



Mass Times

Sundays: 9 am & 11 am

Saturday Vigil: 6.00 pm

Tuesday & Friday: 9.30 am

Baptisms are held on the 2nd and 4th

Saturdays of each month at 4pm.

Fr. Michael Keohane Co-PP



Baptism

Trisha Amara Eze.

Hollie Linda O'Callaghan.

Welcome to the Christian Family.



Recently Deceased

Anne Dillon, Ballintemple

May the light of God surround her forever.



St. Patrick's Day

Celebrating St. Patrick's Day has changed over the years. Not only has the spiritual aspect changed but the family and social side has also changed.

In such a context, it's important for us focus on the central aspect as a celebration of the gift of our own faith in God. That gift has shaped our lives and made us who we are. We have something very precious in that faith.

This weekend, we will do many different things, travel to different places, meet many people, hopefully take a rest to enjoy the spring weather but above all to celebrate our faith in God.

St. Patrick, pray for us. St. Michael, pray for us.



Fr. Michael

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Trocáire Boxes – available in the church.

Family of Parishes – Christian Meditation Group meets each Friday morning at 11am in Blackrock Parish Centre – Contact 087 6477841 for information

Monday 17th March – St. Patrick's Day – Masses @ 9am & 11am

Come to Lourdes as a Young Adult Helper in September: A special Information Evening will take place in Mardyke House, Cork (T12 W8RP) for those aged 18 to 25, are interested in travelling with the Diocese of Cork and Ross to Lourdes (Sept 19th to 24th) as a Young Adult Helper. The meeting will take place at 7.30pm on Thursday 20th March. This is a fantastic opportunity for young adults to assist pilgrims in need and deepen their faith by experiencing the unique spirituality of Lourdes. For more information, please contact Sheila Kelleher at youthministry@corkandross.org or call 021 430 1717.

Stations of the Cross will be prayed on each Friday of Lent after the 9.30 Mass.

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

A brief introduction on Sunday's readings

First Reading **Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18**

At every Mass, we hear the word "covenant." A covenant is an agreed commitment and in today's reading God "commits" himself, so to speak, to Abraham and his descendants.

Second Reading **Philippians 4:17-4:1**

In what was possibly his last letter, Paul writes as an old man about the true homeland of the Christian.

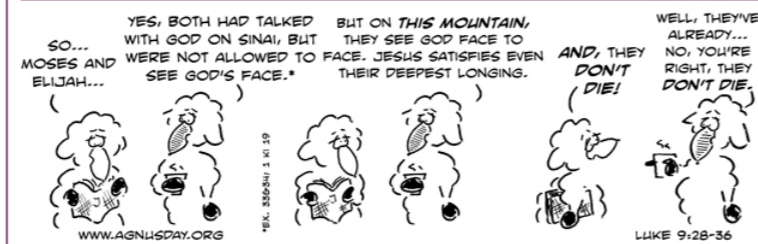
Gospel **Luke 9:28-36**

The heart of this story lies in the words from the cloud: Listen to him!

The Papers Say.....

Tablet. (1). Europe, the US and Russia - The battle of ideas that has engulfed Ukraine. (2). Overseas Aid. -- The assault on solidarity. (3) Lent 2025. - silent contemplation. --- No words needed. (4)Ireland's Jesuits praised for naming likely abusers who are now deceased

Irish Catholic. (1). Hope for Ireland as Dublin doubles catechumens to eighty. (2). Nuala O'Loan: Religious orders could sell assets to help parishes evangelise. (3). Mary Kenny: Prostitution - Compassion, yes -- Normalisation, no. (4). Fr. Bernard Cotter: Readers give their advice for Good Masses



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.

The Matt Talbot Novena continues in Togher Church on Tuesday next, 18th March when the celebrant and preacher will be Canon Martin Keohane, P.P Carraig na bhFear. On Tuesday 25th March, Most Reverend Ray Browne, Bishop of Kerry Diocese will join us to celebrate the third of our 5 Novena nights this year.

Anyone who wishes to take a Short Term pledge until Easter or replace a Pioneer emblem may do so after the Matt Talbot Novena any night



Annual Legion of Mary Ceremony

The Acies will be held here in St. Michael's on Thursday 27th. March commencing with the Rosary at 7.15p.m. Former active members and auxiliaries etc. are very welcome to attend. Refreshments will follow in the Parish Centre.

Observations

A phrase in today's Gospel speaks directly to each one of us: This is my son, the chosen one. Listen to him. We gather to hear the word of God and to listen to God speak to us through the Holy Readings. We do it every Sunday and, while it may sound easy, in our world, listening is hard work, both externally and internally. It is hard externally: there's some much coming at us, news, music, phone calls, zoom meeting, emails, texts and WhatsApp. It is also hard internally.

Reflections

1. The transfiguration experience was one that affirmed Jesus' identity as the beloved disciple of God and strengthened him for the future. What have been the experiences, the moments of insight, that have clarified your sense of who you are and being beloved by God?
2. On the mountain the disciples saw Jesus in a new way. Sometimes in friendships there are moments of sharing in which we get to know a friend in a new and deeper way. Have you had that experience in human friendship, or in your relationship with Jesus, with God, or with the Spirit of God within? Recall when it happened and what it was like for you?
3. For the disciples, the experience also served as a reminder that their task as they accompanied Jesus on the road to Jerusalem was really to listen to him. This puts our Lenten efforts in context. What have you found helpful to get you to listen and to understand more deeply the meaning of the life and message of Jesus?

PRAYER

God of the Covenant, your presence fills us with awe, your word gives us unshakable hope. Fix in our hearts the image of your Son in glory, that, sustained on the path of discipleship, we may pass over with him to newness of life. We make our prayer through Christ, our deliverance and hope, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

Funeral Ministry Team Formation

The Office for Mission and Ministry will be offering three formation sessions for new teams and for new members of existing teams in the Parish Room of St. Patrick's Church, Dunmanway, Co. Cork on Wednesdays, March 19th and 26th and April 2nd from 7.30pm to 9.00pm. To register please visit corkandross.org/office-for-mission-and-ministry or by contacting the Office at 021-7355517.

st patrick's day hymns

ENTRANCE - Dóchas Linn Naomh Pádraig

Dóchas linn Naomh Pádraig aspal mór na hÉireann,
Ainm oirdhearc gléigeal, solas mór an tsaoil é.
D'fhill le soiscéal grá dúinn d'ainneoin blianta i ngéibheann.
Grá mór Mhac na páirte, d'fhuascail cách ón daorbhroid.



Sléibhte, gleannta, máighe, 's bailte mór na hÉireann:
Ghlan sé iad go deo dúinn, míle glóir dár naomh dhil.
Iarr'mid ort, a Phádraig, guí orainn na Gaela,
Dia linn lá 'gus oíche 's Pádraig Aspal Éireann.

RECESSIONAL - Hymn to Saint Patrick

Hail, glorious St. Patrick, dear saint of our isle,
On us thy poor children bestow a sweet smile;
And now thou art high in the mansions above,
On Erin's green valleys look down in thy love.
On Erin's green valleys, on Erin's green valleys,
On Erin's green valleys look down in thy love.

Ever bless and defend the dear land of our birth,
Where shamrock still blooms as when thou were on earth,
Our hearts shall still burn wheresoever we roam,
For God and St. Patrick, and our native home.
On Erin's green valleys, on Erin's green valleys,
On Erin's green valleys look down in thy love.

Thought for the day

Stories of extraordinary experiences can leave us feeling on the outside— such moments of intense awareness of presence are rare and fleeting. And yet, we all have our inklings of something more, the surprise of God in the midst of the everyday. Any deep experience, when we take time to reflect on it and appropriate it, will disclose to us "the beyond in the midst" in Bonhoeffer's happy phrase. Love, birth, death, a child, nature, music, goodness and so on—all tokens of the something more which draws us on.

Prayer

God of surprises, you are the beyond in the midst of life, always there to take us by surprise and delight us with your presence. Amen, amen!

K O'Mahony OSA

ENTRANCE – God of Mercy and Compassion

God of mercy and compassion
Look with pity upon me;
Father, let me call thee Father,
For I now return to thee.
Jesus Lord, I ask for mercy,
Let me not implore in vain;
All my sins I now detest them,
Never will I sin again.

By my sins I have abandoned
Right and claim to Heaven above,
Where the saints rejoice for ever
In a boundless sea of love.
Jesus Lord, I ask for mercy,
Let me not implore in vain;
All my sins I now detest them,
Never will I sin again.

RECESSIONAL - Amazing Grace

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see.
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed
Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come
This grace that brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home.

St. Ignatius Spiritual Exercises for Men -

Fri May 2nd to Mon May 5th (bank holiday) in An Tobar Retreat Centre, Ardbraccan Navan, C15 T884. Cost €190 - includes all meals and en-suite single rooms.
Call 087 - 348 2148 or iveireland@ive.org

The Cork Pioneer Diocesan Council are holding a Family Table Quiz at 7.30 p.m. on Friday 28th March in Togher Community Centre T12 TX2Y. Entries by 21st March.
Admission €5 For further details contact Aislinn Cogan 0879699488. aislinncogan@gmail.com or Sorcha Uí Laoghaire 086 3642619 sorchaol@gmail.com

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Tuesday 18th March at 7.30pm in the Fernhill House Hotel, Clonakilty.

