

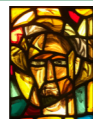
Mass Times

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



Recently Deceased

Mary O'Donovan. Marble Hall Park.
 May the light of God surround her forever



Celebrating 60 Years of Faith, Parish and Community



This weekend, we mark the 60th anniversary of St. Michael's Church. This is a special place in the hearts and lives of so many people. We are blessed with a beautiful church which is at the centre of our lives and community in times of celebration and sadness. Above all, this is a place of prayer where we can be in the company of one another and in the presence of God.

May God bless our church and parish. We remember those who have died and who have voluntarily given their gifts, talents and precious time to our beloved church. May they all now rest in the peace of the Lord.

Fr. Michael

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Late Michelle (Shelley) deFoubert Shine

Blackrock Parish extends prayerful sympathies to the family of the late Michelle de Foubert Shine. Shelley shared her wonderful musical gifts and joyful presence with us each Saturday evening as she conducted our Parish Folk Group. She brought joy and happiness to every celebration and will be sadly missed by our Folk Group and the wider parish.

Above all, she will be missed by her beloved family. Michelle is dearly loved wife of David, dearly loved mother of Adèle, Elena and Alex, adored grandmother of William, Aimee and Kyla. May she rest in the peace of the Lord.

Examinations – We will continue to pray at Masses for all the young people currently completing the state examinations. May God bless them all and their families.

Remembrance Mass - in St. Michael's Cemetery on Wednesday 26th June @ 7.30pm.

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

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Church Gate collection last weekend came to €1790
 Many thanks for your generous continued support.

A brief introduction on Sunday's readings

First Reading Genesis 3:9-15

In a symbolic way, this very ancient reading explores the human experience of losing innocence and entering the adult world of temptation and sin, death and evil.

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Paul did not find it easy to be an apostle and yet he had vision and an inner source of strength. Today, we can learn from him.

Gospel Mark 3:20-35

This Gospel story — Jesus is accused of being in league with the devil — may seem somewhat bizarre. There is a kind of logic at play: if Jesus is not from God, then, some other explanation must be found. On the other hand, given Jesus' power of over evil, he must actually be from God. No one really know what the "sin against the Holy Spirit" might be, except some kind of fundamental option against God.

The Papers Say.....

Irish Catholic. (1). Young Catholic counterculture emerging in Ireland. (2)David Quinn: Life is going backwards for many of our teenagers. (3). German reform proceeds as four bishops abstain and Rome protests. (4). The abortion of babies with Down syndrome is a human rights crisis. (5). 14 Catholics killed in DR Congo after refusing to convert to Islam. (6). Fr. Bernard Cotter: Confirmation — Sacrificing the few for the many.



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 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 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 11am Mass on 9th June. All welcome for get together and a chat.

Congratulations to Mons. Gearoid Dullea who celebrated his Silver Jubilee of Ordination to the Priesthood on 5th June last.

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

There is much more to the book of Genesis than might seem at first glance. Here we have grand saga and deep mythology. In popular talk, myth means something false or untrue. But among those who study myth, myth tells the truth of being human in the form of stories of origins, stories which always retain their power to help us recognise ourselves. As human beings, we are natural story tellers: not just homo sapiens but homo narrans — and that is why great literature form whatever time speaks to us across the centuries.



Reflections

1. It can be the case that within the family of the faith a deeper and more personal conversation is possible than with our blood relatives. Even with relative strangers, it is possible to reach a deep level quickly on account of the shared experience and worldview.
2. To be divided against ourselves / myself is both common and destructive. Like Paul in Romans 7, we all know this sense of being pulled in different directions. Consistent choosing of the good will eventually shape within us an orientation towards God and his will.
3. A strong sense of tradition (good in self) can blind us to both the necessary and the new. Those "from Jerusalem", meaning people in leadership, are at special risk. Remember: And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and the wine is lost, and so are the skins; but one puts new wine into fresh wineskins. (Mark 2:22)

PRAYER

God our redeemer, in Jesus your promised Messiah, you crushed the power of Satan. Sustain your Church in the struggle against evil, that, hearing your word and doing your will, we may be fashioned into a household of true disciples who share in the victory of the cross.

Grant 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.

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>

Thought for the day

In our time, those who "persist" in religious faith can seem to outsiders "beside themselves." The question needs to be asked: who is more sane, those who say life has a deep purpose and meaning and those who evidently content themselves with a "this world only" view. The apparently more rational view is ultimately irrational, in the literal sense that life has finally no reason, no ratio. By contrast, for the believer, behind the gift of creation stands a Giver. Within the gift of love, we come to know the Lover. As we gain and lose in life, finally nothing is ever truly lost. Faith is ultimately wholesome and utterly sane.

Prayer

Father, help us to see your goodness at work around us. As we acknowledge the work of the Holy Spirit, may we draw to you, the giver of every gift.

K O'Mahony OSA



Parishioners at the recent Mass at Marian Park Grotto



Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Bereavement Information Evening. This online event will take place on **Thursday 13th June at 7pm**. This will be our last online information evening until September. People can also register via the link below. [Anam Cara June 2024 Information Evening](#)



Blackrock Community Association

Céilí na Carraige Duibhe will begin at Community Centre, Convent Road Outdoor area on Tuesday 18th June. Official opening by Lord Mayor of Cork, Cllr. Kieran McCarthy at 7.30 pm. Live music on the night by Douglas Comhaltas and a performance by the award winning Niamh Hatchell School of Irish Dance. Everybody Welcome to come along and enjoy a great night.

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Fr. Michael 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.