



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

Liam Kevin Mats Lundmark Lynch.

Tadhg Conall O'Sullivan.

Solange Itzel Bertin De La Hautiere

Welcome to the Christian Family.



Recently Deceased

Margaret McCarthy, Woodvale Road

Donal Counihan, Ballinlough & Blackrock

Cecil Geaney, Ballintemple

Rest in Peace



The Month of May –

We have just commenced the special month of May. First off, we welcome Kammerchor der Hochschule fur Musik und Theater from Hamburg to 11am Sunday Mass this weekend. The Cork Choral Festival concludes this weekend and we always appreciate the presence of international choirs in our parish on the first weekend of May. Then the Holy Communion will be celebrated over the four Saturdays of May both in St. Michael's and Holy Cross Churches. These are beautiful celebrations. It's a joy to listen to the children pray and sing. The pride of parents and grandparents in the children is self-evident. Our parish schools do wonderful work in preparing the children supporting families and our parishes. May the Lord bless and reward them for this. These are special days for our parish and Family of Parishes. Finally, during the Month of May, we get to sing 'The Queen of the May'. It's such a beautiful hymn reflecting our devotion to Mary, the Mother of God and her care for us. So let us look forward to this month with hope and joy. Fr. Michael



The Mission and Ministry Special Collection will take place on the weekend of 9th & 10th May. This office plays a vital role in supporting our priests, parishes and Families of Parishes as we work together to help people grow in faith and live as missionary disciples. It provides formation and support for Parish

Pastoral Councils, Baptism and Funeral Ministry Teams, Ministers of the Word and Eucharist, Choirs and other ministries, as well as offering resources for prayer, evangelisation and adult sacramental preparation. Thanks to your generosity, this work continues to grow and reach more people across our diocese. Thank you for your continued support and encouragement of this important work.

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.

Fr. Michael

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A brief introduction on Sunday's readings

First reading

Acts 6:1-7

Conflict is normal and frequent, even in the Church. The question for us is, how do we resolve conflict and keep in communion?

Second reading

1 Peter 2:4-9

Using the metaphor of the stone, this reading explore both who Jesus is and who we are. The reading affirms that as believers we are a priestly people (Vatican II).

Gospel

John 14:1-12

This reading is often read at funerals but, of course, it was not written specifically with funerals in mind. Each word in the key teaching is resonant with meaning: way, truth, life. At the same time, the teaching is not at all general but quite concrete: the centre is Jesus of Nazareth, our risen Lord. The very particularity of the incarnation—a challenge—is the ground of our hope.

The Papers Say.....

Tablet of 25/4. (1) Austin Ivereigh: A time to choose -- Pope Leo's response to the attacks on him by Donald Trump has held the Gospel up to a warring, disordered world 'ravaged by a handful of tyrants', and put the spotlight on those Catholics close to the President. (2) Christian Unity -- the long view. Swiss Cardinal Kurt Koch is preparing with cautious optimism for the meeting of the first woman Archbishop of Canterbury with Pope Leo. (3) Chinese Catholics face increasing pressure from the Communist authorities to join the state-controlled church.

Tablet of 18/4. (1) The last institution standing - The Catholic Church in Kenya is increasingly filling the gaps left by a broken health and welfare system. (2) What is wrong with our universities - Newman's peripheral vision.

Irish Catholic. (1) Mary Kenny: The sad journey to a Swiss clinic. (2). David Quinn: Time to ground the papal press conferences? 'Pope Leo must be very careful to ensure that he is not defined in the mind of the public by how reporters want to shape him'. (3) German Cardinal instructs priests to facilitate same-sex couple blessings. (4) Putting St. Catherine of Siena in dialogue with synodality -- What is to be learned?

St. Joseph's SMA, Blackrock Road,

Church Roof Fundraising Concert: Thanks to all who attended and supported our concert on Sunday 19th April, featuring the wonderful Cork Light Orchestra. We raised a fabulous €4,390.

Thank You!

Sunday Cuppa continues in the Parish Centre after 11 am mass on 10th May for tea, bikkies and more chat!

Please note the change of date because of the Church Choir Interchange.

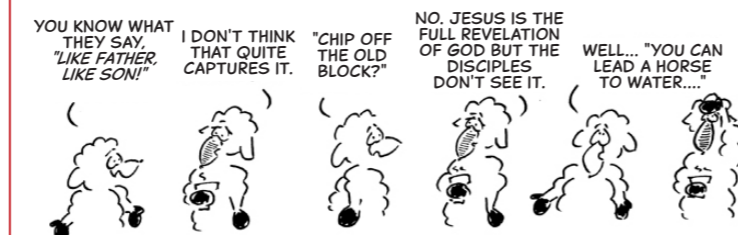
Everyone welcome - Ah go on!



BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL Church Gate collection will take place on Week ending 3rd May 2026

Your support as always is greatly appreciated.

THERE WILL BE ONLY 1 COLLECTION ON THE SVP WEEKEND



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

CHRIST IS RISEN! CHRIST IS TRULY RISEN, ALLELUIA!!

A blessed and happy Eastertide to all!

We are familiar with this Gospel reading on account of its frequent use at funerals. It was not written for use at funerals, of course, but nevertheless that context is not totally foreign to its purpose. All funerals represent a time of transition and so does our reading. John 14:1-12 is part of a long section in the second part of John's Gospel usually given the name "The Farewell Discourse."

This is first of all a frequent and recognisable literary form, in which a spiritual leader, on the brink of departure, encourages the followers, indicating how they are to flourish in the new situation of absence. Because it is a literary form and because the content is really the teaching of the Fourth Evangelist, the words on the lips of Jesus do not go back to the historical Jesus. Instead, they represent a discernment of what the present Risen Lord would say to the gathered community at the time of writing.



Reflections

1. "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God. Believe also in me." Trust in another person can help us in difficult times. Remember and give thanks for the people you were able to trust in difficult moments. Remember also when your faith in God helped you through anxious moments.
2. Thomas struggled with the desire, which is in all of us, to know exactly the destination before we set out. Jesus invites us to make an act of faith and to take one step at a time. Can you recall times when it helped you to take that trusting attitude to life?
3. Jesus proposed himself to Thomas as the way, the truth and the life. In what ways has Jesus been the way, the truth and the life for you on your faith journey?
4. Philip wanted Jesus to give him a glimpse of God and got the surprising answer "whoever has seen me has seen the Father". Jesus put a human face on the love of God. Who are the people whose love has helped you to believe in the love of God? To whom have you given an occasional glimpse of the divine?

PRAYER

We have beheld your glory, O God in the face of Christ Jesus, your Son. Enliven our faith that through Christ we may put our trust in you. Deepen our faith that in Christ we may serve you. Complete our faith that one day we may live with you in that place which Christ prepares for us, where he lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

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

Gentle reminder!!

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



Thought for the day

Jesus is already now, today, our way, our truth and our life. As the Gospel says, to have eternal life is to believe in him whom God has sent (Jn 5:24; 17:3). This is a reality for us now and it guides our life, in matters great and small. At the core of this reality is trust, that is, the capacity to entrust all that we have and are to the living God and to his Son, raised from the dead. It is not an accident that the verb "to believe" occurs no fewer than ninetyeight times in the Fourth Gospel.

Prayer

You gave us Jesus, the Word made flesh as Mediator, and he has spoken your words to us and called us to follow him. He is the way that leads us to you, the truth that sets us free, the life that fills us with gladness. Amen

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Choral Festival and Church Choir Interchange

At our 11:00 am Mass we are delighted to welcome the Kammerchor der Hochschule fur Musik und Theater Hamburg, GERMANY, Conductor Prof. Cornelius Trantow to the church. They are one of the excellent choirs selected for the Cork International Choral Festival's Fleischmann International Trophy Competition. Their participation is part of the festival's Sacred Trail where visiting choirs sing in many of the city's churches. Céad Míle Fáilte romhaibh.

Full information on the Festival's weekend concerts and public performances, as well as ticket details, are available on www.corkchoral.ie

Easter Creed

Do you believe in God, Source and incarnating power of the immense cosmic space and time, who personally knows and cares about each person in the small and most intimate moments of our lives? **I do.**

Do you believe in God who is intensely personal, Taking flesh in fathers, but is much more than fathers, Taking flesh in mothers, but is much more than mothers, who is ultimately MYSTERY and before whom we must stand wordless and in awe? **I do.**

Do you believe in the divinely human Jesus, born of Mary, Who emerged from among us to open our eyes to the presence of God working in all creation? **I do.**

Do you believe in Jesus as the special revelation of our knowledge of God, Who sometimes used images of women and men, birds and trees, seeds and weeds to help us sense the incredible power and earthy intimacy of God's love? **I do.**

Do you believe in Jesus who from the cross in agony found the strength to love and forgive those who betrayed, tortured, reviled and executed him, And who rose to offer comfort, love, forgiveness and hope And to entrust his mission to us? **I do.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit of God working in and through creation to forgive and comfort, heal and rebuild Communities of hope and love in universal solidarity? **I do.**

Do you believe that you are a part of this community in Christ's Spirit, called every day to spread this hope and comfort in rebuilding our communities, our Church, our nation, our world? **I do.**

We, in and of your immense universe of cosmic time and space, give you our deepest thanks, our Loving God, through Christ our Lord and in the Living Spirit. Amen.