

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

Patrick Burns, McGrath Park

Laura Gillen Lynch, formerly Castle Close, Mahon.

Norma Long, Woodvale Road.

Rest in Peace

Baptisms

Alex Peter Nolan.

Welcome to the Christian Family.

Golden Jubilee –

This weekend we welcome Fr. Kieran O’Mahony OSA as he celebrates the Golden Jubilee of his Ordination to the Priesthood with us at 11am Mass. We welcome his Augustinian confreres and family members to the Mass. Not only is Fr. Kieran a regular visitor to Blackrock Parish but we are also very grateful to him for his inspiring contribution to our weekly newsletter making the Sunday readings more accessible and easier to understand. This is a great gift and much appreciated by people from our own parish and beyond. We wish Kieran every blessing on this special occasion. Ad Multos Annos - Fr. Michael

School Holidays - Best wishes to all the children, their families and school communities for an enjoyable and safe summer break.

Annual Cemetery Mass – There was an exceptionally large attendance for the Mass last Wednesday evening. Sincere thanks to all the volunteers who arranged everything so effectively. While there is a sadness in the Mass, it truly was a lovely occasion with so many people and families gathered together to lovingly remember their loved ones who have died. May they all rest in the peace of the Lord.

Canon Kieran Twomey RIP. – this weekend we remember Canon Kieran Twomey our late and much-loved parish priest who returned to the House of the Father on 27th June 2019. We thank God for his deep faith and gentle presence in our parish. May he rest in the peace of the Lord.

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 2 Kings 4:8-11,13-16

Today we hear a somewhat legendary story of the prophet Elisha. There is a good teaching: goodness leads to goodness and kindness leads to kindness.

Second reading Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

We have all be baptised, usually as children. What does it mean to be baptised? St Paul’s teaching is enriching, deep and life-giving.

Gospel Matthew 10:37-42

There are two parts to today’s Gospel. The second part, about hospitality and kindness, has already been anticipated by the Elisha story. The first part, however, is startling and unexpected.

The Papers Say.....

Tablet of20/6. (1)The Promised Land -- Clearly the Israelis' 'neighbour', that according to Leviticus it must love, is the Palestinian people (2) Austin Ivereigh: Papal visit to Spain. Pope Leo delivered a stark message to Spanish Catholics -- If it is to bring the light of the Gospel to the world, the Church in Europe must change. (3) West Bank -- Settler assault on Christian land. (4) Christians must oppose racism says Archbishop Eamon Martin after Belfast violence

Tablet of 13/6. (1) Fr. Neil Xavier O'Donoghue: Spirit of the Word -- Can Pope Leo bring peace to the liturgy wars. (2). FIFA World Cup offers special opportunity for evangelisation says Sunderland chaplain

Irish Catholic (1) A new face to serve the diaconate in Cork and Ross. (2) Eilis Mulroy: The fight for the three-day wait is not over (3) Vance says he 'strikes a balance'when it comes to immigration (4) Fr. Chris Hayden: Catholics despite the institution?

BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Church Gate collection will take place on

Week ending12th July

Your support as always is greatly appreciated.

THERE WILL BE ONLY 1 COLLECTION ON THE SVP WEEKEND



Niamh Hatchell Dancing School

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!

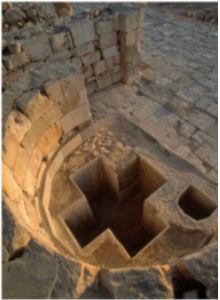
Cheaper than the village - it's free!

Everyone welcome - Ah go on!

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

Observations

The cross-shaped baptismal (right) at Avdat (Negev desert), is a kind of illustration of the second reading from Romans. Three words come to mind: baptism means communion — radical communion, setting aside distinctions and differences; baptism means participation — not only in Jesus’ death and resurrection but in the life of the community of faith; finally, baptism means mission — it is both grace and vocation, gift and task. In that vision, baptism is not a fact from our past but a way of being in the present. Those three words — communion, participation and mission — might ring a bell. These words describe the Synodal Pathway, initiated by Pope Francis



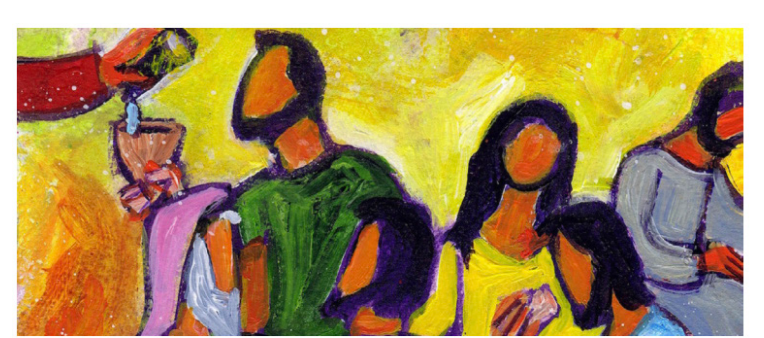
Reflections

1. Jesus never wanted suffering for anyone but he knew that if anyone was going to follow in his footsteps promoting love and respect for every person, they would meet with opposition. Fidelity has its price, but also rewards. Would you agree?

2. The passage is a call to both radical and practical discipleship. When have you found that in order to achieve a certain objective you had to make it a priority, and then take the practical steps necessary to reach your goal? What were the benefits to you when you did this?

3. ‘Hate’ (in the Lucan version) is prophetic exaggeration for the uncompromising loyalty Jesus seeks in disciples. There may be times when people make demands in conflict with fidelity to another relationship. This can be painful. When have you found that being clear about your priorities helped you in that situation?

PRAYER
All-powerful God, your incarnate Word commands our obedience and offers us true life. Make our ears attentive to the voice of your Son and our hearts generous in answering his call, that we may take up the cross with trust in his promises. Through Christ our Lord. 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.

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 do have the saying, “goodness is its own reward” and that, no doubt, is true. We don’t do good to be rewarded but simply because it is good. At the same time, goodness leads to goodness and kindness inspires kindness. This can be true at the most mundane level: if I am courteous and obliging, say, as a driver, perhaps others on the road will be inspired to be obliging and courteous in their turn. It is even more true at a higher level. Generosity of spirit inspires the same in others.

Prayer

Help us, Lord, to be kind and generous in our dealings with others today following the example of Jesus. Amen.

K O'Mahony OSA

Entrance

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices; who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us, to keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all ills of this world in the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given, the Son and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore; for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Recessional

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy, whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy: Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray, your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm, whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm: Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray, your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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.

LET ME GET THIS STRAIGHT. THE BAD NEWS IS WE HAVE WHAT JESUS GOT COMING TO US

AND THE GOOD NEWS IS WE HAVE WHAT JESUS GOT, COMING TO US.

GREAT. I'M GLAD WE GOT THAT CLEARED UP!

YEAH, PRETTY MUCH,

YEAH, THAT'S IT.

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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