TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 23rd June

The gospel is an invitation to faith; to believe in the presence of Christ even when he seems far away. This is part of the darkness of our relationship with God; faith in him is the dawn that follows darkness.

MASSES

Vigil Saturdays: 6pm Sundays: 9am & 11am Weekdays: Monday to Saturday 10am

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 10.30am and 5.30pm

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Annual Mass of Remembrance St. Michael's Cemetery, Blackrock. Wednesday 26th June at 7.30pm.

Family members, friends, and neighbours of all those buried in St. Michael's Cemetery are invited to attend. <u>Please bring your own chair</u>. In the event of bad weather Mass will be celebrated in Holy Cross Church. Extra parking and toilet facilities will be available at St. Michael's GAA grounds.

The second collection at this weekend's Masses is the Annual collection for Peter's Pence.

Ballinlough Meals on Wheels

To ensure the continuation of this valuable service kitchen assistants and drivers are needed – 1 hour approximately every second week. Please contact Kay 086 – 8769 660

Prayer for Peace

God of peace and justice we pray for people living in the troubled and war-torn areas of our world today.

We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that you're Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.

We pray for those with power over war or peace. For wisdom, discernment, justice and compassion to guide their decisions.

Above all we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them.

We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. *Amen*

We live in a disposable world. Everything seems to have such a short life span from instant food to fast food, from every sort of convenient gadget to the latest invention, a toothbrush that you can chew as you go! But some things do get better with age and time. Wine is an obvious example and even paint brushes do well with age. The same applies to many Christian values such as love, kindness, forgiveness, healing, openness and honesty. These can never be disposed of; they have held their value over time and will continue to do so for many more years. If we just take even one important value, what is it for you? Is it something you can hold close to you, knowing that the longer you hold it, the better you become as a person.