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

Mass Times

Sundays: 9 am & 11 am
Saturday Vigil: 6.00 pm
Tuesday & Friday: 9.30 am



Fr Colin Doocey Adm. Pro Tem

Recently Deceased

Con Griffin, McGrath Park

May the light of heaven surround him always.



The Annual Collection for the Priesthood Education Fund

in the Diocese will be take up on weekending 24th/25th September. This year 2 new students will begin their studies for the Diocese of Cork and Ross at Valladolid in Spain and another candidate will begin studies for Permanent Diaconate. The Priesthood Education Fund will finance their studies as well as costs for ongoing training and education of priests. In the region of €110,000 will be needed to meet these costs in the coming year. Last year €34,364 was raised in this collection so you are invited to be generous to the Priesthood Education Collection this year. Thank you.

The SMA Novena in honour of St. Therese will begin on Friday 23rd September at St. Joseph's SMA Church Blackrock Road, Cork City and will finish on the feast of St. Therese on 1st. October 2022. The Novena will be celebrated each evening at 7.30pm (except Sat. 24th @ 7.00pm). for information please contact:-
SMA Blackrock Road at 021 4292871
SMA Wilton at 021 4541069

BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Monthly Church Gate collection will take place on
w/e October 1st & 2nd 2022
Your support as always, is greatly appreciated.

Anam Cara Cork, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding it's monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on **Wednesday 5th October at 7:15pm in the Clayton Hotel, Silver Springs, Cork City.** This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. We also offer an online service. For more info call 01 4045378



Gougane Sunday 2022

The annual pilgrimage in honour of St. Finbarr will take place on Sunday the 25th of September (the feast day of St. Finbarr). The rosary will be recited at 2:30pm and Mass will be celebrated by Most Rev. Fintan Gavin, Bishop of Cork and Ross at 3pm. This year marks the 120th anniversary of the dedication of St. Finbarr's Oratory, Gougane Barra. The Oratory built in 1900, opened in 1901 and dedicated on the 15th of August 1902. Among those present on that day was Pádraig Pearse who was on a cycling tour of Ireland at the time.

WHAT THE PAPERS SAY...

Irish Catholic. (1). Fr. Billy Seán: Is it time for a parish mission? (2) Irish MEP blasted over 'reckless' claims on jailed Nicaraguan bishop. (3). Social media like Instagram and Tiktok are allowing the occult to spread and mutate as never before says Esmeralda Partridge (4) Women religious lament 'constant battering' by the Irish media

Catholic Voice. (1). Anthony Murphy: NCCA — Specification for a new Curriculum. (2). Fr. Peter Stravinskis: Liturgical Reform. (3). Pregnant woman with terminal cancer miraculously cured — 'This baby saved my life'. (4) Richard N. Greene: Counselling from a Catholic perspective

Synodal Times. (1). On a level playing field? The German synodal experiment (2) Diarmuid O'Murchu: Crisis of Faith in the 21st. Century. (3) Brandon Scott: Peril in Poland as synodal report exposes friction between laity and clergy

Tablet of 17/9. Articles on Queen Elizabeth II include. (1) Mary Kenny: The Queen and the Shamrock. (2) Ian Bradley: Queen anchored by faith. (3) Christopher Howse: The idea of queen and pauper together in paradise does not lack emotional power

PRAYER FOR THE SYNOD

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.

All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever.
Amen.

St Padre Pio Group of Our Lady of the Rosary, Ardfoyle, Blackrock will be recommencing on Wednesday 28th September. We meet on the last Wednesday of every month at 19.45 hrs for Rosary and 20.0hrs for MASS
ALL WELCOME

The Synodal Times.
Ireland's Synodal pathway is ongoing and The Synodal Times has 32 pages of news, analysis and commentary to break down what the synod is and what it means for the future of the Irish Church. In the September issue, now available in the church, it discusses Ireland's crisis of faith and how we can solve ongoing concerns.

Observations

The parable of the rich man and Lazarus continues Luke's teaching on the Christian attitude to wealth and possessions. This time, the point is made, not by a rogue such as the dishonest manager, but by a poor man, who is sick and alone. His name means "God is my help." As the parable is unique to Luke, it is most likely from his hand, illustrating his concerns in his own typical vocabulary. The powerful irony of the last line of the Gospel will be lost on no one: "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."

In this way, Luke manages a "hat trick": to give wisdom teaching (about possessions), to proclaim the resurrection and to remind us that the roots of Christianity lie in Judaism. At once, very Lucan and very contemporary.



Cork Scripture Group

4 Monday nights of October: To appreciate *Women in our Scripture and our Tradition* (Marian Mortell, Lorna Downey and Rosalie Moloney) and Saturday workshop on *Biblical Roots of Women's Leadership* with Fainche Ryan (Loyola Institute, Trinity College). Cost €50.
To book a place please email corksripturegroup@gmail.com

BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL
Fr. Colin 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.

Thought for the day

Irony and sarcasm somewhat resemble each other, with some notable differences. Sarcasm, easily enough achieved, is often wounding. On the other hand, irony, using "cognitive dissonance," prompts insight and triggers memories. There is a good example in today's Gospel: "if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." Will they really? By the time of writing, Jesus himself had already risen—and still conversion was as remote as ever. With all our convictions and doctrines, what is holding us back?

Prayer

God of all life, you have given us the greatest assurance of your love in raising Jesus from death. Help us to live every day from your reassuring love.

K O'Mahony OSA

Reflections

1. The first of the faults attributed to the rich man is his insensitivity to the abject poverty of those around him. When have you discovered that it is when you are aware of the needs of those around you and seek to make some response that you bring out the best in yourself?
2. The second fault attributed to the rich man is the way he ignored the word of God coming through Moses and the prophets. How have the gospels, the scriptures or your faith opened you up to a deeper and more satisfying perspective on life?
3. Some people look to the spectacular for a sign of God's presence and action. For Jesus, the lessons we need are not to be sought in the spectacular, but in the ordinary things of everyday life. Where have you found sacraments of God's presence in the world around you?

PRAYER

O God of justice, hear our cry and save us. Make us heed your word to the prophets; rouse us to the demand of the gospel and impel us to carry it out.
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.

PARISH DEFIBRILLATORS

There are now 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**

