

St Michael's Parish, Blackrock, Cork

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The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

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



Recently Deceased Marie Forde, Beaumont Rest in Peace



Remembering

The early days of November have been very fulfilling as we have gathered to remember our loved ones who have died. There has been a great response and participation in the November Novena with so many names now placed on the altar to be remembered in Novena Masses. Our Remembrance Mass on last Monday evening was truly special. The gathering of so many people who have been bereaved during the past year, while deeply poignant, was also a consoling gathering of friends. The attendance was excellent and the Mass itself was very special.



The attendance at the blessing of graves in St. Michael's Cemetery on last Sunday afternoon was enormous. People and families from our local parishes as well as from throughout Cork city and beyond gathered. The weather was dry and reasonably pleasant which helps so much. People and families stood near to their family graves and patiently waited for the blessing. May the Lord bless all those who have died and may they now rest in their easy in the Home of the Father. Fr. Michael

Do This in Memory Mass – this will take place next Saturday 15th November @ 6pm for all the First Holy Communion children and their families.

Confirmation Enrolment Mass – will take place on Saturday 29th November @ 6pm.

November Novena for the Dead – concludes on Monday 10th November @ 9.30am Mass. Envelopes and Lists remain available in the church.

Altar Servers – well done to our new altar servers. New members have been added to the team and we would love to welcome more boys and girls as servers. Many people have remarked that it is great to see altar servers in the church.

Well done – to the girls from Scoil Barra Naofa Cailliní who won their Sciath na Scoil Final during the week in Pairc Ui Chaoimh.

Mission Appeal – the Rosminians will make a mission appeal at Masses on next Sunday 16th November to support their parishes in East Africa (Tanzania, Kenya & Uganda).

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A brief introduction on Sunday's readings First reading Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 Ezekiel offered the suffering people an extraordinary vision of life and healing flowing from God's presence. Second reading 1Cor 3:9-11, 16-17 Who are we really before God? No less than a temple of the Holy Spirit! Gospel John 2:13-32 The Temple action was radical—not an attack on abuse but on the functioning of the Temple as such.

The Papers Say..... Irish Catholic. (1). Fr. Bernard Cotter: Homilies and eulogies -- what's the difference? (2). Sr. Stan -- A life that never stopped listening to the cry of the poor. (3)David Quinn: Reflections on the death of Mary 'May' McGee. (4). Fr. Eamonn Conway: 'I have my mission'. -- St. John Henry Newman, the newest Doctor of the Church.

Tablet of 25/10. (1). Clifford Longley: Freedom under fire -- Could the Pope save democracy? 'I would urge the Vatican to look very closely at Northern Ireland and the origins of the Good Friday Agreement' (2). Vatican. -- Pope Leo initiative on minor's protection. (3). Fraternity Award for Holy Family Catholic parish in Gaza.

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

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



Second Collection for Youth Ministry – will be taken up after Communion at Masses this weekend. This is to support a wide range of youth ministry initiatives now being rolled out in the Diocese and to support parishes.

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.

RED WEDNESDAY 19 November 2025 More Christians have been killed because of their faith in Christ in the last century than the previous 1,900 years of Christian history Join us in standing with them in prayerful solidarity. This Red Wednesday, Aid to the Church in Need invites you to wear something red, light a red candle in your window and pray for their welfare.

Templehill Cemetery Rosary and Blessing of Graves: Will take place on Sunday 23rd November at 3:00 pm.

Today, we celebrate the cathedral church of the bishop of Rome, the basilica of St John Lateran. The building itself is remarkable — for example the main doors are from the ancient Senate House in the Roman Forum and there is a very beautiful cloister attached to the cathedral. To be candid, it must, of course, seem strange to remember a building, however important in another country! But there is more to it than that.

In celebrating the cathedral of the bishop of Rome, we are marking our communion in the Catholic Church under the leadership of the Holy Father. The appointed readings are very helpful and would inspire deeper reflection and discussion.



Reflections

- 1. Through his symbolic gesture Jesus proclaimed that the place of God's presence was not a building but "the temple of his body". But we are the Body of Christ ... when have you been particularly aware of people (yourself or others) as being sacred, temples of the presence of God ?
- 2. It was only after the resurrection that the disciples realised the full significance of what Jesus had said and done. When has hindsight helped you to see meaning in what happened to you?
- 3. There are many ways in which people, the temples of God, are being profaned today. Where do you see that happening? Who are those trying to remedy the situation?
- 4. We also want our institutions to reflect the presence of God. Perhaps in this time when aspects of our institutions are crumbling down you can identify with the Jews who were horrified at the suggestion that the Temple would be destroyed. What is it like for you to live in a time when some of the things you had taken for granted are collapsing? Where do you see the hand of God in this?
- 5. "Zeal for your house will consume me." Our bodies are the temples of the Holy Spirit but they can be abused as well as cared for. Much of the time most of us pay little attention to our bodies. We take them for granted. At times we may abuse them. Has caring for your body made any difference to your life?

PRAYER God all-holy, in every place on earth you gather your people into your presence to proclaim the wonders of your love. As we celebrate the dedication of the cathedral church of Rome, deepen our unity with your faithful throughout the world, and build us up into a house of prayer for all nations. We ask this 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.

Thought for the day The cathedral of Rome is dedicated to our Saviour, under the intercession of John the Baptist and John the Evangelist. All of us are baptised into Christ; all of us receive the word of life through the Scriptures; all of us belong to the body of Christ, the church and we all eat the one bread and drink the one cup. Our local communion—constituted by faith, community, scripture and the sacraments—is part of a greater family, under the bishop of Rome, who “presides over the whole assembly in charity” (St Ignatius of Antioch).

PRAYER Jesus, you prayed that all might be one. As you give us the grace to be truly one in heart, give us also the freedom to live with difference and the wisdom to enjoy the variety of your gifts. K O'Mahony OSA

ENTRANCE – Be Not Afraid You shall cross the barren desert But you shall not die of thirst You shall wander far in safety Though you do not know the way You shall speak your words to foreign men And they will understand You shall see the face of God and live

Chorus: Be not afraid I go before you always Come, follow me and I will give you rest

Blessed are your poor For the kingdom shall be theirs Blest are you that weep and mourn For one day you shall laugh And if wicked men insult and hate you All because of me Blessed, blessed are you Chorus



RECESSIONAL - 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

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



Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Tuesday 18th November at 7.30pm in the Fernhill House Hotel, Clonakilty. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was. You do not need to register in advance. To find out more call 01 4045378 or email info@anamcara.ie

