

St Michael's Parish, Blackrock

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26th Sunday Ordinary Time

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



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 Paddy O'Callaghan, Blackrock Rest in Peace



Celebrating Together - In recent weeks and months, many Funeral Masses have been celebrated in the church. If you visit the Remembrance Tree in the church, you will see many names placed there already since November 2026. Our parish and community always come together to pray for those who have died and accompany the bereaved. This is something that we do well and continue to do so. Families and friends also come together in the church to celebrate baptisms. We expect that in the region of 100 baptisms will be celebrated in the church this year which is a significant increase from preceding years. This reflects the many new homes and families in the wider Blackrock area. This is projected to increase further when many new apartments are occupied soon and into the future. In the coming weeks, we will also begin the parish-based First Holy Communion and Confirmation programmes for the children and their families. In summary, there are many celebrations here in the church along with the scheduled weekend and weekday Masses. May the Lord bless all the families and our parish. 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)

Annual Priests Retreat: Tuesday 6th Oct. – Friday 9th October. – No morning Masses on Tue. 6th & Fri. 9th October in St. Michael's and no morning Mass in Holy Cross on Wed. 7th Oct.

Children's Adoration – continues on Friday 2nd October from 3 – 3.30pm.

Gougane Sunday 2026 - You are invited to join people from across the Diocese for Gougane Sunday on this Sunday 27th September, when we gather to honour St Finbarr one of the Patrons of our Diocese. For more than 1,400 years Gougane Barra has been a place of prayer and pilgrimage associated with St Finbarr. Confessions will be available from 1.30pm, Rosary will be prayed at 2.30pm, Mass at 3.00pm celebrated by Bishop Fintan Gavin.

Fr. Michael 085 8735905 frmichael@corkandross.org

A brief introduction on Sunday's readings First Reading (Ezekiel 18:25-28) The prophet Ezekiel refutes the notion that God's ways are unfair. He emphasizes personal responsibility: if a righteous person turns to sin, they suffer the consequences, but if a sinner repents and turns back to righteousness, they will surely live. Second Reading (Philippians 2:1-11) Saint Paul delivers a powerful exhortation on unity and humility. He presents the ultimate model of obedience: Jesus Christ, who emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, and was subsequently exalted by God. Gospel Reading (Matthew 21:28-32) Jesus shares the Parable of the Two Sons. One son says "no" but later repents and works in the vineyard; the second son says "yes" but does nothing. Jesus uses this to show that outcasts like tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of religious leaders because they genuinely repented and believed.

The Papers Say..... Irish Catholic. (1). Questions of Faith? Can I receive Communion even if I didn't attend the whole Mass? (2). Nicholas Cuddihy: The legacy of Nano Nagle lives with Presentation Sisters 250 years on. (3). Anthony Buday, age 12: Young people —. Look towards the altar and realise that Our Lady is with you. (4). Margaret Hickey: How universities are subverting the mission of enquiry. (5). Pedro Esteba: Mount Melleray comes alive again —. a day of faith, crowds and new beginnings (6). David Quinn: My meeting with Albania's 'living martyr', Cardinal Ernest Simoni



Phil and Marian Mortell of the Cork Scripture Group with Former Sacristan Jean O' Driscoll (Centre) at The Holy Cross Church Mahon 40th Anniversary Celebration Mass and Function afterwards in Mahon Community Centre pic George Hatchell

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.

Sunday Cuppa continues in the Parish Centre after 11 am mass on 4th October for tea, bikkies and more chat! Cheaper than the village - it's free! Everyone welcome - Ah go on!



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.

Reflections 1. It is possible to be a dutiful and observant Christian, and yet feel there is something missing. It makes such a difference when your heart is in what you are doing—so much better than just going through the motions. Where do you experience that most in your life? 2. The desire of Jesus for us to grow in that kind of committed, enthusiastic involvement in life. What encourages you to grow in this way? 3. The elders probably thought well of themselves in contrast to the tax collectors and sinners. Perhaps you know some unconventional people, ones who appear to ignore the 'right' way of doing things, and yet they have taught you something about true goodness.

PRAYER O God, you alone judge rightly and search the depths of the heart. Make us swift to do your will and slow to judge our neighbour, that we may walk with those who follow the way of repentance and faith and so enter your heavenly kingdom. 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.



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.

The Holy Cross Church Mahon 40th Anniversary Celebration



L-r Fr Sean O'Sullivan, Fr Michael Keohane, Fr JP O'Riordan, Fr John Denver SMA Fr Dan Barragry, Chef Celebrant, Canon Jim O' Donovan Retired PP and Fr Evin O' Brien with Altar Server Sean at The Holy Cross Church Mahon 40th Anniversary Celebration Mass and Function afterwards in Mahon Community Centre pic George Hatchell

Thought for the day In today's parable, the offence is to be found in the blindingly obvious answer to the question Jesus sets. The application is then very sharp: those who seemingly never have experienced sin and conversion (who are they?) are quick to judge others who come to God through failure and fracture. It is like the ninety-nine who have no need of conversion—we may doubt that they ever really existed! A certain complacency can mark any settled religious group and if we add to that selfrighteousness, then the mix is explosive and we are far from the Gospel as preached by Jesus. Prayer Blessed are they who know their need of God (Mt 5:3). May we recognise ourselves as part of the community of the needy and show the compassion of Jesus to all without distinction. Kieran O'Mahony OSA

Blackrock Community Association will hold a fundraising social for MARYMOUNT at the COMMUNITY CENTRE, Convent Rd from 3 - 5 pm on FRIDAY 9th OCTOBER with music from Pat Hurley, performance by Niamh Hatchell Irish dancers etc. Refreshments will be served. All welcome €5 and a raffle for many prizes at €5 per strip

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

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



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.

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

BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL Church Gate collection will take place on Week ending 4th October Your support as always is greatly appreciated. THERE WILL BE ONLY 1 COLLECTION ON THE SVP WEEKEND

