St Michael's Parish, Blackrock

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08/11/2026

32nd 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

Ciarán John Allen.
Daithí Richard Allen.
Nevach Rae O'Leary Cassells.
Welcome to the Christian Family.



Deceased

Hilda Higgins, Blackrock
Joanne Mulcahy. Berlingford Dr.
Ann Moore, Upper Beaumont Dr.
Frances Campbell. Carrigdubh House.
Rest in Peace



Remembrance Mass –



We celebrated a poignant and uplifting Mass last Monday evening. The church was completely full for this special gathering. Families attended in great numbers across different generations. It's inspiring to see different age groups together in the church supporting one another and simply being together. Prayer comes more easily to all of us when we lovingly remember our loved ones who have died. In a world where we can be overwhelmed with the speed of events and communication, it's reassuring to see that we take all the time in the world to remember our loved ones. The power of the Mass is that those who have died are very close to us and truly part of the celebration. This is why we are moved to arrange anniversary and Month's Mind Masses that also gather families together. Most certainly, many families will also gather in St. Michael's Cemetery this Sunday afternoon to stand near the graves of their loved ones and patiently wait for blessings and prayer. While many things have changed in the faith landscape of Ireland, our remembrance of the dead remains strong and we thank God for that this weekend. May all those who have died, now rest in the peace of the Lord. - Fr. Michael

November Novena for the Dead – continues until Tuesday 10th November including 9.30am Mass on Monday 9th & Tuesday 10th November this week.

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

November Novena Envelopes – remain available in the church for inclusion in the Novena which concludes on Tuesday 10th this week.

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.

Fr. Michael 085 8735905 frmichael@corkandross.org

A brief introduction on Sunday's readings

• First Reading (Wisdom 6:12–16)
Wisdom is personified as radiant, unfading, and eagerly seeking those who look for her. Getting ready for God is not about last-minute panic, but a steady, intentional pursuit of truth and discernment.
• Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 63:2, 3–4, 5–6, 7–8)
A deep expression of the soul's spiritual thirst for God ("My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God").
• Second Reading (1 Thessalonians 4:13–18)
St. Paul comforts a grieving community worried about loved ones who died before Christ's return, reminding them of the hope of the resurrection and reunion with the Lord.
• Gospel (Matthew 25:1–13)
The parable of the ten bridesmaids (five wise and five foolish) waiting for the bridegroom. The wise brought extra oil for their lamps, while the foolish were unprepared and locked out of the wedding banquet.

The Papers Say.....

Tablet of 7/11. (1). Interfaith dialogue. -- The spirit of Assisi. (2). Nigerian monastery curtails operations in face of terror (3). Pope Leo's missionary Church. -- The wounded healer

Tablet of 31/10. (1). Urban Unrest. -- France's troubled generation. (2). Sarah MacDonald: Synodality in Ireland. -- A Church in the path of healing. (3). Jordan/Syria. -- Terror attack on Christian funeral

Irish Catholic. (1). David Quinn: Opposing infant baptism is a severe attack upon parents. (2)). Margaret Hickey; Reading the French riots as.a sign of the times. (3). Parallels between Pete Hegseth and Machiavelli

Support the Catholic press and keep in touch with the Church. Buy and read a Catholic paper/magazine weekly!

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

BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL

This month's collection came to **€€2175**
Many thanks for your generous support.

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.

Do This in Memory Mass – for all the First Holy Communion children and their families will take place on next Saturday 14th November @ 6pm

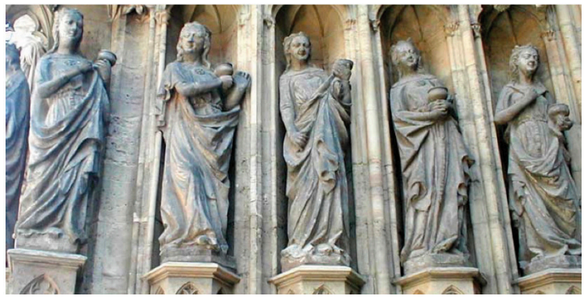
Confirmation Retreat for all the Sixth-Class Confirmation candidates will take place in Blackrock Parish Centre on Tuesday 17th November next.

Cork Methodist Church Join us for our **NOVEMBER FAIR**
Discover hidden treasures like clothes, toys, books, homemade cakes, country produce, houseplants and more!
Ardfallen Centre, Douglas, T12 VX20
Saturday, November 14th 10:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Donations on the door to the Alzheimer Society of Ireland
Tea, coffee, & lunches available

Reflections

1. While the parable has clear end-of-time applications, it can also be applied to any moment of grace. It reminds us that moments of grace come unexpectedly, and we need to be awake to receive them. Recall times when you were alert for such a moment. What were the consequences for you?
2. Grace can also be disturbing. We can be coasting along in life and suddenly an opportunity or a graced moment arrives and we are shaken out of our routine in order to respond. Perhaps you can recall both moments when you were unprepared and moments when you were able to respond. What lessons have you learned from such experiences?
3. We may be tempted to judge the wise virgins as being selfish for not sharing with the others, but perhaps Jesus is teaching us that there are some things that other people cannot provide for us. We have to acquire them ourselves. What qualities in life do you see as the essential oil that you must provide for yourself?

PRAYER
A lmighty and ever-living God, remove the obstacles that stand in our way, that unimpeded in body and soul, we may freely devote ourselves to your service.
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.



The 5 Wise Bridesmaids - Erfort Cathedral Pic. K. O'Mahony

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on **Tuesday 17th November 2026 at 7.30pm in the Fernhill House Hotel, Clonakilty.**
This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was. You do not need to register in advance.
To find out more call 01 4045378 or email info@anamcara.ie

IRISH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA
Saturday 21 November 2026, 19:30
ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH,
BLACKROCK, CORK



South-Korean pianist Yeol Eum Son directs the Irish Chamber Orchestra in a double bill of piano concertos by Mozart: No. 24 in C minor (KV 491) and No. 21 in C major (KV 467).
Tickets (€5 – €20) available online in advance and at the door (cash and card).

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



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

Thought for the day

To engage with today's readings, it might helpful to go back in your own mind to someone in your life whom you regard as really wise. When did you become aware of it? Have you benfited from it? If someone were to ask how would you recognise wisdom and what are its marks, what would you say? Have you learned from your encounters with wise people? Do you desire wisdom for yourself? Perhaps as parent or friend or family member or colleague. Do you nourish your hunger (!) for the qualities and attitudes which we associate with people who have learned from life?

PRAYER
All wise and loving God, the desire for you lies deep within us. Awaken us to the quest for true wisdom that by being true to ourselves we may come home to you, the source of all wisdom. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Kieran O'Mahony OSA

ENTRANCE – Be Not Afraid

You shall cross the barren desert
But you shall not die of thirst
You shall wander far in safety
Though you do not know the way
You shall speak your words to foreign men
And they will understand
You shall see the face of God and live

Chorus: Be not afraid
I go before you always
Come, follow me and I will give you rest

Blessed are your poor
For the kingdom shall be theirs
Blest are you that weep and mourn
For one day you shall laugh
And if wicked men insult and hate you
All because of me
Blessed, blessed are you

Chorus:

RECESSIONAL - 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

