

St Michael's Parish, Blackrock, Cork

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28th Sunday Ordinary Time

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

Baptisms
Brodie David Barrett.
Welcome to the Christian Family.

Recently Deceased
Mary Hurley, McGrath Park
Rest in Peace

Joy of Ministry
For a few days during the past week from Tuesday - Thursday, I had the opportunity to join the annual Diocesan Priests Retreat in East Cork. This year, 57 priests who serve in parish and chaplaincy appointments attended. Over the last five years that priests have gathered, we have had beautiful October weather and this year was no different.

I noticed two things at our retreat this year. Firstly, priests were in good form despite the many demands for their time. Each spoke of the great support that they receive from the people and parishes that they serve which sustains them and keeps them going. Secondly, the number of priests from other countries joining the diocese is growing in front of our eyes. The annual retreat brings us all together helping our new priests to get a better sense of Cork and of our parishes. The mood overall was one of quiet service and the goodness of so many people in parishes. 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.

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 Sunday 2nd November @ 3pm in St. Michael’s Cemetery.

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

Altar Servers – people are delighted to see our new altar servers involved at Mass. We would love to welcome more boys and girls to join our team.

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.

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 have resumed temporarily @ 10am & 12noon in Crab Lane NS (Portakabin) off Boreenmanna Road.

Fr. Michael - 085 8735905 - frmichael@corkandross.org

A brief introduction on Sunday's readings
First reading 2 Kings 5:14-17
In our reading today, a good experience (being healed) leads to conversion and a new faith in God. The story is told, in part, to anticipate a similar story in the Gospel about a leper, an outsider also.
Second reading 2 Timothy 2:8-13
How did people before us pray? In today’s reading from an early letter, there is a short poetic passage—perhaps an early Christian hymn—with encouraging words.
Gospel Luke 17:11-19
All ten lepers are real outsiders and yet only the “foreigner” (the Samaritan) is the one with insight and gratitude. It happens today too, even in the Church, that outsiders have greater insight than the insiders.

The Papers Say.....
Irish Catholic. (1). Mary Kenny. A woman leading the Anglican Church. -- historic progress or poisoned chalice? (2) Fr. Kieran O'Mahony OSA: Hearers of the Word (part 2) -- "Get up and go your way: Your faith has made you well" (3). Fr. John Harris OP: The power of the rosary in October. (4) Maria Steen: 'Leinster House begins to look like an underworld'. (5). Fr. Shay Cullen: Vatican and UNICEF speak out against online violence and abuse

BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL
September collection came to €2050
Many thanks for your generous continued support.

Matthew's Gospel Workshop
Our Saturday workshop will be held on Sat 18th October from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm in the Sacred Heart Hall, Western Road.

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 / medjugorjecork@icloud.com. Or contact JWT on 01 2410800. Places Limited. Early booking advisable.

Anam Cara
Anam Cara - supporting parents after bereavement, are hosting an Online Bereavement Information Evening on Thursday 30th October at 7pm.

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Tuesday 21st October at 7.30pm in the Fernhill House Hotel, Clonakilty.

Diocesan Needs Quarterly Collection
Diocesan Needs Collection this weekend.
Today’s 2nd collection allows for vital supports to your parish in many areas, including Education, Religious Faith Formation in schools, Mission and Ministry, Youth Ministry, Safeguarding, and Stewardship and Governance as well as guidance in practical matters such as Data Protection, Finance, and Property. Despite the many demands that are placed on your finances, your generosity this weekend is deeply appreciated and will help us continue to build and support a vibrant faith community today and into the future. Thank you for your continued financial assistance.

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

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

The Ten Lepers (Monreale Cathedral, Sicily)
The story of the ten lepers is one of those powerful, graphic stories from the pen of Luke. Somehow, they lodge in the memory and remain with us. There is more than one layer, of course. Often in schools, the story is used to underline gratitude — and that is certainly in there. Luke’s wider purpose is the inclusion of the all peoples in the Gospel project. This comes to remarkable fulfilment in the story of Cornelius in Acts 10:1-11:18. In the Cornelius story, it is clear that the Holy Spirit is working with the “outsider”. Our story is an illustration from more within Judaism because Samaritans are “cousins”, even though they underwent considerable vilification. In this case, the “patient” is twice an outsider, as a Samaritan and with a skin condition which excluded from the community



Reflections
1. The cure of the lepers is not just a physical cure, it was also brought the people healed back from exclusion into the community. Perhaps you have experienced the movement from exclusion to inclusion. What was it like for you to be accepted once again when you had been excluded?
2. Who were the Jesus people for you who brought about this change? For whom have been able to do this, perhaps by healing a rift with a friend, or by listening to the opinion of someone you had dismissed out of hand, or by opening the door in some other way to another?
3. Some people work hard at breaking down barriers in society, seeking inclusion for those who find themselves labelled as lepers by society or by a section of society. Where have you seen this happening? Who has been doing this kind of work? Where is the good news in such action?
4. When we do good for another we may not do it for the thanks we hope to get, but it can hurt when no gratitude is shown. How have you experienced the positive effects of thanks given and received?

PRAYER
O God, our life, our health, our salvation, look with mercy on your people. Stir up in us a saving faith, that believing, we may be healed, and being healed, we may worthily give you thanks.
We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Sprit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

Regional Pioneer Council
The next meeting of Cork Regional Pioneer Council will be held in the S.M.A. Parish Centre on Wednesday 15th Ocotber at 8p.m. All welcome.
The Cork Pioneer Diocesan Council is holding a Family Table Quiz at 7.30 p.m. on Friday 14th November in Togher Community Centre T12 TX2Y. Entries by 7th November €20 per table. For further details contact Aislinn Cogan 0879699488. aislinncogan@gmail.com or Sorcha Uí Laoghaire 0863642619 sorchaol@gmail.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

Thought for the day
Inclusivity and inclusion are buzz words in our culture. We find the radical openness of Jesus very helpful today, as we try to see the future of the Christian project. St Paul himself has been called the “founder of universalism” (Alain Badiou). Two comments may help us reflect. Firstly, not everyone is guided by this vision—the evidence for “exclusivism” is all around us. Secondly, in the Christian vision, respect for all is grounded not only in creation (“image and likeness of God” but also in salvation (“God wants all people to be saved”). Both dimensions are important for Jesus, for Paul and for us today.
Prayer
God of mercy, your love reaches out to all without distinction. As we have experienced your compassion, may we show the same love to all.
K O’Mahony OSA

ENTRANCE – Hail Queen of Heaven
Hail, Queen of heav’n, the ocean Star:
Guide of the wand'r'er 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'r'er, 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.



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.