



### Mass Times

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



### Baptism

**Beibhinn Lily Cusack.**  
**Sophie Joanne Sweeney.**  
 Welcome to the Christian Family.



### Recently Deceased

**Mary O'Donovan. Marble Hall Park.**  
**Anne Foley. Clontarf Estate.**  
**Laurence McCarthy. Menloe Gardens.**  
 May the light of God surround them forever



### School Holidays

Congratulations and every blessing to the Sixth-Class pupils from the parish primary schools who are celebrating their graduation from primary school these days. May God bless them as they move to post primary school in September.



We are all proud of our parish primary schools as places of education, inclusion, community and partners in the faith formation of our children with families and Blackrock Parish. May they all have a lovely holiday and we look forward to another great school year in September.

We look forward to a new school year in September as we continue to work together to prepare children for the Sacraments and in their faith formation.

Fr. Michael  
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### Second Collection

On week-end of 22nd/23rd. June is for PETER'S PENCE.

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

### FIRST FRIDAY EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT On Friday 5th July 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.



### A brief introduction on Sunday's readings

**First reading Job 38:1, 8-11**  
 Job is a book full of questions and finally in chapter 8, someone answers. This "someone"—the Lord—remains at the same time profoundly mysterious, as his questions demonstrate.

**Second reading 2 Corinthians 5:14-17**  
 Because we have Paul's own words, occasionally he gives us a window on his inner world: what inspired him? What kept him going? The reading is quite condensed, so you have to listen carefully!

**Gospel Mark 4:35-41**  
 The whole of Mark's Gospel is really focused on the great question which comes at the end of this reading: 'Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.' It is a question we too can and must ask today.

### The Papers Say.....

The editor is on holidays for two weeks. Thank you.



### PARISH DEFIBRILLATORS

There are 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



Greek Orthodox Monastery of the Twelve Apostles in Capernaum

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](http://www.tarsus.ie) and register to receive the emails.

### Observations

All of us feel we are living in exceptionally unsettled times. This is not just a feeling: it is the reality around us: climate change, wars, democracy under threat, human rights not guaranteed, refugees, housing and so on. As Yeats put it so memorably:

*Things fall apart; the centre cannot hold;  
 Mere anarchy is loosed upon the world,  
 The blood-dimmed tide is loosed, and everywhere  
 The ceremony of innocence is drowned;*

Feeling unsettled is not just "out there" but also within our own lives: the sudden instability of important relationships, the unexpected crises of health or career or finance and so on. And we know the same experience as a community of faith. We look around and wonder what does the future hold? Faith is becoming, so to speak, a minority pursuit, in holy Catholic Ireland. Even a good initiative such as the Synodal Pathway promoted by Pope Francis can unsettle, as we observe tensions and deep differences, even a kind of silent schism.

Given all that — and it is a lot — can our reading from Mark's Gospel speak to us today? The answer is a resounding yes. This is not least because the setting in which the Gospel of Mark was written closely resembles our own and so his teaching can really touch us.

### Reflections

1. The image of a boat in a stormy sea is a symbol of life in difficult times and can represent inner turmoil, anxiety and high emotions. When you have been in such circumstances, perhaps a "Jesus person" came to your assistance and calmed you down? Recall that person with gratitude.
2. The image can also be applied to a family, a community, a parish, or any other group. Remember people who have had a gift of bringing peace to troubled situations.
3. The significance of miracles in the Gospels is that they show Jesus as one who brings God's power to bear on human need and suffering. Have there been times when you have been a channel for this healing power of God, holding a crying child in your arms, calming the anxiety of a friend, or being a peacemaker in a group to which you belong?

### PRAYER

*In the beginning, O God, your word subdued the chaos; in the fullness of time you sent Jesus, your Son, to rebuke the forces of evil and bring forth a new creation. By that same power, transform all our fear into faith and awe in your saving presence. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, or ever and ever. Amen.*

### Thought for the day

While it is not comfortable, to be in crisis is probably the natural state of the Christian project. Even in Jesus' day: "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets. (Luke 6:26) Likewise, quite early on, the story of the storm at sea was read as a kind of allegory, representing the (later) church undergoing trials. The natural feeling of being abandoned is captured in the raw emotion of Mark's account. Mark also tells us where to seek help: Who then is this? Like the disciples, we have no full understanding of Jesus and yet, like them, to him we turn.

### Prayer

Lord, the sea is so wide and my boat is so small. Be with me.

*Breton fisherman's prayer*

K O'Mahony OSA

### The Call of the Disciples

#### Malcolm Guite

He calls us all to step aboard his ship,  
 Take the adventure on this morning's wing,  
 Raise sail with him, launch out into the deep,  
 Whatever storms or floods are threatening.  
 If faith gives way to doubt, or love to fear,  
 Then, as on Galilee, we'll rouse the Lord,  
 For he is always with us and will hear  
 And make our peace with his creative Word,  
 Who made us, loved us, formed us and has set  
 All his beloved lovers in an ark;  
 Borne upwards by his Spirit, we will float  
 Above the rising waves, the falling dark,  
 As fellow pilgrims, driven towards that haven,  
 Where all will be redeemed, fulfilled, forgiven.

### BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Church Gate collection will take place on **Week ending 6/7 July 2024**

Your support as always is greatly appreciated.

Sunday Cuppa continues in the Parish Centre after 11 am mass on 7th July for tea and refreshments and more chat! Cheaper than the Village!!

*Everyone welcome!*

