St Michael's Parish, Blackrock

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ALL SAINTS

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
Joe Twomey, Late of Dripsey, Cork / Blackrock, Cork
Rest in Peace



Baptisms
Alexander Mroz Griffen.
Cillian John Dennehy.
Luca Fleming Garcia.
Margot Karen Joyce.
Isabelle Lily Keogh.
Welcome to the Christian Family.



Remembering –



As we move into the month of November, we will lovingly remember our loved ones who have died. 107 funeral Masses have been celebrated across St. Michael's and Holy Cross Churches since this time last year. 70 funeral Masses have been celebrated in St. Michael's and 37 in Holy Cross Church since the start of November last year. These details give us a sense of the strength of both parishes to prayerfully support one another at the most difficult of times. At each of these Masses, there is a deep sense of the consoling presence of God and trust in the ultimate power of the Risen Jesus who 'defeats death forever'. This sense runs very deep and is much more than just sharing our sympathies. It's our prayer to accompany those who have died into the eternal presence of God and back into arms of their own deceased family members and loved ones. So, when we gather during this coming week for the Remembrance Mass, we will be praying, consoling and strengthening the heartbroken. While this is a sad time, it's also a beautiful time and that is how we approach November, in hope and new life. May all those who have died now rest in the peace of the Lord and may we remember them lovingly. May they rest in peace. - Fr. Michael

November Novena for the Dead:
Monday 2nd - Tuesday 10th November. There will be Mass each weekday @ 9.30am during the Novena.

Blessing of the Graves – in St. Michael's Cemetery on Sunday 8th November @ 3pm.

November Novena Envelopes - available from the church from this weekend. Please return on/before Monday 2nd November, Feast of All Souls.

Children's Adoration – Friday 6th November from 3pm – 3.30pm in St. Michael's, Blackrock.

Alpha for Adults & Youth Alpha – will take place in Blackrock Parish Centre commencing on 6th January 2027. – more details available soon.

First Friday Visits – please let us know if a family member or neighbour is unable to attend Mass and would appreciate a visit to receive Holy Communion in their home.

Fr. Michael 085 8735905 frmichael@corkandross.org

A brief introduction on Sunday's readings

• First Reading (Revelation 7:2–4, 9–14)
John sees a vast, uncountable multitude from every nation, race, and tongue, robed in white and standing before the throne and the Lamb. These are the ones who have passed through trials and washed their robes clean in the blood of Christ.
• Second Reading (1 John 3:1–3)
St. John reminds believers of their present identity as children of God, noting that while what we shall be has not yet been fully revealed, we will be like Him when we see Him as He is.
• Gospel (Matthew 5:1–12a)
The Beatitudes from the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus proclaims true blessing not in worldly power, but in spiritual poverty, meekness, mourning, hunger for righteousness, mercy, purity of heart, peacemaking, and endurance of persecution.

The Papers Say.....

Irish Catholic. (1). David Quinn: Granny video shows certain NGOs are still too powerful. 'The State gives this money because it believes the organisation is in touch with the women of Ireland'. See also Sheila O'Malley. (2). Fr. Martin Delaney: What kind of of Church are foreign priests joining here? Are international clergy delaying needed reform? (3). Martina Purdy: E-scooters, lawlessness and signs of the end times —. Law-breaking seems to be symptomatic of modern culture. (4). Mary Kenny; 'The pornography reaching young people via their screens is another alarming phenomenon'.

Tablet of 24/10. (1). Manchester City's then manager went to the game carrying a relic of St.Therese. (2). Permanent deacons 2. — A retired headmaster says that he could only have responded to the call to the diaconate with the encouragement and support of his wife. (3)Austin Ivereigh; Amoris Laetitia. — 'We're in a different place now '. (4). Ukraine —. Pope Leo asks Putin to allow supplies to occupied town.

Tablet of 17/10. (1). Archbishop Paul Gallagher: The Church diplomats promote the common good of all peoples and maintain lines of dialogue with every nation —. even when it risks misunderstanding and derision. (2). The power of Adoration.

Ireland's 3rd National First Saturdays Conference
This year's conference will take place in Knock on Saturday November 28th. The day begins at 10am and finishes at 5pm. It includes Holy Mass, adoration, talks, and a healing service. Speakers include: Fr Patrick Cahill, Geraldine O'Donnell, Fr Leon Pereira OP, Nikki Kingsley, Fr Marius O'Reilly, Fr. Jaimie Twohig, Christine O'Hara, Fr. Mark Quinn, and Fr Philip Kemmy, Fr. John Keane will lead a Eucharistic Healing Service. More information and the list of buses going are available on www.firstsaturdays.ie. At Fatima Our Lady promised that if we did what she asked there would be peace in the world and that many souls would be saved.

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



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

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.

Reflections

The blessings in the Beatitudes are primarily future blessings, but there can be an anticipation of the blessings in the present. At first reading some Beatitudes may seem to describe circumstances that you would like to avoid at all costs.
Read them slowly. Stay with each one for a while. Let yourself get a sense of the paradox involved in each one. Perhaps you have had an experience of a deeper and more authentic life, a blessing, when…

1. **You were poor** - you knew your need of God
2. **You mourned** – could feel for others
3. **You were meek** – not emotionally out of control
4. **You hungered and thirsted** for some cause
5. **You were merciful** rather than vengeful
6. **You you were pure in heart** – a person of integrity, whose actions and intentions correspond
7. **You were a peacemaker**
8. **You were persecuted** because you stood for something

PRAYER
All-holy God, you call your people to holiness. As we keep the festival of your saints, give us their meekness and poverty of spirit, a thirst for righteousness, and purity of heart.
May we share with them the richness of your kingdom and be clothed in the glory you bestow.

Family of Parishes Meeting – Blackrock Parish was well represented at this on last Wednesday 28th October in the Parish Centre. All four parishes in our Family of Parishes were represented. The theme of the meeting was to celebrate various initiatives across the four parishes. The meeting was guided by Lorraine Buckley from the Diocese and Mr. Jim Deeds from Belfast who resources Christian leadership courses throughout Ireland and beyond.

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.



Unfolding the Word: *What Mark's Gospel says about discipleship.*
An Invitation to our family of Parishes
Why not join us on Thursdays 5th 12th 19th and 26th November in the Parish room in Holy Cross Church, Mahon from 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm.
An opportunity to come together and spend some time reading and discussing the Scriptures, followed by prayer.
Everyone is most welcome and we even have a cuppa and chat afterwards as well!

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

Sunday Cuppa continues in the Parish Centre after 11 am mass on 1st November for tea, bikkies and more chat!
Cheaper than the village - it's free!
Everyone welcome - Ah go on!



Thought for the day

Today we celebrate the community of faith, being in communion with all the saints, a day of both thanksgiving and vision. Thanksgiving because of the example and inspiration of the saints, who have come to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. (Eph 4:13). Vision because our Gospel today describes the path we must take to make the same journey home to God. If we wish to join the saints both now and into eternity, we must make our own the "mission statement" of Jesus, which is the Sermon on the Mount and especially the opening invitation to true happiness.
Prayer
Jesus you are our teacher within and today we ask your help. Just as you have brought our brothers and sisters to full maturity in you, so also guide us and be with us as we walk your Way. By your grace, may we too be counted among saints in the present moment and in the life to come.

Kieran O'Mahony OSA

ENTRANCE –
Amazing Grace
Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come
This grace that brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home

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.

