

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

Sophia Grace Cortel Abogado

Welcome to the Christian Family.



First Holy Communions

Our church is a very busy place during these weekday mornings as the First Holy Communion children from our parish schools practice for the Communion ceremonies. There is always a lovely atmosphere as the children are guided, prepared and supported by their schools in this. Not only are the children being prepared for the First Communion ceremony but they are also being prepared for life. Families and our parish community are very grateful to the schools for the work that they do. There is something very special about the Communion ceremonies but also the sacred preparation of the children to meet Jesus in the Eucharist. On Sunday 24th May at 11am Mass, we look forward to gathering with all the First Holy Communion children and their families to celebrate together. Families have really supported the parish based 'Do This in Memory' Masses that have been so well attended since last October and we look forward to another such gathering on 24th May. May the Lord bless the children, their families, their schools and our parish into the future. 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.

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

Cork & Ross Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes | September 18th to 24th The Cork and Ross Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from the 18th to the 24th this year under the patronage of Bishop Fintan Gavin. Flights are from Cork Airport direct to Lourdes Airport. Choice of hotels are available from €939. Call Joe Walsh Tours on 01 2410 800 to book a place. For any general enquiries email or call Mary on lourdes@corkandross.org or 085 2525 040.

Fr. Michael

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A brief introduction on Sunday's readings

First reading Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
How do people come to faith and Christian community? This reading portrays two stages, which might challenge the way we do things. The starting point is awakening and only later comes the confirmation.

Second reading 1 Peter 3:15-18
This passage is often quoted because of the line "always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have." This is surely important, but the phrase before it is just as much a key: "Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts."

Gospel John 14:15-21
John's Gospel uses a few times an expression for the Holy Spirit, which is "advocate". We probably think "lawyer" and that's not wrong. More richly, it means someone who stands along side you. Not a bad way to think of the Holy Spirit.

The Papers Say.....

Irish Catholic. (1) Vatican prepares Pope Leo summit on marriage crisis. For many couples marriage today seems to be a less divisive step to the emergence of the family covenant. (2)David Quinn: Decline in church weddings nothing to be happy about. 'The media could not look past the big fall in the number of Catholic weddings or the fact that civil weddings now outnumber Catholic ones'. (3). Fr. Billy Swan: Fr. Damien of Molokar and heroic charity (4)Mary Kenny: Another Irish 'success story' -- why are we making criminals famous? 'We deplore criminal activity at its most egregious, yet find it strangely glamorous as well'

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BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL

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.

Cork Ecumenical Bible Week 2026

Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly. (Colossians 3:16)

Women in the New Testament

7.00 p.m. SUNDAY, 17th MAY 2026

Women in John's Gospel Ms Gillian Kingston in Church of Our Lady

Crowned, Mayfield, Cork. T23 K377

10.45 a.m. TUESDAY, 19th MAY 2026

Five Women on Five Women from the Acts of the Apostles in

Church Hall, Sacred Heart Church, Western Road, Cork. T12 TN80

Speakers: Rev Geraldine Gracie (Dorcas), Ms Joanna Griffin (Lydia),

Rev Elise Hanley (Rhoda), Dr Rosalie Moloney (Mary, the mother of

Jesus), Dr Marian Mortell (Priscilla).

7.00 p.m. THURSDAY, 21st MAY 2026

Women in Luke's Gospel Rev Dr William Olhausen in St Luke's

Church, Churchyard Lane, Douglas, Cork. T12 N832

All events are free to the public and all are welcome.

For further information: email corksripturegroup@gmail.com

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

Everyone welcome - Ah go on!



BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL

This month's collection came to €2250
Many thanks for your generous support.

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

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

There is a sentence in today's second reading which is irresistible for me: Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. In a broader translation: always be ready to give an account of the hope that is in you. This requires being able to tell my own story of faith but, of its nature, it widens out into a dialogue with the modern grasp of our world and what it means to be human. This does start quite personally (what my story?) but it quickly opens out into a rich dialogue with our understanding of our world. In the disarming words of the great scientist and theologian, Teilhard de Chardin, there is something wonderful afoot in the universe.



Reflections

1. The identity of Jesus is revealed as the Messiah and the Son of God, not with a display of human power, but as one who was prepared to suffer unto death to show us how our God loves us. How does the Passion story speak to you as a revelation of how God loves you?
2. "If you love me you will keep my commandments", and specifically the commandment to love one another (cf. 13.34). How have you experienced the love of God and love of those around you?
3. Jesus is preparing his disciples for his imminent departure and for a future in which he would be with them in a different way. He would not 'leave them orphans' but send an 'Advocate' to 'be with (them) for ever'. How have you experienced the presence of God with you in your life?
4. Perhaps you have also experienced the challenge of preparing another (a child, a friend) for a time when you would no longer be physically together. Recall how you gave the message of your ongoing support.
5. How have you experienced the presence and support of a loved one (parent, spouse, friend) when circumstances have separated you from them?
6. The proof of the ongoing presence of Jesus with his disciples is that "I live and you will live". Discipleship is about much more than rules and regulations. It is about being alive. How has discipleship helped you to be more fully alive?

PRAYER

Faithful God who loves us in Christ Jesus, send your Spirit of truth to dwell within us, that we may always reject what is false, live by the commands of Christ, and be true to the love you have shown us. Grant this through Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

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

"The greatest things you'll ever learn is to love and be loved in return." The following words, attributed to Pedro Arrupe SJ, may up lift and inspire. "Nothing is more practical than finding God, that is, than falling in love, in a quite absolute, final way. What you are in love with, what seizes your imagination, will affect everything. It will decide what will get you out of bed in the morning, what you will do with your evening, how you will spend your weekends, what you read, who you know, what breaks your heart, and what amazes you with joy and gratitude. Fall in love, stay in love and it will decide everything."

Prayer

Jesus, you love the human race: let your love of us strike so deep a chord within us that our lives may resound to the music of that grace, drawing others to the leap of faith and the dance of joy.

K O'Mahony OSA

ENTRANCE - Bring Flowers of the Rarest

Bring flowers of the rarest
Bring blossoms the fairest
From garden and woodland and hillside and dale;
Our full hearts are swelling, our glad voices telling
The praise of the loveliest flower of the vale

[Chorus]

O Mary, we crown thee with blossoms today
Queen of the Angels
And Queen of the May
O Mary, we crown thee with blossoms today
Queen of the Angels
And Queen of the May

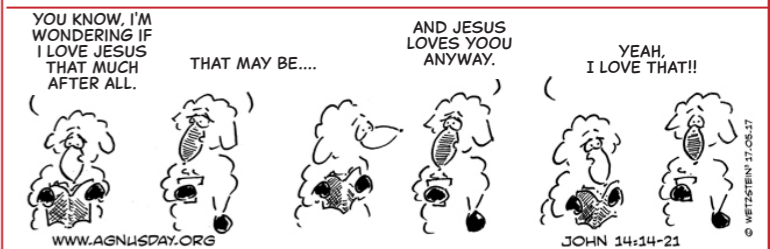


Their lady, they name thee
Their mistress, proclaim thee
Ah, grant that thy children on earth be as true
As long as the bowers are radiant with flowers
As long as the azure shall keep its bright hue
(Chorus)

Recessional - Hail Queen of Heaven

Hail, Queen of heav'n, the ocean Star:
Guide of the wand'rer here below,
Thrown on life's surge, we claim thy care;
Save us from peril and from woe.
Mother of Christ, Star of the Sea,
Pray for the wand'rer, pray for me.

O gentle, chaste, and spotless Maid,
We sinners make our prayers through thee;
Remind thy Son that He has paid
The price of our iniquity.
Virgin most pure, Star of the sea,
Pray for the sinner, pray for me.



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JOHN 14:14-21

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