

### Mass Times

**Sundays:** 9 am & 11 am

**Saturday Vigil:** 6.00 pm

**Tuesday & Friday:** 9.30 am

Fr. Michael Keohane Co-PP



### Wedding

Congratulations to **David Healy and Deborah**

**Brett** who were married in our Church on 9th.

May, 2024.

Fr. Cian O'Sullivan officiated.



### Baptism

**Oleksa (Alex) Tsabak.**

Welcome to the Christian Family.



### Pentecost

There are times when we struggle to know what to do or how to respond to something. It might be a seemingly impossible decision or how to give an answer to someone in the family. Where do I look for guidance and support? On Pentecost Sunday we see where to turn. There is another person to whom we can turn and that is to call on the spirit of God, the presence of the Risen Jesus Christ.



Trust and believe in the Spirit of God today. When you pray, you will get a peace and calm that will surprise you. You will get a consolation in your worry and sadness. These are not just words but the experience of many people. That is the Advocate, what is often described as the 'balm' of the Holy Spirit. It is real and it does work. May the Risen Lord bless you and comfort with the Spirit of His presence.

Fr. Michael  
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### First Holy Communions

Congratulations and every blessing to the children from **Scoil Barra Naofa Cailini** who received their Holy Communion this Saturday 18th May. May God bless the children, their families, their school and our parish.

The children from Scoil Ursula and St. Michael's will receive their First Holy Communion next Saturday 25th May @ 11am.

On next Sunday 26th May, the children from all schools who have received their First Holy Communion this year are invited to the 11am Mass as part of their Do This in Memory Parish Programme. We all look forward to that.

### Mission Awareness

Welcome to the Spiritan Fathers This weekend priests from the Spiritan Fathers are speaking at Masses in both Blackrock and Mahon Parishes as part of the annual mission awareness programme in the Diocese of Cork and Ross.

### 98th Cork Eucharistic Procession

Eucharistic Procession 2024 will take place next Sunday 26th May departing the Cathedral at 3pm, crossing the river over the Christy Ring Bridge and concluding at Ss. Peter and Paul's Church with Rosary and Benediction. Blackrock parish will join in the Procession behind our Parish banner from the Cathedral. If you can help with the banner you might contact Fr. Michael (085 8735905)

### A brief introduction on Sunday's readings

**First reading Acts 2:1-11**

This symbolic tableau gathers together many experiences of the outpouring of the Spirit. As we hear it, we open ourselves afresh to the same life-giving gift.

**Second reading Galatians 5:16-25**

It has sometimes been irreverently remarked that God wants spiritual fruits and not religious nuts! Our reading describes the fruits of the Spirit—and we should see ourselves portrayed therein.

**Gospel John 15:26-27; 16:12-15**

The Gospel of John offers a very particular understanding of the role of the Holy Spirit: it is nothing less than to make lives in the hearts and lives of believers the great events that gave us new life Christ.

### The Papers Say.....

**Tablet of 11/5.** (1) The revival conundrum. — There are signs of recovery and new growth across parishes in Britain - yet there is no evidence that the steady fall in Mass attendance is being reversed. A leading socialist examines the apparent paradox. (2). Generation Gap — The age of depression. (3). USA: Word on Fire 'not Trumpists'

**Tablet of 4/5.** (1) There is a growing population in Northern Ireland. with no faith alignment. (2). Austin Iverigh: A slow learner cares for creation - Hanging by a thread. (3). Gaza — Cardinal Pizzaballa voices fears over lasting damage to the young.

**Irish Catholic.** (1). Future in Ireland will be ten dioceses or less says church expert. (2). New document from the Vatican on apparitions and miracles. — It is long overdue to tackle the false prophets, writes Mike Lewis. (3). Breda O'Brien: Teaching of Catholic faith so watered down in schools that it is completely ineffective (4). Bambie Thug and her song feature in four articles.

**Sacred heart Messenger.** (1) Fr. Peter McVerry SJ: The Good Samaritan. (2). Sr. Stan: Homelessness among women. (3). The Sacred Heart Novena from 30 May to 7 June.

### MARIAN PARK GROTTO

The Annual Mass will take place at Marian Park Grotto on next Friday 24th. May at 7 p.m.

The Rosary will be recited at 6.30 p.m.

All welcome.



### TROCAIRE:

The total sum received via the Trocaire Boxes distributed in Lent was €2,825.00 This amount has been deposited with Trocaire on your behalf. We thank you for your generosity.



**Anam Cara West Cork** the organisation that supports bereaved

parents, is holding a Parent Evening on **Tuesday**

**21st May at 7:20pm in the Fernhill House**

**Hotel, Clonakilty, P85 X322.** This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents. We also offer a free online monthly support meeting. For further information please contact us on 085 288 8888 or [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie)



### Observations

Within the Catholic world, the Second Vatican Council has often been referred to as an experience of Pentecost. It was indeed new: this council was not called to condemn a heresy or to pronounce anathemas. Instead, it was a positive engagement with the world as it then was and was also highly ecumenical. There was a sense of excitement at the totally new approach, a feeling that the Spirit was active again.

Pope Francis's ministry is marked by new ways of engaging with the world and with the reality of church. Not least among them is synodality, something which is both old and new at the same time. It is old — synods have always been held at different levels, local, national and, more rarely, universal.

But this time it is also refreshingly new. The whole approach is characterised by a listening to the Spirit, by all the members of the church, not just the ordained. We have experienced a vast, world-wide consultation of all church members. There are new levels of participation. In parishes, anyone who wished to be involved could be involved. At the universal level, there is the new experience of some 70 lay participants with voting rights, half of whom are women.

It is all a bit like Vatican II.2 or even Vatican III. Once more we are engaging with the world as we find it and asking ourselves how we — the community of faith — can "be" so as to serve best the Good News in our time. We are aware, too, that the Holy Spirit may very well be ahead of us — at least we hope so. Come, Holy Spirit!!

### Reflections

1. Jesus recognised that his disciples were not capable of taking in everything at once. Wisdom about life comes slowly and sometimes painfully. Hearing the 'right' answer at the 'wrong' time does not help us. We need to be ready and open to receiving the truth if it is to have any impact. Perhaps you can recall some occasions when it was the 'right' time for you to learn a truth about life. Remember your experiences of growing in understanding and truth.

2. Perhaps the Spirit guided you through the words of someone close to you, or through the words and actions of people you read about or saw on TV. Understanding may have come to you when you were praying or reflecting on your life. Remember and give thanks for the people who have helped you to greater wisdom in life.

3. Jesus said the Spirit would 'glorify' him by reminding the disciples of Jesus' own teaching. To whom do you give glory by taking their wisdom and incorporating it in your life? Are there people who give you glory by using your wise advice in their lives?

4. Wisdom is handed on from person to person, and from generation to generation, within families, within communities, etc. Are there any particular gems of wisdom that you cherish from what has been handed on to you? What wisdom would you like most of all to pass on to those close to you?

### PRAYER

Send down, O God, upon your people the flame of your Holy Spirit, and fill with the abundance of your sevenfold gift the Church you brought forth from your Son's pierced side.

May your life-giving Spirit lend fire to our words and strength to our witness. Send us forth to the nations of the world to proclaim with boldness your wondrous work of raising Jesus from the dead. Amen.

**The Remembrance Mass** in St. Michael's Cemetery will be celebrated on Wednesday 26th June @ 7.30pm.

### LOUGH DERG - 4 day Pilgrimage 2024

Leaves Cork Friday 7th June at 9am. Returning Monday 10th June. Booking & Information Ph. Paddy 021 4502572

### Thought for the day

It is often forgotten that Pentecost is first of all a Jewish feast, actually a harvest festival. That sense of "in gathering" is also a theme of our Christian Pentecost, as we see the beginning of the church. By the time of Jesus, Shavuot—to give it its Hebrew name—also marked the giving of the Law on Mount Sinai. This also fits our Christian Shavuot as long as we recall that Law, Torah, meant instruction and indeed a whole way of life under God's grace and guidance. It was always interior and the descent of the Holy Spirit takes this inner reality to new levels.

### Prayer

Send, O Father, the Holy Spirit of your Son into our lives and communities. May the joy we know in the Spirit help us to be joyful bearers of the Good News to our contemporaries.

K O'Mahony OSA

### EASTER CREED

Do you believe in God, Source and incarnating power of the immense cosmic space and time, who personally knows and cares about each person in the small and most intimate moments of our lives? **I do.**

Do you believe in God who is intensely personal, Taking flesh in fathers, but is much more than fathers, Taking flesh in mothers, but is much more than mothers, who is ultimately MYSTERY and before whom we must stand wordless and in awe? **I do.**

Do you believe in the divinely human Jesus, born of Mary, Who emerged from among us to open our eyes to the presence of God working in all creation? **I do.**

Do you believe in Jesus as the special revelation of our knowledge of God, Who sometimes used images of women and men, birds and trees, seeds and weeds to help us sense the incredible power and earthy intimacy of God's love? **I do.**

Do you believe in Jesus who from the cross in agony found the strength to love and forgive those who betrayed, tortured, reviled and executed him, And who rose to offer comfort, love, forgiveness and hope And to entrust his mission to us? **I do.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit of God working in and through creation to forgive and comfort, heal and rebuild Communities of hope and love in universal solidarity? **I do.**

Do you believe that you are a part of this community in Christ's Spirit, called every day to spread this hope and comfort in rebuilding our communities, our Church, our nation, our world? **I do.**

We, in and of your immense universe of cosmic time and space, give you our deepest thanks, our Loving God, through Christ our Lord and in the Living Spirit. Amen.

### Christ is Risen, He is Truly Risen! Alleluia!

### Cursillo walk: Cork to Knock route

Tue July 16th - 21st. Approx 23 miles (37kms) per day. Mass daily, rosary, divine mercy chaplet & fellowship each day. Contact [corktoknock@gmail.com](mailto:corktoknock@gmail.com) to sign up for the full walk, a day or a stage. Walks also leaving from Dublin, Belfast & Derry: all converging to arrive in Knock.