

The Parish of Carrigtwohill

13th / 14th February 2021

Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B

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Parish web site www.carrigtwohillparish.ie Facebook page

Priests of the Parish

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Vigil Mass: SUNDAY MASSES

6.00p.m

Sunday Morning Broadcast

10.30 a.m

Weekday Masses:

Monday to Friday: 10am

Confessions:

Baptisms

Please pray for those who have died. May they rest in peace

We offer our sympathies to the family of Dan O'Mahony, West End who died recently: we pray for Jack Barry whose months mind occurs and for Tom Whelan and Joan Leahy on their first anniversary: we remember those whose anniversaries occur around this time: John Hodnett, James McCarthy, Joseph O'Keeffe, Charles and Anne O'Flynn, Joseph Flynn and Mai Beirne, Michael Fitzgerald, Eamon Ryan, Abraham Duncliffe, John and Joan Walsh.

Coronavirus (COVID -19)

Sanitizer wipes are available on seats for people to use before and after use. Sanitizer liquid are available at entrance and exits of Church, please use them. Candles can be left in the candle holders at the shrines and they will be lit later.

All are asked to abide by the Guidance of using face coverings, keeping 2 meters apart and sanitising hands.

Parish Office: The Office will be closed for walk in's. Appointments can be made to collect or deliver cards, documents, etc. Contact the office through phone or email.

Church is opened every day from 11am to 5.30pm.

Parish Box of Envelopes. Thanks to all who are supporting the Parish at this time. Please contact the Office if anyone wishes to receive a Box

Lent is the traditional season of renewal and penance in the Church. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence.

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Fasting means that the amount of food we eat is considerably reduced.

Abstinence means that we give up a particular kind of food or drink or form of amusement.

The external practices of religion have their meaning and are acceptable in the sight of God only if they proceed from the heart and mind.

This year due to Level 5 restrictions there will not be the opportunity to receive ashes. Instead of receiving ashes, (which come about through the burning of Palms used on Passion Sunday), Crosses made from Palms will be blessed on Ash Wednesday and will be available during Wednesday to Friday for people to come and receive at the Altar rails. A card with a prayer and blessing will be available with it for people to take home. You may wish to pin the Cross to your clothing or place it in a prayer space at home to remind you of your Lenten Journey. People are invited to visit the Church on Ash Wednesday or Thursday or Friday this week and receive a Cross as a sign of ones commitment to the Lenten journey. Receiving the Cross is a sign that one commits oneself to Christ.

A seven day prayer book will also become available for people to use at home or in Church. It is based on an Icon for each day with a Scripture Passage to reflect on and invitation to an action each day.

Lent is What You Do

It is the forty days of preparation for the celebration of Christ's saving death and resurrection at Easter. It is a time of purification when Christians renew and fulfil their baptismal promises, by dying to selfishness and living for Christ. We do this by being committed to Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving during Lent.

A Lenten Commitment may mean you taking on one of the following:

- Pray each day.
 - Join in Mass every day from home.
 - Support the Trocáire Campaign – Trocáire boxes are available in the Church
 - Pray the Stations of the Cross at home or in the Church.
 - Taking the Temperance Pledge for Lent:
 - Contacting family members, neighbours who may be on their via the phone.
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Parish Website www.carrigtwohillparish.ie

The website has been updated and renewed. If a person downloads it on to their phone they will receive updates when the website is updated. It will be another tool in communicating with parishioners.

This New Website also has embedded that Live Link to the Church for Masses and Liturgies. It also has a Donate Button.

Parish Pastoral Council:

The Next Pastoral Council met virtually on Thursday 11^h of February. They refelcted on what PP Council is and on these days of living with Covid-19.

Friday 19th Ferbraury is the Day of Prayer for survivors and victims of abuse.

Penitential Act of the Holy Father in Dublin 2018

"We ask forgiveness for the cases of abuse in Ireland, the abuse of power, the abuse of conscience and sexual abuse on the part of representatives of the Church. In a special way, we ask forgiveness for all those abuses that took place in different kinds of institutions directed by men and women religious and other members of the Church. We also ask forgiveness for cases in which many minors were exploited for their labour. We ask forgiveness for all those times when, as a Church, we did not offer to the survivors of any type of abuse compassion and the pursuit of justice and truth by concrete actions. We ask forgiveness for some members of the hierarchy who took no responsibility for these painful situations and kept silent. We ask forgiveness for those children who were taken away from their mothers and for all those times when so many single mothers who tried to find their children that had been taken away, or those children who tried to find their mothers, were told that this was a mortal sin. It is not a mortal sin; it is the fourth commandment! May the Lord preserve and increase this sense of shame and repentance, and grant us the strength to ensure that it never happens again and that justice is done. Amen."

REPORTING

If a person has a Safeguarding concern or wishes to report an allegation of child abuse or to record historical abuse, contact the Diocesan Designated Liaison Person and or Gardaí and TUSLA

Designated Liaison Person (DLP):: 086-0368999 - Email: dlp@cloynediocese.ie

An Garda Síochána

For allegations that relate to clerics/religious: 01-6663430 or 01-6663435

For allegations that do not relate to clerics/religious: Local Garda Station (021) 488 3222

Tusla : Cobh/Midleton/Macroom areas: 021-4927000

Dying with Dignity

A Submission to the Oireachtas Committee on Justice from the Council for Life and the Consultative Group on Bioethics, of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference

“Dying with Dignity Bill 2020”

Question 4: *How is the approach taken in the Bill likely to best address the policy issue?, given that the stated policy issue is to “make provision for assistance in achieving a dignified and peaceful end of life to qualifying persons”.*

Question 7: *What are the specific policy implications of each proposal contained within the Bill?*

The submission is rooted in our conviction that we have a moral responsibility to care for our “neighbour” according to the Gospel image of the Good Samaritan. It draws on the insights of letter *Samaritanus Bonus*, on the care of persons in the critical and terminal phases of life.[i] Our view, essentially, is that the Bill’s proposals, which provide for the medical facilitation of suicide, run radically counter to the common good, the promotion of which is a particular responsibility of the State.[ii] If passed, the Bill would not only encourage the acceptance of assisted suicide but significantly weaken the protections against the non-consensual killing of particularly vulnerable classes of persons.

Conclusion

Over the past year the governments, the healthcare services and the populations of the world have struggled to suppress the COVID-19 pandemic and to protect those in society who are most vulnerable. We have been deeply moved by the level of generosity and tenderness that has been shown by so many healthcare professionals and the sacrifices that have been made by so many to protect those who are most at risk. Alongside that positive manifestation of genuine compassion, we note, however, that some of the written protocols which relate to the difficult and essential task of prioritising critical care resources, are shot through with language which is essentially utilitarian in its assessment of the value of human life.

Whatever our prognosis and however limited our capacity, our value as persons is rooted in who we are rather than in our life-expectancy or our ability to reach certain standards of physical or mental performance. Pope Francis recalls that “the current socio-cultural context is gradually eroding the awareness of what makes human life precious. In fact, it is increasingly valued on the basis of its efficiency and utility, to the point of considering as ‘discarded lives’ or ‘unworthy lives’ those who do not meet this criterion.”[xxiii] We contend that, the Committee would best serve humanity and the common good of society by recommending to the Oireachtas that this Bill should not be passed for all the reasons given above.

Recommendations

- that the Oireachtas should consider whether there is adequate provision for palliative care and, if so, whether there is sufficient energy invested in making its availability known and its purpose understood
- that the Committee would recommend to the Oireachtas that this Bill should not be progressed further