

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

Sr Mary Hourigan
Ursuline Convent, Blackrock, Cork
Rest in Peace



Baptisms

Conor Vincent Joseph O'Donoghue.
Finn James Maher.
John Críostoir Murphy.
Welcome to the Christian Family.



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We all know when we are welcome in a situation, visiting a neighbour, a workplace, a social gathering or anywhere. It's even more important in a church and place of worship that people feel welcome, included and noticed. Welcome is the kernel of faith and parish life. It's something that we should never take for granted and constantly make sure that this happens.



Feeling welcome in a church is a sense that we are praying together, that we are all equal in the presence of God, that we all share many worries and troubles, that we know we can comfortably visit the church or be part of the congregation at Masses. In recent weeks, we have gathered to pray for our loved ones who have died, we welcome the First Holy Communion children and their families in large numbers this weekend, we will welcome the Confirmation candidates and their families in a few weeks, we welcome many bereaved families at funerals and we continue to prioritise welcome as a vital ministry to one another. - Fr. Michael

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

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

Mission Appeal – This Sunday we welcome Fr. Wilhad Shayo from the Rosminian Fathers as part of a diocesan mission appeal to support their parishes in East Africa (Tanzania, Kenya & Uganda).

Forever Loved, Forever Cherished – Special Remembrance Service for babies and infants lost during pregnancy or at birth will take place in the Church of the Resurrection, Farranree (T23 NV97) on Friday 28th November @ 7pm.

Fr. Michael

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A brief introduction on Sunday's readings

First reading Malachi 3:19-20
Our short reading contains a haunting image of hope and healing—for all who hold fast to the faith!

Second reading 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12
This reading could be easily misunderstood. The context is heightened expectation of the end and consequent abandonment of secular activities. The author practices and teaches otherwise.

Gospel Luke 21:5-19
Like many of his contemporaries, Jesus foresaw a future threat to Jerusalem and its Temple. Underneath the reading, so to speak, lies a careful teaching on how to understand what is going on and how to react, so as to win your life.

The Papers Say.....

Irish Catholic. (1). Archbishop Eamon Martin warns parents -- fill out school survey or lose say in future plans (2) Dr. Marie Griffin: Have your say on Government's online school patronage survey to give parents a choice. (3) Dr. Aine Moran: What 'Drawing New Maps of Hope' means for Catholic education in Ireland. Re-imagining faith, formation and leadership in light of Pope Leo's recent letter on education. (4). Fr. Kieran O'Mahony OSA: Hearers of the Word. sAs for things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another.

Sacred Heart Messenger. (1). Christmas Novena with Fr. John Cullen. (2). Fr. Bernard Cotter: Christmas Family Customs (3). Let Advent be Advent. (4). Adult's and Children's crosswords. **Tablet of 8/1.** (1). The Assumption. - Heavenly glory. Seventy-five years ago Pope Pius XII declared the dogma of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary to be part of the infallible teaching of the Church. (2) The cost of conscience -- In an age of populism and polarization, St. John Henry Newman is a reminder that if politics and public life are to meet the greatest challenges of our age must be guided by conscience. (3). Margaret Hebblethwaite: Hope from below Liberation theology, which emerged in Latin America in the 1970's , has been given renewed vigour by the papacies of Francis and Leo with a new emphasis on Synodality, women, indigenous people , and the cry of Mother Earth.

BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Last month's collection came to €2550

Many thanks for your generous wonderful support.

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

Advent Carol Concert

St. Mary's Church Choir, Pope's Quay directed by Sean Lehane in association with the Cork Fleischmann Symphony Orchestra conducted by Keith Pascoe is hosting an Advent Carol Concert on Sunday 7th December at 7.30 pm in St. Mary's Priory, Pope's Quay. Tickets (€15) are available at St. Martin's Mass Office (021) 4503187 or Pro Musica, 20 Oliver Plunkett Street (021) 4271659 or from any choir member

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.

Our Gospel reading matches our times in an unsettling way: wars, natural phenomena, plagues, dislocation. There is no need to exaggerate the challenges: climate change, a European war, politics, plagues, refugees, even the on-going CSA crisis in society and church. It would be easy — even understandable — to lose heart. As we wonder what sustains us, it is my hope that today's Gospel can be of direct help.

Key question: where is God in the mess?



Reflections

1. Luke presents Jesus as a prophet, capable of reading the signs of the times, and one who offered wise and insightful advice on how to cope with difficult times. Who are the people you see who act like this in the troubled times we live in today? Maybe you yourself have been a calming influence in the face of turmoil within your family, parish, church, workplace, or elsewhere. Can you claim that gift and give thanks for being such a person?

2. Jesus alerts his listeners to the transitory nature of human grandeur and splendour. How have you been reminded of this truth? What lessons has this given you about life?

3. In any walk of life troubles will come. Jesus encourages his listeners to stand firm in such circumstances, telling them 'your endurance will win you your lives'. When you are in the midst of inner turmoil and/or outer trouble or opposition, what have you found gives you the strength and ability to endure?

PRAYER

Lord God of all the ages, the One who is, who was, and who is to come, stir up within us a longing for your kingdom, steady our hearts in the time of trial, and grant us patient endurance until the sun of justice dawns.

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.

Department of Education Survey about School Choice:

The current Department of Education survey on the future of patronage in the primary sector is important in that it will shape the discussion on primary school divesting for the years to come throughout the Republic of Ireland.

While it is important that those who wish for a change in patronage would have their voice heard. It is equally important that those who wish for a Catholic Education for their children and for those who would wish for sacramental preparation within the school would have their voice heard also. For those reasons and to ensure that an accurate picture emerges, please participate in this survey if you are a parent, prospective parent of a Primary school student.

The survey can be accessed at www.gov.ie/primary-school-survey

The IEC message regarding this survey is available on the Cork and Ross Social media platforms.

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

Thought for the day

When the news from the Middle East —the cradle of civilisation and faith— is so consistently dreadful, our dismay can easily devolve into despair. What about all the innocent lives lost? What of the old, the new-born, the newly-weds and so on? The devastation can be overwhelming, leaving us feeling both powerless and furious. And yet, at the centre of our faith is a deep conviction that the forces of evil and destruction are not, and will not be, the final word. Yes, it is terrible; but no, it is not the last word. God's faithfulness in Christ's resurrection assures us and invites us too to the same witness of fidelity, even against the odds.
Prayer
God of peace, in our time we hear of wars and rumours of wars. Help us not to fear, not to lose hope, but to trust you, our Rock, our only hope.

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

