

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



Recently Deceased

Mary O'Brien, Blackrock

Rest in Peace



Baptisms

A.J. Gleeson Wahome.

Johnny Ronan Gleeson.

Welcome to the Christian Family.



Summertime

Please God, we will have some better days ahead in June and into the summer. We are very grateful to those who joined in the 100th Cork Eucharistic Procession last Sunday in very wet conditions. Despite the dreadful weather, there was a fine attendance, and it was good to see our Blackrock parish banner prominent on the day. The Eucharist holds us together as a parish faith community. We are privileged to have the gift of the Eucharist in our church and parish. We never take this grace and blessing for granted. St. Michael, pray for us. - Fr. Michael



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

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.

Examinations – we continue to pray for the young people undertaking the state examinations these days.

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 Exodus 19:2-6

The image of the eagle in today's reading is striking: God led Israel swiftly and safely through the wilderness, like an eagle training its young to fly, catching them on its back when they tire or fall.

Second reading Romans 5:6-11

Paul is overwhelmed by the extraordinary love of God, displayed in Jesus' death and resurrection. Because such grace is at the heart of Christian faith, it spill over into ecstatic joy.

Gospel Matthew 9:36-10:8

The Gospel reading today offers us three panels: the motivation, the call and the sending. Each moment will speak to us today: why proclaim the Gospel? Who is to proclaim it? How is it to be offered? Excellent material for reflection today

The Papers Say.....

Irish Catholic. (1) Fr. Vincent Sherlock: Telling the rosary, the bible on beads. (2). More than an anniversary -- Cork marks a century of Eucharistic witness. (3). Martina Purdy: The academic who wants to abandon Catholic lessons from schools (4) Eilis Mulroy: RTE and the abortion debate -- As pressure grows on RTE to conduct an audit into bias at the station, it's decades-long handling of abortion provides the most compelling argument for doing so. (5). Fr. Bernard Cotter: God protect us from secular funerals.

Tablet. (1) Pope Leo's Augustinian vision -- In his encyclical protecting the dignity of the human person in the era of AI, Pope Leo knits the insights of Augustine's City of God into Catholic Social Teaching. (2). Israel, faith and politics -- The battle for the soul of Judaism. (3). Pope asks Mary to help bring peace. (4). Spain -- Secularists oppose Pope addressing legislature.



7th June 2026 Kneeling in prayer during the wet weather at the centenary year Eucharistic procession in Cork. Picture: Eddie O'Hare

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

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

Observations

The appointment and sending of the twelve marks an important evolution in the ministry of Jesus. The Gospel reading today offers us three panels: *the motivation, the call and the sending.*

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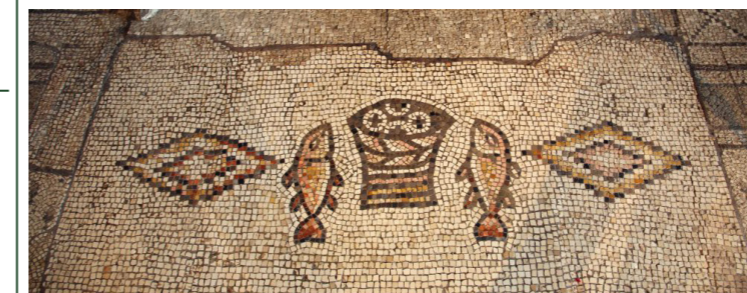


Reflections

1. Compassion is the characteristic of Jesus throughout the Gospels — a deep empathy and love, in the face of suffering. In my world, who are the people who challenge me to compassionate living? When I find it difficult (for whatever reason), how do I respond?
2. Jesus first called the disciples and then, after time with him, he chose and sent out the twelve apostles. As my discipleship deepens, is the Lord calling me to some ministry, a concrete commitment to service and the building up of the community of faith? How am I responding?
3. Jesus wants his messengers to be focussed on the mission — first of all to their fellow Jews. In the early church, this vision widens to making “disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28). Moving from maintenance to mission is the only way forward. How do I see myself as a disciple on a mission in our world today?

PRAYER

Compassionate God, your word calls labourers to the harvest. Send us who are blessed with the gift of your kingdom to announce its coming with gladness and to manifest its healing power. 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.



Original Mosaic from Tabgha in Galilee

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

We can identify easily with the double expression “harassed and helpless”, a wide expression of frustration and naked need. There can indeed be a sense of aimlessness, “like sheep without a shepherd”, as we look for direction in life, values to live by and a sense of overall meaning and purpose.

Dennis O’Driscoll captured it in his poem Missing God: *Miss Him when the TV scientist explains the cosmos through equations, leaving our planet to revolve on its axis aimlessly, a wheel skidding in snow.*

The message of the kingdom is no less real — rooted in compassion — and relevant today as never before. In the pithy expression of Bishop David Jenkins: “There is God. He is as he is in Jesus. There is hope.”

Prayer

God of the cosmos, you come close to use all in the compassion of Jesus. As we take to heart his proclamation of the kingdom, show us how we can be bearers of the good news to all around us. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

K O’Mahony OSA

CANON TADHG DIAMOND JUBILEE OF HIS ORDINATION.

Canon Tadhg will celebrate the 60th Anniversary of his Ordination on 17th. June next. He was ordained in our Church in 1966. We were so fortunate when he was appointed Parish Priest in 2000 and was instrumental in organising and overseeing the improvements which were carried out in the Church. His Jubilee Mass will be celebrated at 6pm on Saturday 20th. June.

Pope Leo’s ‘Magnifica Humanitas’

AI must serve humanity not concentrate power

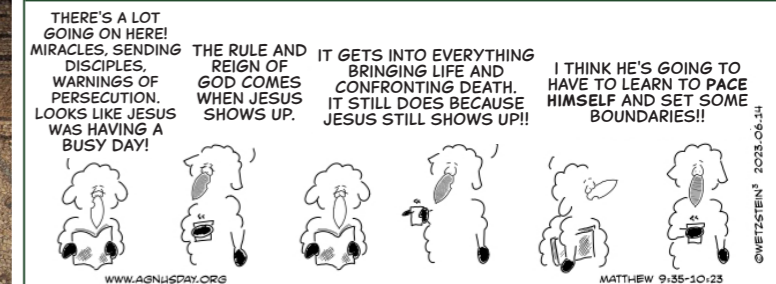
Marking the 135th anniversary of Rerum Novarum, Pope Leo XIV releases his first encyclical, entitled ‘Magnifica Humanitas: On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence.’ He appeals for the safeguarding of humanity, promotion of truth, dignity of work, social justice, and peace.



Available on the Vatican website and on Youtube

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.



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