St Michael's Parish, Blackrock

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15/11/2026

33rd 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

Kal Kieran Corkery.
Welcome to the Christian Family.



Deceased

Hilda Ryan. Meadowgrove.
Joan Fitzgerald. Ballinlough.
Donal Twomey. Willowbank.
Jack O'Riordan. Silverdale.
Oona Barry. Drumcora Mews.
Patrick (Pat) Connolly. Pine Court.
Frank McCarthy, Ballintemple
Rest in Peace



Prayerful Support –



There was a very large attendance at the Blessing of Graves in St. Michael's Cemetery on last Sunday afternoon. The weather was kind to us again this year. People and families from our own parish and wider community were joined by people from throughout the city and beyond to stand beside the graves of loved ones and pray the rosary for them. What struck me was the power of memory drawing people together and praying together. Secondly, this week there has been a lot of sadness in our parish with the celebration of eight Funeral Masses here in the church since last weekend. Again, people came in great numbers to each of these Funeral Masses. The sense of people quietly praying together was evident and profoundly appreciated by each bereaved family. While we can now share our condolences in many different ways, there is something very special about joining together to pray. May this tradition continue and endure. This weekend we pray for all those who have died recently and we pray God's comfort for their families. May those who have died now rest in the peace of the Lord. - Fr. Michael

Baptisms - while the past week involved much sadness in our parish, there was also the joy of seven baptisms celebrated in the church this Saturday. These celebrations bring great joy, happiness and hope. May the Lord bless the newly baptised children, their proud families and our parish. – Fr. Michael

Do This in Memory Mass – for all the First Holy Communion children and their families will take place on this 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.

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

Diocesan Youth Ministry Annual Collection – will be taken up as the second collection at Masses this weekend.

Fr. Michael 085 8735905 frmichael@corkandross.org

A brief introduction on Sunday's readings

First Reading (Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31)
Praises the resourceful, diligent woman of strength whose daily, steadfast work and care for the poor bear lasting fruit.
Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 128:1-5)
Celebrates the blessing of those who walk in God's ways and enjoy the fruits of their honest labour.
Second Reading (1 Thessalonians 5:1-6)
Warns the community not to be caught asleep in the dark, calling them instead to stay awake, sober, and alert as "children of the light."
Gospel (Matthew 25:14-30)
The Parable of the Talents, in which a master entrusts his wealth to his servants, rewarding those who invest and grow what they were given, while condemning the fearful servant who buries his single talent out of cowardice and inertia.

The Papers Say.....

Irish Catholic. (1). Munster players wore miraculous medals in anniversary match. -- given to them by Olive, Anthony Foley's widow. (2). David Quinn: First Brand duped secular liberals and then he duped Christians. (3). Roisin Coll: When faith fills a home, even death looks different. (4). Inis San Martin: Pope Leo's visit to a divided Argentina still reckoning with Pope Francis's legacy. (5). Fr. Robert Mc.Namara: Our Lady an example for teenagers and parents alike
Tablet 05/11. 1. 'Open wide the doors' The burgeoning number of visitors attracted to the Basilica of St Peter in Rome is creating challenges as well as opportunities for the Vatican - Joanna Moorhead. 2. An argument we are going to lose : To fail to prepare for a future in which assisted dying becomes legalised will put vulnerable people at even greater risk of harmful consequences. - Mike Craven
Tablet 12/11 1. 'The Pope is Peruvian' – Lima welcomes Leo on historic night. 2. There are lessons for everybody in the results of the midterm elections in the United States, not least that democracy is not only precious but vulnerable and needs protecting. 3. Pope must recognise 'systemic' causes of abuse, says German bishop.

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.

FUTURE WORLDS UNDER CLIMATE CHANGE
Professor Emiterius in Geography, UCC PROF ROBERT DEVOY
In the spirit of George Boole, a pioneering mathematician, Prof. Devoy will give a public talk on climate change and the use of computer modelling on 7pm Wed 25 November 2026
St Michael's Church of Ireland, Blackrock, T12 KT68
Refreshments will be provided afterwards.

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.

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

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1. A gift given in love, is given to be enjoyed, treasured, and used. Through fear, one servant failed to recognise the loving trust being shown to him and buried the talent. When have you found that overcoming fear helped you to make the most of opportunities in life?
2. On the level of our own personal life, faith is not given to us to be locked away, but to be "traded" with. We trade with it when we believe in its value, trust it, and use it, bringing it into the experiences we have in daily life. Can you recall times when relying on your faith has brought you rewards?
3. Likewise with our own personal gifts and talents. We can fall into the trap of seeing these as our personal possession so that we can do with them as we like, rather than share them as gifts so that they can be multiplied. What is your experience of hoarding or sharing your own gifts? When did you feel most alive?
4.Pope Francis in his letter The Joy of the Gospel wrote, "I invite everyone to be bold and creative in this task of rethinking the goals, structures, style and methods of evangelisation in their respective communities. ... The important thing is to not walk alone, but to rely on each other as brothers and sisters." EG (33)
How is your parish responding to this call?

PRAYER
O God, from whose own abundance, all gifts and skills are lavishly bestowed, encourage us to use our talents as generously as you have allotted them, so that, being faithful to your purpose,we may become sharers in your glory.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



Christmas Voices • Sunday 29th November, 7.30pm • St. Michael's Church, Blackrock
The Cork International Choral Festival's much-loved Christmas concert is returning to Blackrock! Join us for a magical evening of beautiful choral music, featuring wonderful soloists Siomha Marron and Andrew Lane, alongside fantastic choirs from across Cork.
Featuring: Viva Voce, Douglas Harmonia Singers, Cór Lae Nua CADA Performing Arts
Tickets are €26 and are on sale now at www.corkchoral.ie.
This popular event is always quick to sell out, so don't miss your chance to be part of it.

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).

Thought for the day

What does God desire of us? This simple question is perhaps not asked frequently enough! It can be made quite personal: what does God want of me, from me? In the end, the answer has to be—in the words of the song—"all that I am," precisely because God loves all that I am. This will mean allowing ourselves to be loved. It will also mean responding with my whole self, including all the gifts of body, mind and soul that God has bestowed upon me. In the end, God does hope that we may be and become our true selves. Nothing less is adequate to God's own love for us.

PRAYER
We are truly grateful to you, God our creator and redeemer, for your many gifts. We ask your help that we may use all you have given us for your glory and for the good of our neighbour.
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 - 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.
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee:
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.

