St Michael's Parish, Blackrock

20/09/2026

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25th 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



Baptisms

James Kieran O'Driscoll.
Riah Jane Cummins.
Mia Marie Kearney.
Siún Maisie Killeen.
Rory John Longan.
Barra Micheál O'Leary.
Welcome to the Christian Family.



Deceased

Vincent Groarke, Blackrock
Rosemary Thornhill, Blackrock
Rest in Peace



Holy Cross Church – on this Sunday, the 12.15pm Mass in Holy Cross will be a celebration of the fortieth anniversary of the church. A Redemptorist led Triduum of Prayer will take place from Monday – Wednesday of this week with 9.30am Mass each morning in Holy Cross Church and a celebration each evening at 7.30pm prepared with different groups in Mahon Parish. These events are a celebration of the people of the parish and our community. In celebrating this milestone for Holy Cross, we remember all those who worked so hard to support the building of the church especially those now gone to their eternal reward. While we celebrate the past, we look to the future with trust and hope. May the eternal light of Heaven shine on those who gave so much. May God bless us all as we celebrate together and may the strength and resilience of the Holy Cross of Jesus continue to be a blessing in our lives and our parish community.
St. Michael, pray for us. -
Fr. Michael

First Communions 2027

Sat. 24th Apr.	Scoil Ursula & St. Michael's NS
Sat. 8th May	Gaelscoil Mhachan (in Holy Cross)
Sat. 15th May	Beaumont BNS
Sat. 22nd May	Beaumont GNS
Sat. 29th May	Scoil na Croise Naofa (in Holy Cross)

Do This in Memory parish-based First Communion preparation programme will commence on Sat. 17th October @ 6pm Mass.

Gougane Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday 27th September next.

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

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A brief introduction on Sunday's readings

First Reading (Isaiah 55:6–9)
The prophet urges people to seek the Lord, reminding us that God's thoughts and ways are infinitely higher and more merciful than our human standards.
Second Reading (Philippians 1:20c–24, 27a)
St. Paul expresses from prison that Christ is his entire life, encouraging the community to live in a manner worthy of the Gospel.
Gospel (Matthew 20:1–16a)
Jesus tells the Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard, where laborers hired at the very end of the day receive the exact same daily wage as those who toiled from dawn, illustrating that God's grace is a gift, not a wage earned.

The Papers Say.....

Irish Catholic. (1). Mary Kenny: Sporting controversies a mirror of our times … AND What Oprah can teach the Irish. (2). Martina Purdy: Aontu offers a pro-life option for abandoned Catholic pro-life voters. (3). Fr. Andrew Mc.Mahon: 'We are not here to celebrate the ending of unborn life for innocent children'. Reflections on the Belfast City Hall illumination and abortion. (4) Pedro Esteva: : What overseas priests see in the Irish Church. (5). Fr. Bernard Cotter: Why the Mass in Victoria was amazing.
(6) Fr.Kieran O'Mahony: Hearers of the Word. — Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me?

Messenger: (1). Re:Link, The resource for Junior Certificate Religion Studies by Patrick Byrne: Halloween. (2). Andrea Hayes: Pain changes your prayers. (3). Fr. John Cullen: The hidden power of silence. (4). Children's and adult crosswords

Cork Scripture Group

AUTUMN 2026 COURSE
I, Paul … [Philemon 1:19]
The Life and Letters of St Paul
7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. each evening over four Monday nights in the Scala Centre, Blackrock [entrance across from Blackrock Castle]
For bookings, email: corkscripturegroup@gmail.com

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

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.

SMA NATIONAL NOVENA TO ST. THÉRÉSE

Due to the ongoing repair to our Church roof on the Blackrock Road, we will be celebrating St. Thérése's Novena in our
SMA CHURCH IN WILTON, CORK CITY T12 KR23
The Novena will begin on Wednesday 23rd. September and will close on Thursday lst. October. 2026. The Novena Mass will be celebrated at 7.30pm. each evening, (except Saturday 26th. September @ 6pm. Mass). Each evening we will have a different SMA priest leading the Mass and he will be joined by a guest choir/singer.

BALLINLOUGH MEN'S RETIREMENT CLUB meets every Wednesday afternoon from 2.00pm to 4.00pm.(resuming on 2nd. Sept after summer break) in Ballinlough Community Centre. The members enjoy an afternoon of Short Mat Bowls (Bowls supplied by the club) in an atmosphere of fun and camaraderie.
New members are welcome: our Membership comes from the general Cork City area. Contact Number: 085 1615 360.

SECOND COLLECTION ON WEEK ENDING 19/20 SEPTEMBER is for PRIESTHOOD EDUCATION.

Reflections

1. "I was there first". Envy easily comes to the surface when faced with the good fortune of others, especially when compared to what seems less favourable treatment of ourselves. Can you recall that feeling in yourself and what it did to you? Can you also recall times when you were content with your lot, even though it seemed others had greater gifts, better opportunities, etc.
2. A parent or teacher who gives a lot of time to a difficult child does not love the others less, but if we are one of those other children we may not see that. Recall a "Jesus person' in your life who helped you to overcome feelings of envy and helped you appreciate that the apparently more favourable treatment of another did not mean a lessening of love for you.
3. Generosity can make us uncomfortable. We feel more comfortable when we see ourselves as having done something to deserve the generosity. But perhaps you can recall a moment of great need, when you were at the receiving end of someone's generosity, a time when you recognised you had done nothing to 'deserve' that response, a time when all you could do was to say "thanks"?
4. This leads us to the core message of this parable, namely, that God's love is a free gift and not earned. Recall moments when you were particularly conscious of the gift that God's love is to you.
5. "It is too late now" are words some- times uttered to justify doing nothing about a situation. This parable tells us that where love is involved, it is never too late. Can you recall times when you got a positive response after taking action when you thought it was "too late"?

PRAYER
God most high, your ways are not our ways, for your kindness is lavished equally upon all. Teach us to welcome your mercy towards others, even as we hope to receive mercy ourselves.
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.



Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard (Codex Aureus Eptemacensis)

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

COMBONI MISSIONARIES OF THE HEART OF JESUS MISSION APPEAL.
The Society were most appreciative for the sum raised on 15/16 August in our Church which amounted to €2,095.00

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



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.

Thought for the day

The forty-two parables in the Gospels are designed to take us up short and make us think again. Today's parable is a good example. The actions of the employer and the treatment of the workers simply would not work today as a labour relations strategy and would also not have worked in the time of Jesus. And what is the point? Really that it doesn't matter when we come to the Gospel, early, middle or late, by routes direct or circuitous, in full stride or falteringly: all that matters is that we come to the Gospel. Achievement counts for nothing; grace is everything, thanks be to God!

Prayer
The door of faith is always open and you welcome us, O God, whenever our hearts are open. We are grateful for your loving patience and generosity.
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.

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.

