

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

Emmy Marie Kelly.

Anna Catherine Fiona MacCarthy.

Alaia Gretta O'Leary.

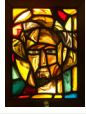
Welcome to the Christian Family.



Deceased

Sheila Mitchell, Blackrock

Rest in Peace



Parish Life –

Parish groups, choir and music groups are all returning after the summer break. We look forward to the Do This in Memory parish-based programme for the First Holy Communion children and their families and this year, we will have a number of Masses for the Confirmation candidates and their families as well. We continue to support the SMA Parish while it remains closed for some time longer. As a parish, we continue to celebrate baptisms on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month. We celebrate weddings regularly in the church. We gather as faith community to support those who have been bereaved at the time of a Requiem Mass in the church. Our parish is alive in so many ways and we look forward to the autumn. – Fr. Michael



Welcome

– to the Redemptorist Fathers who will celebrate Masses this weekend to introduce the forthcoming Triduum of Prayer in Holy Cross Church.

Altar Servers

– we are blessed with a committed group of altar servers over the last year. We are very grateful to their parents and families who support them in this special ministry. We look forward to expanding the altar server team into the autumn.

Annual Remembrance Mass

- for all those who have died from our parish over the last year will be celebrated on Monday 2nd November @ 7pm. They have gone no further than to God and God is very near.

Holy Cross Church

– Fortieth Anniversary – preparations continue in Mahon Parish to celebrate this landmark very soon. The Redemptorist Fathers will lead a Triduum of Prayer from Monday 21st – Wednesday 23rd September. The themes will be Hope, Healing & Community. Remembrance of those who have been involved and supported the construction and development of the church will also be honoured. There will be a special Mass on Sunday 20th September @ 12.15pm and all are welcome. – Fr. Michael

Fr. Michael

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A brief introduction on Sunday's readings

First Reading (Ezekiel 33:7-9):

God appoints the prophet Ezekiel as a "watchman" for the house of Israel. The text underscores our spiritual responsibility toward one another, highlighting that we are called to gently warn and guide others away from harmful paths rather than remaining silent bystanders.

Second Reading (Romans 13:8-10):

Saint Paul asserts that we owe nothing to anyone except to love one another. He teaches that all the commandments find their absolute fulfillment in a single, overarching principle: loving your neighbour as yourself.

Gospel Reading (Matthew 18:15-20):

Jesus outlines a compassionate, step-by-step process for fraternal correction and community conflict resolution. He emphasizes the sacred authority given to the community and provides the beautiful assurance: "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

The Papers Say.....

Irish Catholic. (1). Editorial — The house is on fire and the Synod is watering the garden. (2). ‚Was Dolly Parton a Christian icon? (See also Brendan O’Regan). (3). David Quinn: How best to protect children from the harms of social media — ‘The harmful effects of social media addiction led 29 US states to take a class action lawsuit against Meta’. (4). Fr. Shay Cullen : Pope Leo calls for end to violence against Palestinians. (5). **Fr. Kieran O’Mahony; Hearers of the Word. — For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.** (6). Eanna Mackey: Adare. — A village at the centre of the world

Tablet Summer Issue.

(1).Peacemakers. — The role of the small Christian minority in Israel and Palestine is not to live apart but to show how coexistence, forgiveness and reconciliation are possible. (2). Nigeria —. . Cardinal supported after criticisms of government. (3). Archbishop Visvaldas Kulbokas: A year in Ukraine —. The Papal Nuncio to Ukraine reports that life in Kyiv has become so difficult that those who remain in the city have almost lost connection with ‘normal life’

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Word from the Cloisters: 'It's hard to imagine life without Kieran' his friend Eda Sagarra, emeritus professor of German at Trinity College told us. 'He simply loved being a friar and sharing his great love of God with his vast circle of friends.'

Support the Catholic press and keep in touch with the church.

Buy and read a Catholic paper/magazine every week!

Sunday Cuppa continues in the Parish Centre

after 11 am mass on 6th September for tea, bikkies and more chat!

Cheaper than the village - it's free!

Everyone welcome – Ah go on!



Christian Meditation Group

– A group of people from our Family of Parishes continue to meet on each Friday morning at 10.15am in the Parish Centre. After a short introduction there is 20 minutes of silent prayer/meditation concluding with the Our Father. We welcome you to join us. Contact 087 6477841 for details.



Reflections

1. At the time Matthew was writing his gospel local church communities would have numbered no more than fifty people. They would be known to one another. Matthew presents the instructions of Jesus for dealing with people whose behaviour disrupted and harmed the community. Note the steps suggested. Simple directions but many of us do otherwise. We avoid difficult confrontations. We talk about the faults of others to everyone but themselves. We go over the head of someone who displeases us and make complaints. In your experience, which approach is life-giving for you and for others?

2. While Jesus is referring to a group situation, the advice can be applied also to personal difficulties and problems with others. What lessons has life taught you about constructive ways of dealing with conflict?

3. Jesus also recognises that there are limits to what we can do in resolving conflicts. We may reach out, but if the other person does not respond the matter is out of our control. Let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector suggests having nothing more to do with that person. But that is not the last word because Gentiles and tax collectors were precisely the kind of people to whom Jesus reached out. So while for the moment we may have nothing more to do with a person who has hurt us, we leave the door open for the future.

4. As individuals and communities we have the power to bind and to loose, to exclude people from relationship, or to open up and include others in relationship. When have you found it important to acknowledge this power in your own life?

5. There is great assurance in the promise of Jesus in v. 19, but he seems to promise more than we experience. What has been your experience of praying with others for something you wanted God to grant?

6. Jesus also promises to be with his followers when they gather together. What does that mean to you? How have you experienced the presence of Jesus in his followers gathered together?

PRAYER

Confirm, O God, in unity and truth the Church you gather in Christ. Encourage the fervent, enlighten the doubtful, and bring back the wayward. Bind us together in mutual love, that our prayer in Christ's name may be pleasing to you. Grant 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

BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Church Gate collection will take place on

Week ending 6th September

Your support as always is greatly appreciated.

THERE WILL BE ONLY 1 COLLECTION ON THE SVP WEEKEND

Gentle reminder!!

For those attending with young children, if required, there is a Family Room available at the top left inside the church. Thanks.



Registration for Blackrock Community Association

takes place on Monday 7th September between 2-4. Cost is still €15 and includes subsidised outings, Christmas lunches, socials and garden centre visit etc.The following classes are held:-

MONDAY - Dance and Exercise (no experience necessary!), arts and crafts in afternoon, Line dancing by outside tutor from 7 pm.

TUESDAY- Irish dancing classes for children -beginner and advanced - from age 4 up

WEDNESDAY Crochet and knitting in afternoon; Line dancing from 6.30 by outside tutor

THURSDAY. Irish dancing classes for advanced. T'ai chi in evening by outside tutor.

FRIDAY Tail chi in morning by outside tutor. Advanced team dancing Friday evening.

Thought for the day

Our Gospel reading today has some harsh dimensions and most likely it reflects not the teaching of Jesus directly but the practices in the church for which Matthew was writing. People who refuse to acknowledge their failures are to be treated as pagans and tax collectors! But just how are pagans and tax collectors treated by Jesus and in the Gospel of Matthew? They are welcomed and forgiven! Any permanent exclusion is to be resisted on the example and teaching of Jesus himself.

Prayer

We believe your word to us that where two or three are gathered in your name you are in our midst. Help us to recognise you in all our brothers and sisters, whatever their failures or sins. Help us to recognise you in ourselves, whatever our faults.

Kieran O’Mahony OSA

ENTRANCE

Be still, for the presence of the Lord

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here. Come, bow before him now, with reverence and fear. In him no sin is found. We stand on holy ground. Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around; He burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned. How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of Light! Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place; He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace. No work too hard for him; in faith receive from him. Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

RECESSIONAL

Christ be beside me

Christ be beside me, Christ be before me, Christ be behind me, King of my heart. Christ be within me, Christ be below me, Christ be above me, never to part.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all around me, shield in the strife. Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting, Christ in my rising, light of my heart.

Christ be in all hearts thinking about me, Christ be on all tongues telling of me. Christ be the vision in eyes that see me, In ears that hear me Christ ever be.

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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.

