

Mass Times

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



Recently Deceased

Ellen Sweeney, Castle Road
 May the light of God surround her forever



November Novena for the Dead will be celebrated from Saturday 2nd November – Sunday 10th November this year. Mass will be celebrated each weekday @ 9.30am. November Lists and Envelopes are available in the church.

Remembrance Mass for all those who have died during the past year will be celebrated on Monday 4th November @ 7pm. This is always a moving celebration for families and our parish as we lovingly remember those who have died. Please let people know about the Mass in good time.

Blessing of Graves in St. Michael's Cemetery on Sunday 3rd November @ 3pm.

Altar Servers – we are working towards introducing a number of altar servers in the parish. We are blessed that good few families are with us each weekend for Mass and if a family would like to support their child in becoming an altar server in Blackrock Parish, please let us know.

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 AS WE PRAY,
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"WHO CAN THIS BE? EVEN THE
 WIND AND THE SEA OBEY HIM."
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OUR PRAYER FROM THE BOAT
 (Mt 8:23-27)

Loving God, at baptism you have gifted us with a call to serve you and all people in all we do. We ask you, Lord, to bless the people of Cork and Ross during this time of prayer and listening. May we be attentive to the promptings of your Holy Spirit. Open our eyes to see where you wish us to go in our faith communities and families of parishes. Open our ears to hear the voice of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, leading us. Open our hearts to follow you with joy and childlike trust. Open our minds to new possibilities and ways of being your Church. Fill us with hope and humility as we build the Kingdom of God together in our diocese at this time. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

St Bernadette's Relics Pilgrimage to Cork & Ross

For the first time, the Relics of St Bernadette are visiting Ireland, and we will have the privilege of welcoming them to the Diocese of Cork and Ross at the end of this month. The Diocese have put a full programme together to try and recreate something of the experience that Lourdes offers here at home.

The Relics will be displayed in the Cathedral of St Mary and St Anne (North Cathedral) on Wednesday October 30th from 4pm, and then on the following day, Thursday October 31st, they will travel to the Church of the Immaculate Conception Clonakilty for veneration starting at 2pm. Full programme of events available on the Diocesan website, www.corkandross.org.

A brief introduction on Sunday's readings

First Reading Wisdom 7:7-11
 Wisdom is something we admire in others and would love to have for ourselves. In this reading, Solomon says that wisdom is more important to him than possessions or power or even health.

Second Reading Hebrews 4:12-13
 If you were to use an image for the word of God, what would you say? God's word, like a two-edged sword, cuts through to the heart of the matter.

Gospel Mark 10:17-30
 Possessions—and we all need them—can present a challenge to living as disciples of Christ. To what do I give priority? It is not an easy question.

The Papers Say.....

Tablet. (1). Synod on Synodality - As the second and final assembly of the Synod begins, Austin Ivereigh, one of the advisers helping to facilitate discussions summarizes it as a stage in the dramatic transformation of Christianity into a Church that will grow through encounter and witness, just as in the first centuries. (2) Peace and reconciliation -- Corrymeela's next chapter. (3). How long, Lord? -- As war spreads through the Middle East, a Jewish Israeli Catholic priest calls to mind some of the Palestinians, Israelis, Lebanese, children, women and men caught up in a grinding machinery of death

Messenger. (1). Why do we sing in Church? Pope Francis is on record saying that every parish should have a choir and every congregation should be encouraged to sing with conscious and active participation in the liturgy. (2) Adult and Children's Crosswords

Irish Catholic. (1). Elise Ann Allen: Pope gives nods to peripheries and key aides in naming 21 new cardinals. (2). Women who have the Pope's ear. -- Inside the Pope's inner circle, the C9. (3). Senator Ronan Mullen: As an election looms, what do we ask the politicians? (4). David Quinn: Signs of a mini-religious revival among young men? (5). Ellis Mulroy: Making this election pro-life

Prayer Ministry Training for Alpha Teams: - The Office for Mission and Ministry are running Prayer Ministry Workshops for new and existing Alpha Teams in two venues: Wednesday, October 23rd 2024 (7pm to 9pm) in the Visitors' Centre of The Cathedral of St. Mary and St. Anne, Cork, and Thursday, October 24th (7pm – 9pm) in the Parish Centre, Clonakilty. Please contact the Office for Mission and Ministry (<https://corkandross.org/office-for-mission-and-ministry>) for more information.

Preparing to Receive the Sacrament of Confirmation as Adults: - The Office for Mission and Ministry are running a six-week preparation course for those who are over the age of 18, have been baptised, and have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation, commencing on Thursday, November 7th (7.30pm to 9.00pm) in the Visitors' Centre of The Cathedral of St. Mary and St. Anne, Cork. Please contact the Office for Mission and Ministry (<https://corkandross.org/office-for-mission-and-ministry>) for more information.

**SECOND COLLECTION W/E 13th.OCTOBER 2024
 DIOCESAN NEEDS.**

Observations

Synod 2: How to be wise so as to hear what the Spirit is saying
 The Synodal Pathway is both new and not new at the same time. It is new in that a very different way of being church is gradually emerging. The buzz words are listening and discernment. For that, we all need wisdom — not just any wisdom but the wisdom which comes from God. We read about such wisdom in the Letter of St James:

But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace. (James 3:17-18)

The first step is inner conversion of heart, a disposition which truly seeks not what I want but what God wants for us, for the community of faith. Good listening to each other depends on suspending my agenda and listening to others and discerning with others. The second step is genuine prayer from the heart. We need to pray, just as Solomon prayed in the first reading, for "the wisdom from above". Any other wisdom might just be group dynamics or political games but not the wisdom we truly need.

The Synodal Pathway is at the same time not new. It is really a continuation of the Second Vatican Council, long delayed. The project of that Council was a positive dialogue with the world and contemporary culture as we find it right now. That Council was solidly grounded in the Word of God and offered the world the Good News, the proclamation of Jesus and the proclamation about Jesus.

Reflections

1. We often get satisfaction from the things we own, clothes, cars, homes, gadgets, or money. There would be something unnatural if we did not. But what happens to us when our possessions begin to 'own' us, when they take a hold of us, when we become obsessed with them? Jesus seeks followers who have the freedom to let go of possessions in order to be a servant of others. In whom have you seen this freedom? When have you experienced it yourself?

2. Growth implies change. That change sometimes means letting go of something we have at this moment: job, status, home, security, or something else we value. There can be an apparent loss in letting go but when have you found that you gained by having the freedom to let go of something you had previously clung to?

3. The disciples thought that Jesus was making impossible demands of people following him. He acknowledged that discipleship was impossible to us on our own efforts alone. How have you experienced the benefits of the help of others and of God when you were faced with difficulties in life?

RCIA: - Would you or someone you know like to become Catholic or know more about the Catholic faith? The Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) will begin in the Visitors' Centre of The Cathedral of St. Mary and St. Anne, Cork, on Monday, October 21st 2024 (7.30pm – 9.00pm). Please contact the Office for Mission and Ministry (<https://corkandross.org/office-for-mission-and-ministry>) for more information.

BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL
 Church Gate collection last weekend came to €2230
 Many thanks for your generous continued support.

Thought for the day

We all have our own "emotional programmes for happiness." These are part of who we are from a very young age, structured around what was happening then in our lives. To continue in these attitudes well beyond the need for them is the common human experience. At the same time, the call to be fully alive entails some kind of conversion, some kind of letting go. Commonly, something triggers this growth and we become aware of hitherto unrecognised blocks. We may even have the help of someone like Jesus to put his/her finger on the hidden hesitations.

Prayer

God of freedom, you desire nothing more than our strongest love, coming freely from within. For freedom Christ has set us free. Help to recognise how much we are still bound and blind.

K O'Mahony OSA

ENTRANCE

Be Still, for the Presence of the Lord

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here. Come, bow before him now, with reverence and fear. In him no sin is found. We stand on holy ground. Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around; He burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned. How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of Light! Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place; He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace. No work too hard for him; in faith receive from him. Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

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.

Mass cards are available in the sacristy after every mass both at weekend and weekdays.

Medjugorje Pilgrimage from Cork Airport

Group Leader Jim Keogh
 This pilgrimage travels to Medjugorje from Cork with Aer Lingus on 4th June 2025.

For further information and full details please contact Jim Keogh 021 4885371 Early Bird Offer €100 off per person for bookings paid in full before 15 November 2024! N.B. As our places are strictly limited they are allocated on a first come first served basis.