

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

Craig and Mia Brady.

Lily Ellen Gately.

Matisse Marc and Élodie Daisy Lucas.

Paddy Noel Silke.

Astor Philip Vigan.

Ida Bell Vigan.

Welcome to the Christian Family.



Weddings

Congratulations to

Etienne O'Sullivan and Cecilia Harrington who were married in our Church on Friday 15th. May, 2026. Emeritas Bishop John Buckley officiated.



100th Cork Eucharistic Procession – this will be an historic moment for our Diocese and for Cork City. The first Eucharistic Procession took place to bring people together after the many divisions. A lot of preparations have been undertaken over the last year to ensure that this milestone is honoured and very much looking to the future than to the past. Our faith always finds new ways to grow and develop. In that context, the visit of the relics of St. Carlo Acutis, the first millennial saint, will be a great blessing to people of all ages. This weekend we will have a short input after Communion at Masses from one of the young missionaries who will be visiting the Diocese for the visit of the Relics and for the 100th Eucharistic Procession. As a parish community, we will pray God's blessing for the Diocese in the coming weeks. St. Carlo Acutis, pray for us. St. Michael, pray for us. Fr. Michael

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

Holy Cross Church is celebrating its 40th Anniversary this year. The Redemptorist Fathers will lead a Parish Triduum from 21st – 23rd September and be involved at Masses on weekend 19th/20th September in preparation. This will be a significant time for Mahon and Blackrock Parishes as well as our Family of Parishes.

Congratulations to the children from Scoil Ursula, St. Michael's NS and the School of the Divine Child who celebrated their First Holy Communion this weekend. A warm welcome to all the First Holy Communion children and their families to 11am Mass this Sunday. May the Lord bless the children, their families, their school communities and our parish as we gather to pray and celebrate together.

Corpus Christi Novena Invitation People throughout the diocese are warmly invited to pray the Corpus Christi Novena during the nine days leading up to the Feast of Corpus Christi. Copies of the prayer to St. Carlo Acutis have already been distributed to parishes. Short daily video reflections, led by different people, will be available online each day at 12noon beginning Friday, 29th May. Please join us in prayer.

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 - 085 8735905 - frmichael@corkandross.org

A brief introduction on Sunday's readings

First Reading Acts 2:1-11

This symbolic tableau gathers together many experiences of the outpouring of the Spirit. As we hear it, we open ourselves afresh to the same life-giving gift.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

Even today the wealth of talent within the community of faith is astounding. Sometimes, it leads to tensions and then we need to remember the teaching of this reading: it is the same God who is working in all of them.

Gospel John 20:19-23

As you hear this Gospel, you may notice an intentional echo of the creation of Adam out of clay: God breathed.

The Papers Say.....

Sacred Heart Messenger. (1). Fr. Kevin O'Gorman SMA:

The Pope's intention for June -- For the values of sport.

(2) The Sacred Heart Novena from 4 - 12 June

Irish Catholic. (1) Eulogy cut short at funeral Mass splits opinions online. (2) Laoise de Brun: Abortion is not about care or healthcare, and it is not good for women. (3) Martina Purdy: Little by little faith is coming back to Ireland. (4) In his ongoing catechesis for Lumen Gentium, Pope Leo considers Mary as a model, perfect member of the Church, and mother.

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.

The Annual Marian Park outdoor Mass at the Grotto

takes place this year on Friday 5th June at 7pm. Rosary commences at 6.45.

All welcome.



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

Pentecost Sunday

Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

The story of Pentecost itself is a kind of symbolic synthesis of the experience of the Spirit. Powerful imagery is used: wind, flame, sound, languages. Hidden within the story is a reversal of the Tower of Babel — not so much the obliteration of languages but a proclamation, a message which can speak to every human heart. Not only that, but across the Acts of the Apostles, there are further "Pentecosts" as the Spirit irrupts in people's lives. The original Pentecost story is located in Jerusalem but we find mini-Pentecosts across the Acts in Samaria (ch. 8) Caesarea on the coast (chs. 10-11) and in Ephesus (ch. 19). In other words, our originating tableau is programmatic.

Reflections

1. Jesus comes into a room full of fear. Sometimes it is fear itself that makes us close the door on others and on God. Occasionally a person comes along with the gift of breaking through our closed doors, a person who comes to be with us in our fears. Do you have memories of people getting through to you and being with you despite your closed doors? Who brought you peace in a time of anxiety?
2. Jesus showed his wounds to his friends. Moments of grace can occur when another shows us their vulnerable side, or when we do that with them. Let your memories speak of such experiences to you.
3. As Jesus was sent by the Father, so he sent out the disciples. This evokes images of receiving and handing on the things that give life: values, meaning, sense of purpose, love. Who are the people who gave you life by what they handed on to you? To whom have you handed on what is life-giving?
4. In our tradition the final verse reminds us of the Sacrament of Reconciliation but its meaning is broader than that. Spirit-filled people are people who forgive. You might like to recall memories of when you have forgiven, or retained, another's sins. What difference has it made to you and others when you forgive rather than hold sins against others?

PRAYER

Send down, O God, upon your people the flame of your Holy Spirit, and fill with the abundance of your sevenfold gift the Church you brought forth from your son's pierced side. May your life-giving Spirit lend fire to our words and strength to our witness. Send us forth to the nations of the world to proclaim with boldness your wondrous work of raising Christ to your right hand.

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.

PARISH DEFIBRILLATORS

There are 2 Defibrillators located in the Parish, one in the village & one outside Murphy's Circle K Petrol Station. 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

The four marks of our Christian belonging are our personal journey, our community belonging, our practical discipleship and our adult integration of faith and life. None of us "inhabits" all four dimensions fully, all of the time, and yet all four dimensions should in principle be there. The good news of Pentecost is that the Spirit, poured into our hearts, enables all four aspects of our faith to live: the Spirit helps us in our prayer; the body of Christ is animated by the gifts of the Spirit; our service of others gets its energy from the Spirit and the Spirit "reminds us" of all that Jesus taught. Today, we celebrate discipleship in the community of faith.

Prayer

We open our hearts and lives to you, Holy Spirit: breathe a breath of new life into us all! Amen

K O'Mahony OSA

Entrance – Be still for the presence

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here. Come, bow before him now, with reverence and fear. In him no sin is found. We stand on holy ground. Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around; He burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned. How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of Light! Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around. Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;

He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace. No work too hard for him; in faith receive from him. Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

Recessional – Queen of the May

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)

