

St Michael's Parish, Blackrock, Cork

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26/10/2025

30th Sunday Ordinary Time

WEEKLY MASS LEAFLET UPDATES:

Email to : parish@stmichaelsblackrock.ie



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



Families

Over one hundred children from five schools enrolled for the Sacraments of First Confession and First Holy Communion last weekend. There was a great attendance at the Vigil Mass for this and we look forward to the other Do This in Memory Masses both before and after Christmas in preparation for the Sacraments. The beauty of this is that over 100 families were also in attendance as well as many grandparents. This brings life to our parish for which we are all grateful.



The enrolment ceremony for the Confirmation candidates has been arranged for Saturday 29th November at 6pm Mass. Again we look forward to all their families attending as well. There will be at least one more Mass for the Confirmation candidates in the new year to ensure that preparation is also a parish initiative along with their families and schools. May God bless all the children, young people, their families, schools and our parish. 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. Letters of Invitation to families are currently available in the church or being delivered.

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.

Saturday 1st November – Feast of All Saints – Mass @ 9.30am

Altar Servers – we have more volunteers and look forward to a growing number of boys and girls willing to join the team with the support and encouragement of their families. People really appreciate the involvement of our new altar servers.

Children’s Adoration – Friday 7th November from 3pm – 3.30pm in St. Michael’s, Blackrock.

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

SMA Parish – Sunday Masses continue temporarily @ 10am & 12noon in Crab Lane NS (Portakabin) off Boreenmanna Road.

Fr. Michael
085 8735905
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Gentle reminder!!
For those attending with young children, there is a Family Room available at the top left of the church.



A brief introduction on Sunday's readings

First reading Ecclesiasticus 35:15-17, 20-22

In line with biblical tradition, our short reading—really a poem—affirms God’s impartial love

Second reading 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

How would I like to face the autumn of my life? This reading looks back on a life of faith, not without disappointments, but always full of faith.

Gospel Luke 18:9-14

Our short parable is a kind of trap, because we tend to identify with the good guy...but that’s not always the case!

The Papers Say.....

Irish Catholic. (1). CONNECT 7 in Cork inspires young adults to discover God’s plan for their lives. (2) David Quinn: Two gatherings point to a church still searching for its nerve. (3) Jason Conroy: From satanist to Saint. -- How the rosary saved Bartolo Longo. (4). Fr. Kieran O'Mahony OSA: Hearers of the Word (part 4). -- Two men went up to the temple to pray, a Pharisee and a tax collector.

Sacred Heart Messenger. (1) Fr. Brian Grogan: The Nicene Creed -- Unearthing Hidden Treasure (2). Fr. Gerry O"Hanlon SJ: Why pray for the dead. (3). Fr. Eugene Duffy: Baptising Children of non-practicing Parents. (4). Re:Link, the Resource for Junior Certificate Religious Studies. - Remembering the Dead.

Tablet of 18/10. (1). Messianism and the Middle East. -- Leave the end times in God's hands. (2). Austin Ivereigh: Care for Creation -- On the tenth anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical on the care for Creation, Pope Leo left no doubt that he shares the prophetic stance of his predecessor on the urgent need for governments to listen to the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor. (3). 'All Leo, all Francis'. -- Pope Leo's first apostolic exhortation 'Dilexi te' is a bold affirmation that love for the poor has always been at the heart of the live of the Church. (4). Germany -- Don't be swayed by the political right, says Cardinal Marx.

Tablet of 11/10. (1). The Manchester synagogue attack. -- A climate of fear. (2). Europe and religion -- The future of the European project will be in peril argues a German bishop if it loses its spiritual depth, historical awareness and prophetic voice. (3). Francis Campbell,the former British ambassador to the Holy See, looks back on wo teachers who kept his mind open on Northern Ireland.

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!

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

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.

Pioneer Table Quiz 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

Parable of the Pharisee and the tax-collector

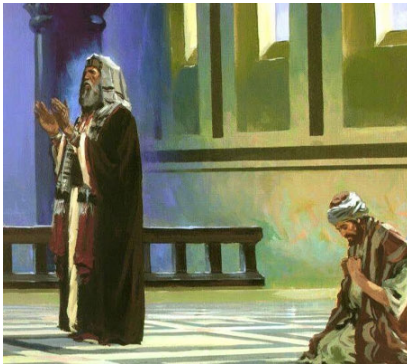
Again, a well-remembered but actually very tricky parable. Tricky: Luke tricks us into condemning the Pharisee and identifying with the tax-collector. We in our judgement and complacency, we fall easily under the judgment of the parable! Luke is a great writer but sometimes he plays tricks with his readers!

Reflections

- 1. There can be an element of defensiveness in our relationships with others. We are reluctant to let another see us as we see ourselves. Occasionally we meet someone with whom we can be totally open and know we will be accepted. With whom have you had that kind of a relationship? What was it like for you to have that freedom?
- 2. Likewise with God, when we come to prayer pretending to be better than we are, we are hiding from God. What difference does it make when you pray to God, acknowledging your faults and limitations? Have you ever found that when you are humble in this way in prayer, God lifts you up?
- 3. The parable is also a cautionary tale against judging others negatively on the basis of externals. Perhaps God, who looks into the heart, sees another picture. When have you discovered there was more to another person than the negative picture you got from first impressions?

PRAYER

O God, who alone can probe the depth of the heart, you hear the prayer of the humble and justify the repentant sinner. As we stand before you, grant us the gift of humility, that we may see our own sins clearly and refrain from judging our neighbour. We make our prayer though our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God



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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

Cork Alzheimers Café a safe place for people with Alzheimers and other dementias, their carers, family and friends along with social and health professionals to meet. Last Friday of each month 11- 12.30 pm inSt Finbarrs Hospital, Douglas Road. Light refreshments provided free of charge. All welcome. Friday 31st October - Next Meeting Art with Gillian & Inga from Crawford Art Gallery Exercise with Physio Sandra O Regan

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

Humility, humiliation, low self-esteem: these things get all mixed up in our minds and in our feelings. In the past, humility was encouraged by humiliation—really an abuse, which must have caused much harm. Low selfesteem—the root of many problems and addictions—used to be confused with humility. A robust humility is really an exercise in truth-telling about ourselves. If we are to be grounded in the humus (earth) of our human existences, then we do need to be honest in our appraisal, affirming the good and recognising courageously our faults. Humility goes with being human.

Prayer

As we affirm your gifts and rejoice in them, help us to honest and know the full story, warts and all, that we come before you in need of your grace.

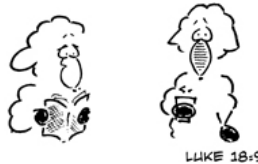
K O'Mahony OSA

This November the RSA's Check it Fits service will be visiting County Cork. Did you know it's the law that all children under 150cms or 36kgs must use a child car seat appropriate to their weight and height. In Ireland as many as 54% of child car seats are incorrectly fitted which can lead to serious injury or even death in a collision. Since the start of the service, the RSA's 'Check it Fits' Service has checked over 70,000 child car seats and restraints in Ireland.

The Check it Fits service is quick, it's easy, it's free. On the day our experts will advise on how to fix any problem, demonstrate how to fit the restraint correctly and answer any queries participants might have. Our experts aim to put parent's, grandparent's and guardian's minds at ease that their child's car seat is safely and securely fitted in their car.

We will be visiting the following locations in Cork:
Aldi Clonakilty, Apartment 5, Youghals, Cork, P85 K735 10.00am - 5.30pm Tuesday 4 November
Garvey's SuperValu Cobh, Tiknock, Cobh, Co. Cork, P24 CY96 10.00am - 5.30pm Wednesday 5 November 2025
Tony Kealy's Cork, Dosco Business Park, S Douglas Rd, Ballinlough, Cork, T12 DE88 10.00am - 5.30pm Thursday 6 November 2025
Riordan's SuperValu Fermoy, Courthouse Rd, Rath-Healy, Fermoy, Co. Cork, P61 AX04 10.00am - 5.30pm Friday 7 November

BOY, I'M REALLY GLAD I'M NOT LIKE THAT PHARISEE!



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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

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

takes place October 1st-31st. For further information, please log onto www.breastcancerireland.com.



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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.