

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

Aoibhe Kate Cashman.

Jack James Darby.

Welcome to the Christian Family.

Recently Deceased

Una Murphy, Blackrock

Rest in Peace

Pope Leo has quietly introduced himself to the world in the course of the last year. In recent times, we have heard him speak clearly and calmly about the mission of the church in the world and the mission of believers to be peacemakers, 'Blessed are the Peacemakers'. His firm and gentle words help and guide us in an otherwise chaotic world. In truth, his clarity will draw many new believers to the church and to a meeting with the Risen Jesus this Easter. May the Lord continue to bless Pope Leo as he leads us in faith. Fr. Michael



Celebration of Baptism during Easter – Bishop Fintan has asked that parishes would celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism at one Sunday Mass in Eastertime this year so that we can see the beauty and significance of the Sacrament. We look forward to the baptism of baby Noah Peter Hickey at 11am Mass this Sunday.

Cork Light Orchestra Concert – to support roof repairs in the SMA Church will take place in St. Michael's on next Sunday 19th April @ 3pm. Please support.

Trocáire Boxes – please return these to the church so that we can forward them to Trocáire very soon.

Annual Cemetery Mass on Wednesday 24th June @ 7.30pm in St. Michael's Cemetery.

Children's Adoration – Friday 1st May from 3 - 3.30pm in St Michael's Church, Blackrock. Join us for guided meditation, songs and time with Jesus. Children must be accompanied by a parent/ guardian. For more information contact: Katie (087 7798175)

Fr. Michael

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A brief introduction on Sunday's readings

First reading Acts 2:14, 22-33

In our reading today — one of many speeches in the Acts — we overhear a dialogue with Judaism, as the apostle argues from Scripture that Jesus is the Messiah of God.

Second reading 1 Peter 1:17-21

Our reading starts off in practical vein but is soon very deep. What do you think of the last sentence?

Gospel Luke 24:13-35

Today we hear a great story of discovery and change. Can I resonate with any of the characters?

The Papers Say.....

Tablet of 11/4. (1) War Crimes: The Pope and the President. See also Letters -- A Pope fit for purpose (2) Christopher Howse: 'While I was waiting for Mass (selfish in guarding my seat), I read a book. To get a seat, I had to turn up an hour before Mass-time on Holy Thursday in Westminster Cathedral' (3) Cardinal Timothy Radcliffe OP: On the frontline -- Surrounded by terror and death, the English cardinal visiting Ukraine is filled with joy as well as sorrow. Nothing human is alien to Christ. (4). Vatican diplomacy -- Pope Leo's African tightrope.

Tablet Easter Issue. (1) The future of religion -- Back to basics. (2). Stations of the Cross in West London -- The ecumenism of blood (3) Fr. David Neuhaus, who lives in Jerusalem: Holy times are suffocated by unholy wars. We mark the season listening to sirens. (4) Cardinal Timothy Radcliffe OP: Growing old --Make me know the shortness of my life.

Irish Catholic. (1). David Quinn: Trump has finally found someone he can't bully -- the Pope. (2) Fr. Kieran O'Mahony OSA: Hearers of the Word -- The Lord has risen indeed! (3). Algeria's martyrs and Pope Leo. (3). March for Life -- why being there matters. (4). The Coonan Cross Oath -- the revolutionary beginning of the Syro-Malabar Catholic Church. (5) Fr. Billy Swan: St. Bernadette and raising up the lowly.

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

National Epilepsy Week 2026 takes place on 18th May - 25th May. For further information, please visit www.epilepsy.ie/content/national-epilepsy-week-2026-epilepsyweek.

BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL

This month's collection came to €2450
Many thanks for your generous support.

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Tuesday 21st April 2026 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



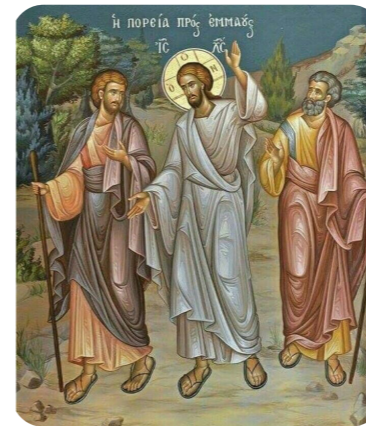
EASTER 3A26

CHRIST IS RISEN! CHRIST IS TRULY RISEN, ALLELUIA!!
A blessed and happy Eastertide to all!

Luke is remembered in the tradition as an artist and he certainly is an artist with words, writing very pictorially. The Emmaus story is at one level very ordinary: two people on a journey, a meal, a return journey. But it is also a story of deep mystery: the self-presentation of the Risen Lord, who is not recognised until the breaking of the bread and at that very moment vanishes.

Luke is trying to help us to see what are typical features of coming to resurrection faith, believing in Jesus risen from the dead.

There are two outstanding moments, when the story kind of stops. The two moments of stopping resemble each other. Early in the story, Jesus stops the pair walking, 'They stopped short, their faces downcast' or in another translation: 'they stood still, looking sad.' The other moment is towards the end of the story when the mysterious figure seems to be going on, walking out of their lives and, this time, the pair stop him, with the words, 'It is nearly evening and the day is almost over.' That opening of the heart is the key to the whole story.



Reflections

1. Jesus joined them and listened to them. "We had hoped..." They poured out to Jesus their disappointments. When you have been upset or disappointed who has joined you along the road? To whom have you been able to pour out your heart? Who was a 'Jesus person' to you, listening to you in respectful silence? To whom have you been a Jesus person?
2. Jesus then helps them to see things in another light by opening the scriptures to them. Have you had the experience of new hopes being formed after disappointment? When has your heart been burning within you? What helped you to form new hopes in the light of the new reality? Who was with you in this?
3. The disciples invite Jesus to join them at table - there follows a recognition of who he is. We meet many people on the road of life. Usually we meet and pass on. Occasionally we meet someone whom we invite into our homes, into our hearts, in a deeper way, and in a way that leads us to know people and to be known by them in a way we had not done before. With whom has this happened for you? Where in these relationships have you experienced the presence of God or of Jesus?
4. Jesus vanished but first he had given them life and they took up life in a new way. Can you name those moments of disclosure that enabled you to return to daily life renewed?

PRAYER

O God of mystery, out of death you delivered Christ Jesus, and he walked in hidden glory with his disciples. Stir up our faith, that our hearts may burn within us at the sound of his word, and our eyes be opened to recognise him in the breaking of the bread. Grant this through Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead, who lives with you now and always in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

Thought for the day

We come to Easter faith by acknowledging the hungers of the heart ("our own hope had been"), by searching the scriptures ("our hearts burning within us"), by holding on to the story of the first disciples and witness of the women, by the Eucharist ("the breaking of the bread") and by sharing our faith ("they told their story"). Is there more? As the story starts, he stops them. Towards the end of the story, they stop him from walking out of their lives, perhaps for ever. The moment of desire leads to the moment of recognition and a life-changing encounter.

Prayer

Open our ears, O Lord, to the words of Scripture, that our hearts may burn within us. Open our hearts to share with others the faith we have received, that "we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith" (Rom 1:12).

K O'Mahony OSA

ENTRANCE - Christ be beside me

Christ be beside me, Christ be before me,
Christ be behind me, King of my heart.
Christ be within me, Christ be below me,
Christ be above me, never to part.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,
Christ all around me, shield in the strife.
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,
Christ in my rising, light of my heart.

Christ be in all hearts thinking about me,
Christ be on all tongues telling of me.
Christ be the vision in eyes that see me,
In ears that hear me Christ ever be.



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.
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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.

Gentle reminder!!

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



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

