

St Michael's Parish, Blackrock

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14th Sunday Ordinary Time

WEEKLY MASS LEAFLET UPDATES: Email to : parish@stmichaelsblackrock.ie

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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

Deceased Michael Cronin. Knocknaheeny formerly Dunlocha. Aidan Foley, Townsend Place, Greenmount, Cork / Ballintemple, Cork Rest in Peace

Baptisms Beau George Healy. Rian Culainn Kiernan. Croia Joanne O'Connor. Welcome to the Christian Family.

Summer Days - We are all grateful for the nice summer weather over the last few weeks. The bright days and long evenings help us all. A good few families are already on the move since the schools closed last week. Our prayer is that people and families will have a safe and enjoyable holiday. We welcome those who are visiting our parish and church these days. While many families are away, other visitors arrive and it's lovely to meet people from so many different parts of the country and beyond visiting our church for Mass or for a quiet prayer during the week. Particularly during the summer, many people call into the church to say a quiet prayer while out for their walk. Our church is a prayerful place where we can pray privately or gather together for the Eucharist. May the Lord bless us all during these summer days. - Fr. Michael

First Friday Visits to the Sick and Housebound - A number of people have been in touch to let us know of a family member who would welcome a visit to receive the Blessed Sacrament in their home. This is so important for people who came to the church all of their lives and now can do so no longer. If you know of a neighbour or family member who needs a visit just let us know. Catholic Papers - available in the church weekly. Thank you for your support particularly throughout the summer months when our routines can change somewhat.

Parables Tour with Fr. Mike Schmitz for Young Adults - Young adults from the Diocese of Cork and Ross are warmly invited to travel to Dublin for the Parables Tour with Fr. Mike Schmitz on Monday, 20th July. The cost of the trip is €70, which includes return bus transport, your ticket for the Parables Tour and a meal. The group will also attend a special Mass in Dublin, where Fr. Mike Schmitz will preach. Places are limited. To reserve a place, please email youthministry@corkandross.org.

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A brief introduction on Sunday's readings First Reading Zechariah 9:9-10 Our first reading should conjure up a memory, an image of Jesus. As the same time, it gives us an insight into God's project of gentle, even vulnerable love. Second reading Romans 8:9, 11-13 These few brief sentences take us to the heart of Christian experience and believing, that is, the Spirit dwelling within. As always, the gift has consequences for how we live. Gospel Matthew 11:25-30 Our Gospel today is good news at almost any time. Who doesn't need the support and guidance of the saviour? It may help to name for myself whatever is burdening me at the present moment.

The Papers Say..... Irish Catholic. (1). The 86 TDs behind the vote to remove the three-day wait before an abortion --- 'To go from speaking up for the right to life to voting to remove something as basic as the life-savings three-day reflection period in just a few years is beyond belief'. (2). Sr Colette Hickey of Edel House -- a life of prayer, service and compassion. (3). Fr. Cotter's Letter from Canada: Are Irish and Canadian parishes alike in any way? (4). Fr. Billy Swan: St. Maria Gotetti and the power of forgiveness (5) Fr. Kieran O'Mahony: Hearers of the Word Sacred Heart Messenger. (1). Fr. John Cullen: The hidden power of silence. (2). Fr. Brendan McManus SJ: The Ignation Guide to Procrastination. (3). Childrens pages and crossword Support the Catholic press and keep in touch with the Church Buy and read a Catholic publication weekly!

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.

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.

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

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 Our Gospel reading for this Sunday is both arresting and appealing. Who is not drawn by the words: Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Who is not pulled up short by the claims of Jesus in the words: no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. We are left with a good question: what do I do, on a daily basis, so that I may "shoulder his yoke and learn from" him? Usually it involves a combination three things: practical living of Gospel values; time "wasted" in prayer; time spent reading the Gospel to become familiar "again for the first time" with the person and teaching of Jesus. Perhaps the summer might provide a little more time for these life-giving practices.

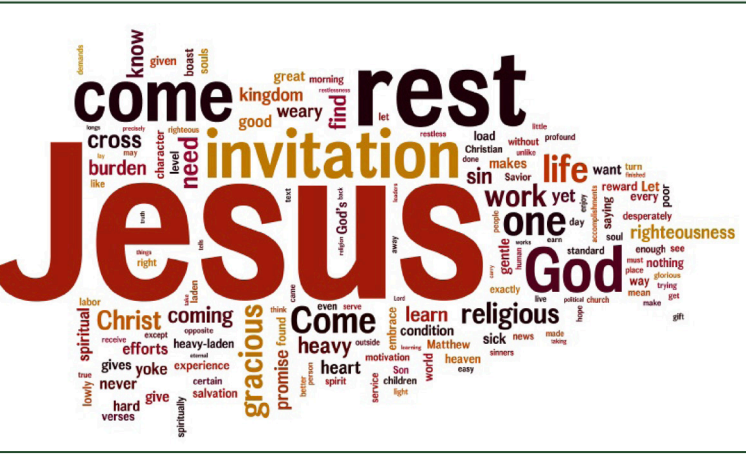
Reflections 1. Human beings are always setting up barriers which divide people into those who are important and those who are not. It happens in every community and Jesus met it among the Jewish people of his time. God wants to break down these barriers so that those who are on the wrong side of them can experience that they too are his children and have a unique contribution to make to their community. Perhaps you can recall someone whom you did not think of highly but who turned out to be very good in some sphere. What good news that you were wrong! 2. Great intelligence is not sufficient to develop a relationship with God, unless combined with an open childlike capacity to wonder. Does this resonate with your experience? 3. The ministry of Jesus was to introduce people to a relationship of intimacy with God. How has Jesus given you that kind of relationship? 4. Another aspect of the ministry of Jesus was to free people from the burden of a legalistic understanding of religion, and to introduce them to a faith marked by freedom and love. Perhaps you have made that journey also. Who has been a Jesus person for you and helped you to find freedom, joy and rest in your faith? PRAYER Father, Lord of heaven and earth, by whose gracious will the mysteries of the kingdom are revealed to the childlike, make us learn from your Son humility of heart, that in shouldering his yoke we may find refreshment and rest. 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.

Youth 2000 Summer Festival | 13th-16th August Calling all young people aged 16-35! Join us at the Youth 2000 Summer Festival in Newbridge College, Co. Kildare. This is a donation-only event, with free buses available across the country and all meals included. Expect inspiring talks and workshops, Mass, music, prayer, and plenty of opportunities to chill out and meet other young Catholics. Whether you are new to the faith or looking to be refreshed, all are welcome. To register or find out more, visit youth2000.ie or follow @Youth2000Ireland.

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.

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 Lord understands us and knows us better than we know ourselves. O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. (Psa 139:1-3) He knows of what we are made and so we can come confidently before him with our brokenness and need of his grace. It might be good during Mass today to become aware of whatever is a burden to me now in my life and ask the Lord for his love and healing touch. Prayer Lord, you bore the weight of our humanity to come as near to us as possible. Help us to realise you stand beside us and walk with us the journey of life. K O'Mahony OSA



Golden Jubilee Celebration of Fr. Kieran O'Mahony OSA L/r Fr. Paddy O'Reilly, OSA, Provincial of the Order, Fr. Kieran and Fr. Michael concelebrating last Sunday.



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