

Mass Times

Sundays: 9 am & 11 am
Saturday Vigil: 6.00 pm
Tuesday & Friday: 9.30 am
Fr. Michael Keohane Co-PP



Baptism

Tom Aodh Kearney.
Jacob Owen Madden..
Welcome to the Christian Family.



Recently Deceased

Pat Howick, Clover Lawn
May the light of God surround him forever



Trinity Sunday

This weekend we celebrate Trinity Sunday and the first reading at Mass for this is beautiful. Was ever a word more majestic? It goes on, 'understand this today and take it to heart'. Our faith in God is crucial because it reaches our heart and guides our lives.



We see unspeakable suffering in the world and appear to have no response. There are many tragedies happening that are inexplicable. Our faith is not irrelevant or peripheral as we struggle with these things. It helps us.

The Word of God endures in good times and in difficulty. It is not arrogant more of an inner assurance that God is with us. Listen to the concluding words of the gospel today; 'know that I am with you always, yes to the end of time'. Be gently reassured that we are in the right place listening to these words and experiencing communion that is at the heart of the Trinity.

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Ice Cream Sunday

Welcome to all the children who received their First Holy Communion this year and their families to their *Do This in Memory Mass on Sunday @ 11am.*

Thanks to the volunteer parents who helped arrange these Masses throughout the year. May God bless the children, their families and especially our parish this weekend and always. An Ice Cream Van will be here after 11.00 Mass this Sunday. Please join us when we will have refreshing goodies outside the parish centre!!



CONNECT Summer BBQ

There will be a special CONNECT Summer BBQ for young adults aged 18 - 35 years on **Thursday June 6th at 7pm** in Mardyke House (T12 W8RP).

It is a wonderful opportunity to meet other young people from across the Diocese of Cork and Ross. The evening will include food, fellowship, music and much more. There is a nominal fee of €8. To register simply go to eventbrite.ie and search for "CONNECT BBQ". Please do spread the word. *Come yourself and invite a friend.*

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 Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40
There are wonderful questions put in this reading. You might be tempted to think it all belongs to the remote and distant past, but does it really? If you were asked today the same questions, that is to check your experience of "God-with-you", how would you reply?

Second reading Romans 8:14-17
Like the first reading, this short passage from St Paul is asking us to notice our experience: How do you pray? What happens when you pray? What does that say about who you are before God? This short reading goes to the very heart of the matter.

Gospel Matthew 28:16-20
As parents and teachers are well aware, handing on the faith today is a real challenge and many feel themselves to have failed. St Matthew teaches that handing on the faith is very much part of being a believer, so calling and task remain. At the same time, we should not lose heart because we are not alone: Know that I am with you always, yes, to the end of time.

The Papers Say.....

Irish Catholic. (1). Wendy Grace: The 'birthgap' is something that we can no longer continue to ignore. We must start speaking. - our survival depends on it. (2). David Quinn: Yet another proposal to further weaken marriage. (3). Elections 2024 —. Using every preference on the ballot paper to deliver change on the pro-life issue.

Tablet. (1). Gaza. — A time for the healing of wounds must come. (2) Papal interview to show on US prime-time television. (3). Mary's Meals —. Charity 'shows how to transform children's lives'. (4). 10,000 young people join Southwark rosary even.

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Congratulations and every blessing to the children from Scoil Ursula and St. Michael's who celebrated their First Holy Communion this Saturday 25th May.

Thank You

Fr. Amandus from the Spiritan Order has been in touch to say thanks for the warm Blackrock Parish welcome last weekend and your contributions to the Spiritan Order.

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

Cork Alzheimers Café a safe place for people with Alzheimers and other dementias, their carers, family and friends along with social and health professionals to meet.



Last Friday of each month 11- 12.30 pm in St Finbarrs Hospital, Douglas Road.

Light refreshments provided free of charge. All welcome.

Friday 31st May - Next meeting

Art Therapy Session with Gillian Cussen from Crawford Art Gallery

FIRST FRIDAY EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT On Friday 7th June 2024

There are sheets on the tables in the Church where Parishioners can indicate the times most suitable for them to be present. We would like that there would be at least 2 people present for each period. If there are vacant periods we would appreciate volunteers to fill these times by putting their names on the list.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION.

If you would like to receive a weekly commentary on the Weekly Scripture Readings, both in AUDIO, VIDEO and in PDF, please log on to www.tarsus.ie and register to receive the emails.

Observations

The great season of Eastertide is now over and we move back into Ordinary Time, starting with Trinity Sunday — a doctrinal feast and a challenge to us all, hearers and preachers. The feast is both daunting and delightful.

Sometimes an image or a picture is a great help. One of the most remarkable images of the Trinity is the familiar one painted by Andrei Rublev in the fifteenth century. Its full title is the Old Testament Trinity, inspired by the hospitality of Abraham in Genesis 18. It is justly famous and often reproduced.



As you look at this icon, the perfectly loving union of the three is evident. What is also apparent is the invitation to us, the beholders, to enter into that communion. That is what we really celebrate today.

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

Reflections

1. Jesus meets the disciples for the last time. His final words give them direction for their future. Perhaps you can recall such parting moments in your own life – leaving home, school, college, or the death of a loved one. Was there an occasion when the words spoken to you gave you direction for the future?

2. Perhaps you can identify with Jesus in the story, when as a parent, teacher, or in some other way you sent someone on his/her way in life, knowing that you would not be with him or her as in the past. When did the way you parted help the other to make his or her way in life?

3. Despite this extraordinary encounter with Jesus some of the disciples doubted. Dealing with questions and doubt is part of an adult faith journey. How have your questions and doubts helped to shape the faith you have today?

4. Jesus commissioned this collection of believing and doubting disciples to carry on his work. We inherit that mission today. How do you see yourself as commissioned to continue the mission of Jesus?

5. Jesus told his disciples that although he would not be physically with them he would be with them in a new way right through life. Have there been times when you were reassured by the love and support of another even though s/he was not physically present with you? What are the things that help you to be aware of the presence of Jesus with you on life's journey?

PRAYER

God our Father you have given us a share in the life that is yours with your Son and the Holy Spirit. Strengthen that life within your Church, that we may know your presence, observe your commands, and proclaim the gospel to every nation.

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.

BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Church Gate collection will take place on **Week ending 1/2 June 2024**

Your support as always is greatly appreciated.

Thought for the day

When people struggle to believe in God at all, our Christian faith in God as Trinity may seem somehow a needless complication. Yet, we do know that relationships and relationality stand at the heart of our human wellbeing. Words do fail us, of course, and yet we know that God in God's own very being is Love. This inner love (the "immanent Trinity") has been spoken and told, disclosed and revealed in Jesus and the Spirit (the "economic Trinity"). And yet, we affirm one God. This evident paradox must first of all be lived in prayer and only then haltingly alluded to in stumbling words.

Prayer

Father, ground of our being, we know and believe that you are Love itself. Help us let ourselves be embraced by your Love, as we follow Jesus and live by the gift of his Spirit to us all. K O'Mahony OSA

Entrance – Bring Flowers of the Rarest

Bring flowers of the rarest, Bring blossoms the fairest
From garden and woodland and hillside and dale;
Our full hearts are swelling, our glad voices telling
The praise of the loveliest flower of the vale

[Chorus]

*O Mary, we crown thee with blossoms today
Queen of the Angels, And Queen of the May
O Mary, we crown thee with blossoms today
Queen of the Angels, And Queen of the May*

Their lady, they name thee, Their mistress, proclaim thee
Ah, grant that thy children on earth be as true
As long as the bowers are radiant with flowers
As long as the azure shall keep its bright hue

(Chorus)

Recessional – Christ Be Beside Me

Christ be beside me, Christ be before me,
Christ be behind me, King of my heart.
Christ be within me, Christ be below me,
Christ be above me, never to part.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,
Christ all around me, shield in the strife.
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,
Christ in my rising, light of my heart.

Christ be in all hearts thinking about me,
Christ be on all tongues telling of me.
Christ be the vision in eyes that see me,
In ears that hear me Christ ever be

PARISH DEFIBRILLATORS

There are 2 Defibrillators located in the Parish,
one in the village & one outside Murphy's Circle K
PetrolStation. The code to operate both is 2017

Sunday Cuppa continues in the Parish
Centre after 11 am mass on **2nd June** for
tea and refreshments and more chat!
Cheaper than the Village!!
Everyone welcome!

