

### 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

### Deceased

Carmel Hunt, Skehard Road

Kathleen Lowry, Maryville

Rest in Peace

### Baptisms

Rose Eleanor McBeth.

Welcome to the Christian Family.

### Ad Multos Annos -

This weekend we warmly congratulate Canon Tadgh O'Mathúna who celebrated the Diamond Jubilee of his Ordination to the Priesthood during the week. On 17th June 1966, he was ordained as a priest here in St. Michael's Church, Blackrock. That began a long association for him with our church and parish. He was appointed as parish priest of Blackrock in 2000 and has faithfully served the parish since then.



We are grateful for his vision and leadership as he worked with dedicated parishioners to refurbish our church ensuring that it's a special place for us all to gather and be in the presence of God. His prayerful and wise presence in happy times and sad times over the years is profoundly appreciated by people and families both in our parish and beyond. May the Lord continue to bless him and strengthen him. - Fr. Michael

**School Holidays** - Our parish primary schools will close for the summer holidays during the coming week. We are very appreciative as a parish for what our schools do for the children and their families. Please God, everyone will have a nice holiday and well-deserved rest. We wish the Sixth Classes every blessing as they move on to post primary school in the autumn. This is a time to celebrate and also remember for them, their families and their schools. May the Lord bless into the future.

**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.

Fr. Michael

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### A brief introduction on Sunday's readings

**First reading** Jeremiah 20:10-13

Jeremiah suffered for his faith and poured out his experience in great laments. Our reading today is part of one such confession, combining complaint with confidence in God.

**Second reading** Romans 5:12-15

As listeners today, our attention may fall on words such as sin and original sin may even come to mind. Actually, this not Paul's intention at all. His full focus is on the astonishing graciousness of God to us all in Jesus.

**Gospel** Matthew 10:26-33

Being a believer is tough at times and we may wonder why do we stick with it. Yet we do, because of the "immortal diamond" in Christ and God's unfailing love and support.

### The Papers Say.....

Tablet of 13/6. (1). Fr. Neil Xavier O'Donoghue: Spirit of the Word -- Can Pope Leo bring peace to the liturgy wars? (2). Magnifica Humanitas -- In his new encyclical Pope Leo declares that a transformation in global governance is needed to meet the challenges posed by artificial intelligence. (3). FIFA World Cup 'offers special opportunity for evangelisation' says Sunderland chaplain. (4) Letters-- The status of the priesthood

Messenger (1) Fr. John Cullen: The hidden power of silence (2) Fr. Brendan McManus SJ: The Ignatian Guide to Procrastination(3) Prison has no waiting list (4) Fr. Peter McVerry SJ: Wealth and Poverty

Irish Catholic. (1) Editorial -- Ireland's curious lack of curiosity when it comes to life (2). Senator Ronan Mullen: Can RTE be faulted now for being too exclusive of religious viewpoints? (3) Heritage, culture and diplomacy -- Pope Leo's vision for a more human future (4) Fr. Billy Swan: The Irish martyrs and what they teach us  
**(5) Fr. Kieran O'Mahony OSA: Hearers of the Word**

**BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL Church Gate collection will take place on Week ending 12th July**

Your support as always is greatly appreciated.

THERE WILL BE ONLY 1 COLLECTION ON THE SVP WEEKEND

**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](mailto:lourdes@corkandross.org) or 085 2525 040.

SECOND COLLECTION W/E 27TH/28TH. JUNE, 2026  
ST PETERS PENCE.

**Sunday Cuppa continues in the Parish Centre after 11 am mass on 5th July for tea, bikkies and more chat!**

Cheaper than the village - it's free!  
Everyone welcome - Ah go on!



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

### Observations

Jesus reminds me that we do not have to have all the answers or convince everyone. In God's time, not ours, all will be made clear. But Jesus mentions fear *five times* here: does fear sometimes make me betray the truth? Perhaps we may know what to do in a situation but we do nothing for fear of the reactions of others. We ask to believe that God knows us fully and values us limitlessly, so we need not fear.



### Reflections

- 'Do not fear' is the unifying theme in this passage which is set in the context of a mission sermon by Jesus, preparing his disciples for what lay ahead. He urges them to have courage in speaking his message and living his message, drawing strength from their trust in the Father whose care for us exceeds his care for hundreds of sparrows. How has trust in God been a source of strength in life for you?
- The body/soul terminology presupposes an anthropology in which the soul represents one's real self and the body is the perishable shell. For Jesus the important thing is to be true to one's real self, even if this does involve some material or physical loss or pain. When you have had that kind of courage, what was it like for you?
- There is no such thing as secret discipleship. It is in declaring their allegiance to Jesus that his followers will find life. They will be the losers if they hide their discipleship. Does this resonate with your experience?

### PRAYER

True and faithful God, you give courage to the fearful and endurance to martyrs. Sustain us as followers of your Son Jesus that with boldness and conviction we may acknowledge him before the world. We ask this 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.

### FIRST FRIDAY EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Rosary and Benediction will commence at 4pm. each First Friday. There are time sheets on the tables in the Church where Parishioners can indicate the times most suitable for them to attend. We would like, if possible, if there could be 2 people present for each period. If there are vacant periods we would appreciate volunteers to fill these times by putting their names on the list. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION.**

Rescheduled Mass at Marian Park Grotto will take place on Friday 26th June at 7.00pm. Rosary commencing at 6.45. All Welcome.

### 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

Our times have an air of instability and everyone feels the sense of upheaval and unpredictability. Fear is perfectly understandable. Something similar may be said of our lives as believers. From a "church" point of view, we wonder who will be in church in the coming years and who will preside at the Lord's Supper. From a personal point of view, familiar faith affirmations seem no longer as tenable as they were. And yet, at the centre of the faith project stands not my condition or even my faith, but all that God did for us Jesus' death and resurrection. As Paul exclaims who will (or can) separate us from the love of God in Christ?

### Prayer

I love you, Lord, my rock, my fortress, my refuge. Help me to take hold of the hand you stretch out in Jesus.

K O'Mahony OSA

The **Annual Pioneer Commemoration** in honour of Fr. Mathew will take place at 7.30 in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Tory Top Road T12 HW89 on Tuesday 7th July There will be refreshments afterwards in Togher Community Centre T12 TX 2Y.

### Celebrating 50 Years of Priesthood



Fr. Kieran O'Mahony, OSA is 50 years ordained and will celebrate a special 11am Mass on Sunday 28th June in St. Michaels. All are welcome to what will be a very special occasion. *Deo Gratias*

### Pope Leo's 'Magnifica Humanitas'

All 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 Petrol Station. The code to operate both is 2017