

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

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Baptisms

Alexander Mroz Griffen.

Cillian John Dennehy.

Luca Fleming Garcia.

Margot Karen Joyce.

Isabelle Lily Keogh.

Welcome to the Christian Family.

Parish Sacramental Preparation – This weekend we welcome all the First Holy Communion children and their families as they commence the parish element of their preparation for the Sacraments of First Confession in March and their First Holy Communion in April/ May next year. The ‘Do This in Memory’ parish programme works alongside the school-based ‘Grow in Love’ programme and family support. This has gone very well in recent years. Children and families feel welcome and at home here in the church and parish. Parents and grandparents often remark on the importance of this experience and welcome. The First Communion celebrations then become a very natural gathering where everyone feels comfortable. That also makes the ceremonies much more prayerful as the year unfolds. As a parish community, we pray for the children and their families. Parents in particular need our prayerful support as they navigate a very complex and challenging parenting world with enormous responsibilities. May the Lord bless the children, their parents, their schools and our parish for the year ahead. St. Michael, pray for us. - Fr. Michael

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.

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.

Family of Parishes Meeting - Wednesday 28th October @ 7pm in Blackrock Parish Centre. Representatives from the four parishes in our Family of Parishes will meet to further deepen the strong working relationship between the parishes.

Mission Sunday Second Collection - This Mission Sunday collection goes to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith and is used to support the young churches throughout the world in the establishment of parishes, dioceses, training of catechists and building of seminaries, etc.

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A brief introduction on Sunday's readings
• **First Reading — Isaiah 45:1, 4–6:**
God calls King Cyrus of Persia—a pagan ruler who does not even know the Lord—by name and uses him to free the exiled Israelites. This shows that all earthly powers and political leaders ultimately operate under God’s supreme authority.
• **Second Reading — 1 Thessalonians 1:1–5b:**
St. Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy greet the young Christian community in Thessalonica, praising their active faith, labor of love, and steadfast hope in Jesus Christ.
• **Gospel — Matthew 22:15–21:**
Pharisees and Herodians try to trap Jesus with a political question about whether it is lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar. Looking at a coin bearing Caesar’s image, Jesus gives his famous reply: "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God".

The Papers Say.....
Tablet of 10/10. (1). Sr. Liz Dodd: Something at the heart of Garvaghy Roadkept the situation under control. (2). Migrants and Care. — in giving, do we receive? (3). Pope Leo and Creation —. In this pontificate, integral ecology has become more deeply embedded in Catholic theology and spirituality. (4) Sarah Mac Donald: Theologian Prof. Anna Rowlands warns that AI ‘threatens our sense of what it means to be human’

Tablet of 3/10. (1). Pilgrim among pilgrims. — Pope Leo touches the heart of France. (2). Memorial to JRR Tolkien to be unveiled in Westminster Abbey. (3). Letters—. Women already act as deacons

Messenger. (1). Fr.Bernard Cotter: Building a Parish Funeral Team. (2). Bishop Martin Hayes: Our crisis is our opportunity. (3). Pope’s intention for.November—. For the proper use of wealth

Irish Catholic. (1). Irish sister, Sr. Mary T. Barron OLA (Ardfoyle), is the first women to head Vatican’s global missionary network. (2). Mission Sunday Supplement. — SMA Fathers, Dromantine 100 years. — the work goes on. (3) World Report. — Vatican meeting examines why young people are reluctant to marry. (4) Persecution of Christians in Nigeria —. An insider experience (5). Phyllis Zagano: The National Synod Assembly and the role of women in the Church. — ‘ While Irish Synod document does mention the new instituted ministry of Catechist, the Catechist is neither a replacement nor a step toward the diaconate’.

ONE IN CHRIST

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Mission

100 YEARS OF WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

World Mission Sunday

the Catholic Church celebrates World Mission Sunday on Sunday, 18 October 2026. This year's celebration marks a monumental historic milestone: the 100th anniversary of World Mission Sunday, which was originally established back in 1926 by Pope Pius XI.

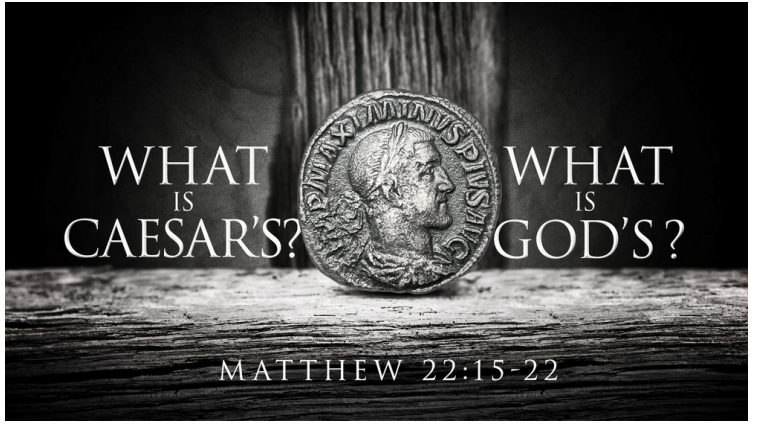
The theme chosen by Pope Leo XIV for this centenary year is "One in Christ, united in mission".

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.

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
1. The story sees a mixture of religion and politics, a potentially explosive combination. Jesus does not ask us to avoid politics, but that our involvement in the affairs of the world be informed by the perspective of the Reign of God. How does the gospel give you a vision of how your involvement in society should be?
2. Pharisees and Herodians were not natural allies but a shared dislike of Jesus brought them together in an attempt to discredit him. Perhaps you experience the same opposition in society today when you profess to being a Christian or a Catholic. Jesus did not get into an argument with them but simply professed his belief in the priority of God in his life. What have you found helpful in bearing witness to the fact that you are still a believing Christian or still go to church?
3. Jesus recognises that we can be faced with conflicting claims for attention. He does not tell us how to solve that dilemma, but challenges us to make sure that our allegiance to God takes priority. When have you been faced with a conflict of loyalties? What helped you to get your priorities right?

PRAYER
O God, whose image we bear and whose name we carry, yours is the world and all it contains. Recall us to our true allegiance, so that above the power and rulers of this world you alone may claim our fullest loyalty and love. We make our prayer 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.



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

SECOND COLLECTION W/E 17TH/18TH. OCTOBER
PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH.

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.

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents in West Cork, will be hosting a grief cafe for bereaved parents on **Tuesday 20th October from 7.30pm - 9pm in the Skibbereen Community & Family Resource Centre. This is a free event.** The grief cafe is a space where bereaved parents can come together, to talk, listen and to remember the child they lost. The aim our grief cafe in West Cork is to supplement our existing meetings and increasing access to as many people as possible, This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age of their child, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was. 01 4045378 or email info@anamcara.ie

Thought for the day
The relationship between religious faith and public life is perplexing. In some societies, even today, there is virtually no difference between the two. In other, more secular societies, any expression of religious conviction is unacceptable in public. It is true of course that there is an appropriate distinction and even separation to be made, as indeed Jesus does make today in the Gospel. But on at least two issues, there is bound to be some crossover. Religious faith informs our values and in society today policies and laws must be grounded, not in a particular faith certainly, but in values nevertheless.
Prayer
Lord, we need your wisdom to tell what belongs to God and what belongs to Caesar. Send your Holy Spirit into the heart of all believers that we may be true to ourselves and tolerant towards people with whom we disagree.
Kieran O’Mahony OSA

ENTRANCE –
Hail Queen of Heaven

Hail, Queen of heav'n, the ocean Star:
Guide of the wand'rer here below,
Thrown on life's surge, we claim thy care;
Save us from peril and from woe.
Mother of Christ, Star of the Sea,
Pray for the wand'rer, pray for me.

O gentle, chaste, and spotless Maid,
We sinners make our prayers through thee;
Remind thy Son that He has paid
The price of our iniquity.
Virgin most pure, Star of the sea,
Pray for the sinner, pray for me.

RECESSIONAL -
How Great Thou Art

Oh Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed.

*CHORUS: Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee:
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.
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How great Thou art, how great Thou art.*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart;
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,
And then proclaim, my God, how great Thou art.

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

