have taken root, including Altar Server Workshops, Alpha Youth (fostering collaboration between schools and parishes), Maranatha (a faith-based high-energy music event for Post-Primary school students), the continuation of the Sycamore & Foundations in Theology programmes, Lourdes pilgrimage, the Jubilee of Youth and Connect (for young adults). Please be as generous as you can as we cannot do this without your support. Investing in our young people is vital for the future of the Church.

BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Church Gate collection will take place on

Week ending 2nd November 2025

Your support as always is greatly appreciated.

THERE WILL BE ONLY 1 COLLECTION ON THE SVP WEEKEND

The Feast of All Souls

We remember our beloved dead, in love. As we know from personal experience, those who have gone from us have not ceased to be part of our lives. On the contrary, they can be even more intensely part of who we are, more intensely present to us. There is more to this than the psychology of loss. As people of faith, we entrust our beloved dead to the living God, from whom we all came, because to him all are alive. I like very much a sentiment of Edward Schillebeeckx OP, in a prayer for the dead:

Father, we cannot believe all they have meant to us is lost forever. You are their life, now and always.

Reflections

1. True compassion of one person for another can change a situation. When has the capacity of another person to empathise with you, and feel with you in a situation, made a difference? When has your compassion been a source of comfort and strength to another?

2. After Jesus had visited their town the people in Nain thought: "God has visited his people." Bring to mind encounters you have had, or events you have attended, that left you with a greater than usual sense of the presence of God in that experience.

3. The miracle is a reminder to us of our belief that Christ has conquered death and because of that our mortal death is not the end. How does this belief affect your attitude towards your own mortality, and to the deaths of significant people in your life?

Prayer

O God, our very breath, our only hope, in every age you take pity on us and bring forth life from death.

Visit your people and raise your Church to new life, that we may join with all generations in voicing our wonder and praise. We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.



BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL

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.

Gentle reminder!!

For those attending with young children, there is a Family Room available at the top left inside the church. Thanks.



Sunday Cuppa continues in the Parish Centre after 11 am mass on 2nd November for tea and bikkies and more chat!

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

Everyone welcome - Ah go on!



Thought for the day

As often, this story from Luke is one of the best remembered in the Gospels. Partly this is because Luke is such an excellent writer. Perhaps even more, it is because the story touches everyone. Untimely death is known to all of us, whether by illness or accident or sometimes by violence. We would love to be able to say to the bereaved, "do not weep"! But we can say it at another level: Jesus is the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. This is our faith. He represents the God of the living, "for whom all are alive." In him, who rose from the dead, our hope of resurrection dawned.

Prayer

Lord, for your faithful people life is changed, not ended. When the body of our earthly dwelling lies in death, we gain an everlasting dwelling place in heaven. Amen.

K O'Mahony OSA

ENTRANCE - Amazing Grace

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come
This grace that brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home



RECESSIONAL - Christ be beside me

Christ be beside me, Christ be before me,
Christ be behind me, King of my heart.
Christ be within me, Christ be below me,
Christ be above me, never to part.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,
Christ all around me, shield in the strife.
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,
Christ in my rising, light of my heart.

Christ be in all hearts thinking about me,
Christ be on all tongues telling of me.
Christ be the vision in eyes that see me,
In ears that hear me Christ ever be.

WHAT A LUCKY BREAK!
THAT JESUS SHOULD RUN INTO THIS GUY'S FUNERAL PROCESSION!

BUT IT'S NOT JUST FOR HIM OR HIS MUM. IT'S A SIGN THAT GOD HAS VISITED ALL OF US TO OVERCOME DEATH FOR US.

WOW!
THAT IS A LUCKY BREAK!!



Unfolding the Word Invitation to our Family of Parishes

Why not join us for 4 nights of exploring and sharing on St. Matthew's Gospel. Thursdays of November (6th, 13th, 20th and 27th). Meeting Room in Holy Cross Church, Mahon. (7.30 pm to 9.00 pm) No expertise needed, just a willingness to share and take part or just listen if you prefer. No charge. All welcome and we even have a cuppa as well!