

St Michael's Parish, Blackrock, Cork

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27th Sunday Ordinary Time

WEEKLY MASS LEAFLET UPDATES:

Email to : parish@stmichaelsblackrock.ie

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BAPTISMS:

MARRIAGES:

Please contact the parish office.

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

Conrad William Houston.

Rigan Mary-Anne Coughlan.

Oscar Daniel Murphy.

Ava Josephine Buckley.

Welcome to the Christian Family.

Recently Deceased

Trevor Barry, Beaumont

Eileen Donovan, Blackrock

Rest in Peace

foilte -

We have been blessed with a beautiful summer and early autumn this year though things are changing in recent days. Parish life has fully resumed as we prepare with our schools for the celebration of the sacraments, an increasing number of baptisms are celebrated, very sadly families have been bereaved but we all gather together as a parish and community, we are preparing for the November Novena to remember our deceased family members and so much more.

Now it's lovely to see people and families from other countries who are making their home in this area and are part of our weekend Masses and parish life. This will continue to develop and we are delighted as a parish community to intentionally welcome people so that we can all gather around the altar. Fr. Michael

Do This in Memory - parish based programme for the First Holy Communion children and their families begins on Saturday 18th October @ 6pm with an Enrolment Mass.

Altar Servers Training – well done to our new servers who started last Sunday. We would love to welcome more boys and girls as servers. Families might get in touch to let us know.

Family of Parishes Alpha Programme – commenced on Wednesday 24th September in SMA Blackrock Road and continues there each Wednesday evening at 7.30pm until 20th November. People are welcome any Wednesday evening to participate.

Annual Remembrance Mass - for all those who have died in our parish over the last year will be celebrated on Monday 3rd November @ 7pm.

Blessing of Graves – on Sunday 2nd November @ 3pm in St. Michael's Cemetery.

Diocesan Mass for Opening of School Year – Tuesday 14th October @ 7.30pm in the Cathedral of St. Mary & St. Anne followed by refreshments in the Cathedral Visitor Centre.



SMA Parish – Sunday Masses will resume temporarily @ 10am & 12noon in Crab Lane NS (Portakabin) off Boreenmanna Road. No Saturday evening Mass there. The SMA parish Newsletter continues to be available here in St. Michael's.

Confirmations 2026

Mon. 23rd Feb.

Mon. 2nd March

Wed. 11th Mar.

Wed. 29th Apr.

Gaelscoil Mhachan (in Holy Cross)

Beaumont BNS, GNS, Scoil Ursula

Scoil na Croise Naofa (in Holy Cross)

Ballintemple NS

Fr. Michael

085 8735905

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Introduction to Sunday's readings

First reading Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4

As you listen to this reading, you might ask yourself how often have you felt like this? Notice that the second part is as important as the first.

Second reading 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

The temptation today is to be a little bit "ashamed" of our faith. It is not a new problem, as we hear.

Gospel Luke 17:5-10

We are all here because we have some bit of faith—perhaps not as strong as it used to be. This reading is a challenge: would you like your faith to be increased...or perhaps not?!

The Papers Say.....

Irish Catholic. (1). David Quinn: The rise of 'Eachtra' and the decline in First Holy Communion (2) Fr. Gerry O'Hanlon SJ: Baptised and Sent -- Reflections on the Pre-Synodal Assembly and the future of the Irish Church (3) Fr. Kieran O'Mahony: Lectio Divina. -- Hearers of the Word. -- The Apostles said to the Lord: 'Increase our faith' (4). Book Review. -- Seamus Murphy Sculptor. -- a centenary album. An artist who gave life to the stones of Cork. (5) Fr. Bernard Cotter: First Communions and a priestly dilemma

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.

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

CONNECT 7 – an invitation to young adults (18 to 35 years) Connect 7 will take place on Saturday 18th October in the Cathedral of Saint Mary and Saint Anne, Cork City. The day begins at 2pm and includes keynote talks from Fr. Conor McGrath (Vocations Director, Diocese of Down and Connor) and Lorraine Buckley (Faith Development Coordinator, Diocese of Cork and Ross).

This year's theme is: 'Finding purpose – God's plan for my life'. As well as the talk, we will have Mass, adoration, pizza, a panel discussion, confessions and much more!

Registration is €10 on Eventbrite.ie – search CONNECT 7.

BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Church Gate collection will take place on

Week ending 5th October 2025

Your support as always is greatly appreciated.

Beaumont Boys School

Applications for Junior Infant and Special class enrolment at

Beaumont Boys School will open on the 1st of October 2025.

Applications may be made online via the school website at:

www.beaumontboys.ie

Our second reading from 2 Timothy could give rise to a good reflection. The letter itself is probably not by St Paul but instead represents second or even third generation Paulinism. Church hierarchy is more established, faith has become a "deposit", and there has been time for some people to grow ashamed to witnessing to the God.

In our day, it is difficult to bear witness, at least in Ireland. The church is no longer held in high regard, the level of general catechesis is low and many adults retain what they learned a children. If you are a practicing Catholic, it can sound slightly weird to our family and friends and social contacts. This is not all negative. It means that those of still involved have to given an account of the hope is in us — first of all to ourselves and then, as appropriate, to people we come in contact with. It is no hard, in any case, to ask: what do I believe and what difference doe sit make to how I live?



Reflections

1. Faith can move mountains...well it can certainly get us moving. Recall a time when you were full of self-doubt, skepticism about a project, or lacking trust in God. What was that like? Contrast this with times when you believed in yourself, or in the value of a project you had undertaken, or when your faith and trust in God were strong. What kind of faith have you found enriched your life?
2. Faith is like a mustard seed—small— and sometimes we may be tempted to wait till our faith grows. Part of the message in the gospel is to use the faith we have, even though it may be small. That is how we grow in belief in ourselves and in God's presence in our lives. Does your experience back up this?
3. It is nice when what we do is recognised and acknowledged, but the desire for recognition leaves us vulnerable It is not always forthcoming. It can be helpful if our main motivation in doing something is the value of the action itself. Have you experienced this?
4. Love is a free gift. What is given lovingly is not given because of a claim. What is your experience of the freedom of love, given and received?

PRAYER

God, the rock of our salvation, whose gifts can never fail, deepen the faith you have already bestowed and let its power be seen in your servants. We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

Mater Dei Academy – Cork's Independent Catholic Secondary School for boys and girls hosts an Open Evening on Thursday 9th October @ 7pm.

Register at www.materdeiacademy.ie or call 021 2021229

Sunday Cuppa continues in the Parish Centre after 11 am mass on 5th October for tea and bikkies and more chat!

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

Everyone welcome - Ah go on!



Thought for the day

The cry of the disciples to the Lord,"increase our faith," resonates very much with us today. Is being a person of faith harder today than it has ever been? In one sense no: previous generations too had to struggle. But today has its particular challenges. For the most part, public discourse is against faith in general and against church in particular. It would be easy to lose heart. Just holding on to faith would be enough, not to mention growing!! We grow in faith by desire and by practice—desire for God and the practice of prayer. The times call us to focus on the heart of the Christian project—Jesus and the Gospel—and on the heart of discipleship—love and service.

Prayer

"Lord, increase our faith!" Open our hearts to your presence in our lives.

K O'Mahony OSA

ENTRANCE – 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.



RECESSIONAL - How Great Thou Art

Oh Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed.

CHORUS: Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee:
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee:
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart;
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,
And then proclaim, my God, how great Thou art.
CHORUS: Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee etc.



Breast Cancer Awareness Month

takes place October 1st-31st.

For further information, please log onto
www.breastcancerireland.com.



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