



BAPTISMS: Please contact the parish office.
MARRIAGES: Minimum 3 months notice required by Church and State.
Pre-marriage course required.

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

Teddi Rafferty.

Lucy Theresa O'Flynn.

Welcome to the Christian Family.



Examinations - We are thinking of our examination students these days. The state exams began last Wednesday. It's a huge moment for our young people and we pray that they will give of their very best these days. In life, examinations are not everything and we pray that our young people will find happiness and satisfaction in whatever road they travel. We think of their parents and grandparents who support them and pray for them along with everyone in our faith community. We dedicate them to the inspiration of St. Carlo Acutis. - Fr. Michael

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

Altar Servers - our team of servers continues to grow after the recent First Holy Communion ceremonies. People really appreciate their participation at Mass and it's a great encouragement to see them involved.

Celebrating 40 Years of Mahon Parish - if you have any photographs of the early years of Mahon Parish or construction of Holy Cross Church, you might like to make them available. These can be handed into the Mahon Parish Office during office hours.

100th Cork Eucharistic Procession - Blackrock Parish will be joining with Ballinlough, Blackrock Road & Mahon Parishes on next Sunday 7th June. People are encouraged to gather initially near the former Dominican Pastoral Centre on Pope's Quay at 2.30pm before joining the Procession from the Cathedral of St. Mary & St. Anne.

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.

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A brief introduction on Sunday's readings

First reading Deut 8:2-3, 14b-16a
The context of this reading is Moses' final speech and he reminds the Israelites of their experience of God. It may seem remote but is actually very close to our experience: well-being often leads to spiritual amnesia, then and now.

Second reading 1Corinthians 10:16-17
All communities have tensions and divisions, as does every parish. Conflict is normal! This was true also of the ancient Corinthians. That is why Paul reminds them that our sharing in Christ is both real and deeper than any apparent division. One bread, one cup, one body.

Gospel John 6:51-58
John's Gospel has many striking "I AM" sentences on the lips of Jesus. "I AM the bread of life" can best be heard by recalling your own faith in Jesus, who nourishes us and gives us life. Peter's answer can help us here: "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God." (John 6:68-69) This is the faith we celebrate when we come to the Lord's Supper.

The Papers Say.....

Tablet of 23/5. (1) Margaret Hebblethwaite: The first Christians -- Women of Pentecost. (2) The Rosary -- The beads of memory. (3) Cause for beatification opened for Opus Dei numerary Pedro Ballesteros. He may become the first Gen Z saint

Tablet of 30/5. (1). Pope Leo's encyclical Magnifica Humanitas -- Five articles and some extracts. (2). Vatican diplomacy -- A divided Spain awaits Pope Leo (3) Autism and the Church -- Radical openness

Irish Catholic. (1). The Encyclical -- Articles by David Quinn, Anna Rowlands and Victoria Candial. (2) Breda O'Brien: Confirmation should be moved to Transition Year in school. (3) Fr. Bernard Cotter: Here's my Canadian home -- meet the parish team

BLACKROCK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

CÉILÍ na CARRAIGE DUIBHE 2026

OUR OUTDOOR CÉILÍ WILL BEGIN

TUESDAY 16TH JUNE AT 7.30PM

OUTDOOR AREA AT BLACKROCK COMMUNITY CENTRE, CONVENT ROAD, BLACKROCK.

LIVE MUSIC ON THE NIGHT FROM DOUGLAS COMHALTAS AND A PERFORMANCE BY NIAMH HATCHELL SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCING.

FÁILTE ROIMH GACH ÉINNE

EVERYBODY WELCOME TO COME ALONG AND ENJOY

BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL Church Gate collection will take place on Week ending 7th June 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.

The Feast of Corpus Christi provides a welcome opportunity to reflect on what we "do" when we "do" Eucharist. Emphasis is on the "doing" because there is a risk of treating the feast as a doctrinal abstraction, focussing on Eucharistic Presence only. The wider context of 1 Corinthians 11 is essential reading, of course. In those days the Lord's Supper was still part of a regular GrecoRoman "banquet" and it was really hard to set aside the social customs of the day! These included strict stratification of society, contradiction the vision of both Jesus and Paul. The teaching of St Paul can still speak: recognising the body means accepting all around us as our brothers and sisters, without distinction. The same Christ is present in the bread and in our neighbour. We cannot accept him in the sacrament and then not recognise him in the neighbour, especially the neighbour in need. Corpus Christi, the Body of Christ, is all of us and our prayer is that we may become what we receive. Amen.



Reflections

1. Jesus tells us that to have life we need more than physical nourishment. How have you been aware of deeper hungers? What has met that deeper longing in you?
2. Jesus tells us that it is not just something he gives us which will give us life, but himself in his life, death and resurrection. How has your faith in the person of Jesus fed you?
3. Jesus speaks about 'drawing life' from him. In day to day living what are the practices which support your faith and help you to draw life from Jesus?
4. The Eucharist is one of the ways in which we draw life from Jesus. Recall with gratitude how the Eucharist has been a source of nourishment and life for you.
5. Perhaps you can also think of human examples of people drawing life from one another. From whom have you drawn life? Who has been able to draw life from you?

Prayer
O God of pilgrims, you accompany us always on the road of life. You fed the people of Israel in the desert. Today, you feed your people through Jesus Christ, our living bread of life. May this food so satisfy us that we may always hunger for that true life found in you alone. 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 himself practised open table-fellowship, to express God's unconditional love and acceptance. Before he died, he spoke words over the bread and wine, words which disclosed the meaning of his death and resurrection. When St Paul wrote to the Corinthians about the Lord's Supper, he had to remind them that the sacrament is meant to be a communion among all who celebrate it and to have a practical affect in our lives. As Benedict XVI wrote: *A Eucharist which does not pass over into the concrete practice of love is essentially fragmented (God is Love).*

Prayer
Lord, as gather around your table, elp to recognise you in the breaking of the bread and in each other. May we live the communion we receive by practicing both service and reconciliation. Amen

K O'Mahony OSA

Pope Leo's 'Magnifica humanitas'

AI must serve humanity not concentrate power
Marking the 135th anniversary of Rerum novarum, Pope Leo XIV releases his first encyclical, entitled 'Magnifica Humanitas: On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence.' He appeals for the safeguarding of humanity, promotion of truth, dignity of work, social justice, and peace. Available on the Vatican website.

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.

