

Mass Times

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



Recently Deceased

Nicola Murray-Roberts. Fermoy/Blackrock.
 May the light of God surround her forever



Looking Ahead



We have reached the Feast of Corpus Christi and the June Bank Holiday weekend. Thank God for the lovely weather this weekend. We have been looking forward to this during the dark days of winter and early Spring and we struggled to see the sunshine for all the parish celebrations of Confirmation and First Holy Communion in recent weeks.

As we begin the month of June, here are a few things that have taken place or will do so in the coming weeks.

Cork Eucharistic Procession – this was very well attended last weekend. Banners from both Blackrock and Mahon Parishes were prominent and there was a good representation from both parishes.

Examinations – We will pray at Masses this weekend and the coming weekdays for our young people undertaking the state examinations in the coming days. May God bless them all and their families.

Do This in Memory Mass – This Mass was very well attended last Sunday @ 11am Mass. There was a lovely atmosphere in the church and it was so encouraging to see and hear the children and their families. The ice creams went down a treat as well after Mass. Thanks to all involved.

Church Lighting – this work was completed during the past week. The ceiling and sanctuary lighting has been upgraded thanks to your ongoing generosity in the regular church maintenance collections. There is always work to be done and your support ensures that these things can be done.

Parish Council Formation - The office of Mission and Ministry in the diocese has supported this over the last three weeks. A further formation session will be arranged for Blackrock Parish in the autumn. Thanks to those who have generously offered to get involved in the parish council. Furthermore, in the autumn, we will be seeking help to refresh our parish ministries of Word and Eucharist as well as re-introducing the ministry of Altar Servers.

Remembrance Mass - in St. Michael's Cemetery on Wednesday 26th June next.

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A brief introduction on Sunday's readings

First reading Exodus 24:3-8
 At every Mass we here the words "the blood of the new and eternal covenant" and we may wonder what such words might mean. Part of the background is in today's first reading, when the people of Israel commit themselves to the covenant and the commandments using basins (!) of blood. The link between liturgy and life, worship and discipleship could not be clearer.

Second reading Hebrews 9:11-15
 Our reading comes from the long and carefully argued Letter to the Hebrews. It teaches that Jesus' death was not simply a better version of the old priesthood but that he replaced it with an altogether different kind of priesthood. The "quantum" shift is that Jesus can help us precisely because he is like us and not because he is different from us.

Gospel Mark 14:12-16, 22-26
 As we listen, notice the important line about not drinking the cup until he drinks it "new in the Kingdom of God." This makes the vital link between the proclamation of Jesus and his destiny. Ultimately, his destiny was also part of the coming of the Kingdom of God.

The Papers Say.....

Tablet of 25/5. (1). The abortion debate in the UK. - Taking a stance for life. (2). Polish priests held in Belarus. (3). Irish Church focuses on women in synod feedback. —Groups and dioceses articulate a tension between inclusion and exclusion. (4). Andrew Pierce: Adoption. — A secret son finds his mother (see also Mary Kenny in the Irish Catholic)
Irish Catholic. (1) Roman Mullen: We need courageous political candidates. (2). Bishop Donal Roche: Laity must accept overburdened priests need time off. (3). US Catholic group sues President Biden for banning annual Cemetery Mass. (4). Harrison Butker (of Kansas City Chiefs(and JP !! On the dignity and vocation of women.

Evening of Thanksgiving and Nourishment for Diocesan Alpha Groups: The Office for Mission and Ministry is hosting a gathering for Diocesan Alpha Groups on Thursday, June 13th, 2024, from 7.15pm to 9.00pm in the Visitors' Centre of the Cathedral of St. Mary and St. Anne. This invitation is extended to those who run Alpha, those who have attended Alpha and those who are considering running Alpha in the next year. Light refreshments will be provided. Please RSVP by contacting the Office for Mission and Ministry at 021-7355517 or through our online Contact Form: <https://corkandross.org/office-for-mission-and-ministry>



Pictured at Marian Park Grotto for the Annual Mass were Members of the organising Committee I-r Denis Kidney, Jackie Peddler Padraig Moore, Chairman Cllr. Terry Shannon, Lord Mayor Cllr Kieran Mc Carthy, Cathrine Dorney, Fr.Michael Keohane and Gerry Quirke. pic George Hatchell

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

If you read through the Gospel of Luke and count the number of meals, it emerges that, in that Gospel, Jesus dines out twice as frequently as in Mark or Matthew. This is not just the Gospel writer: meals were an important expression of the Kingdom of God for Jesus himself. There are two ways of looking at this: Firstly, meals form part of a wider repertoire of "prophetic actions" — dramatic illustrations of the message of a prophet. There are many in the Old Testament / the Hebrew Bible — the inspiration for Jesus the prophet. The most frequent prophetic action is meals but with a special name: "open table-fellowship." Secondly, open table-fellowship meant Jesus ate with people you were not supposed to eat with — tax-collectors, prostitutes and sinners — outsiders generally. Open table-fellowship made some of his co-religionists feel distinctly uneasy: all are hungry, all are welcome, there is no distinction.

Reflections

1. The symbolic gesture of Jesus at the Last Supper symbolised the offering of himself that he would make on Calvary, giving his life for others. Sometimes we also are called to give our lives for others. We can do this grudgingly or with a generous heart. What difference has it made for you when you were able to give yourself freely?
2. In his encyclical letter Deus Caritas Est, Pope Benedict XVI wrote, "A Eucharist which does not pass over into the concrete practice of love is essentially fragmented." What has helped you to be aware of the importance of the link between the Eucharist and your lifestyle?
3. Jesus involved his disciples both in the preparation for the Last Supper and in its celebration. Recall times when you had a heightened awareness of participation and involvement in the Mass. What helped to give you this awareness? Are there lessons from these experiences that you can bring with you to the Sunday Mass?

Anam Cara Cork, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding it's monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on **Wednesday 5th June at 7:15pm in the Maryborough Hotel, Maryborough Hill, Douglas, T12 XR12.** 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



On the 7th of June our church celebrates the Diamond anniversary of its consecration in 1964.

The construction of the church followed a tragic fire which destroyed the previous church in 1962 and was an extraordinary effort by the people of Blackrock and should still stand as an inspiration to us all - only two years after the fire, this church was consecrated following an incredible community effort which raised €112k (€15m in today's value).

Many of us will recall the extensive celebrations to mark the Golden Jubilee of the consecration in 2014 which was led by the priests of the parish, Canon's Tadhg Ó Mathúna and Kieran Twomey. Unfortunately, Canon Twomey died in 2019, however, Canon Tadhg continues to live among in our midst.



Today we remember all those who have supported the construction of the church and those who worshipped in the church during the 60 years since it was consecrated.

To celebrate the occasion, we will serve refreshments after 11 am mass on 9th June. All welcome for get together and a chat.

Thought for the day

Hospitality is deeply embedded in human nature and to say someone is hospitable is a welcome compliment. It is no accident that Jesus made use of table fellowship to give people a concrete experience of the indiscriminate love and universal compassion of God. When we celebrate the Lord's Supper, we experience again that proclamation of the Kingdom. We join our prayer with the prayer of Jesus and the great events of salvation are made present in our time and place. Welcomed as we have been, it is our calling then to show the same love and compassion in our daily lives.

Prayer

God of welcome and compassion: we thank you the Holy Eucharist, in which we know again your love and compassion. Help us to become what we have received. Amen.
 K O'Mahony OSA

Entrance – 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. CHORUS: Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee etc.

No Recessional



Members of Blackrock and Holy Cross Parishes at the Eucharistic Procession.

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.



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.



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!