

The Parish of Carrigtwohill

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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

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Icon of Jesus

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the Sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joseph and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, *'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house'*; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith. Mark 6:1-6

Why did Jesus own people not accept him, why did they not see the message and the wonders he worked for what they were?

In a sense his own people had labelled him, classified him. Labels limit people; they cut out potential, possibilities and wonder: labels and are dangerous, as they confine us in attitude, can lead to prejudice, discrimination, hatred and violence. The people of Jesus hometown labelled him and so could not see beyond what was before them, their vision was limited, and so no miracles were worked there.

Faith on the other hand sees the possibilities, it sees the potential, it sees the good. Faith opens us up to other ways; it removes the shutters from our eyes that labels put there. Faith urges us to see beyond, to go that extra step to reach out, to love to trust to believe. Faith gives a belief that there is someone greater than ourselves, that we do not have to just rely on ourselves but on a higher power. Faith is about hoping, and looking forward. Faith has the capacity to surprise. Faith allows God to work miracles. No miracles were worked in Jesus hometown because there was no faith. Jesus did not work miracles for the sake of it; they have meaning only in the sense of faith. Jesus came among his own people and they could not 'see' him for who he is: the Son of God. What about each one of us?

Celebrating Safely in Covid -19 Times

Please abide by these guidelines to ensure respect for one another as we emerge from Covid -19 restrictions slowly.

- *The capacity of the Church is 70 to 80 people at this time due to having two sections that are 4 metres apart.*
- *Enter by the main door and use all doors to exit, side aisles exit by side. doors, centre aisle exit by main door, beginning with seats nearest the door.*
- *Sanitise hands on entry and exit to the Church.*
- *Sanitise your seat with sanitising wipes available before and after use.*
- *Household units may sit on the same seat in the middle aisles.*
- *Couples and individuals may sit on the side aisles seats nearest the aisle and not next to the radiators.*
- *A face covering /mask must be worn.*
- *Do not gather in Church grounds before or after Mass.*
- *Holy Communion will be brought to people.*
- *If one wishes to receive Holy Communion, stand and receive on your hands.*
- *If a person is feeling unwell, please stay at home until you feel better.*
- *Cough, sneeze into your elbow or tissue.*
- *Do not touch unnecessary surfaces.*

Postures during Mass

- *Stand for the entrance to end of Opening Prayer.*
- *Sit for readings. Stand for Gospel. Sit for Homily.*
- *Stand for Creed and Intercessions*
- *Stand for Eucharistic Prayer when the priest says “pray brothers and sisters that my sacrifice and yours” until the Lamb of God.*
- *Stand to receive Holy Communion.*
- *Stand for Concluding Prayer and blessing.*
- *Singing will be led by Cantor(s) or priest. The congregation is asked not to join vocally in this at the present time but to sing in your hearts and minds.*

From the 10th of July the number permitted to attend organised outdoor events will be 200. Saturday evening Mass next weekend and every Saturday for July and August will be in the Cemetery at 6pm, (weather permitting).

Volunteers for Stewarding and cleaning of the Church

Please contact the Parish Office or Fr. Winkle if you can help.

Thanks to those who clean the Church at present, it is greatly appreciated. Another group of three people would be a great help.

Parish Office: The Office is opened walk in's now from 9.30 to 12.30.

Church is opened every day from 9.30 to 6.00pm this week

Priests of the Parish

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Priest in Residence

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Vigil Mass: SUNDAY MASSES

6.00p.m

Sunday Morning

10.00 a.m. and 12 noon

Weekday Masses:

Monday to Friday: 10am and on Friday at 7.30pm

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

We pray for Catherine (Kitty) Donovan of Cobh Cross, Nancy Watkins nee Grey of Bishopstown, Marie O'Driscoll of Mayfield, Tony White of Ard Carrig and Michael King of Tulla who died recently: and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time; John O'Shea, Nora O'Connor, Jack and May Barry, Nora and Dominic O'Connor and Peg O'Reilly.

Download the Parish website app onto phone to keep up to date.

Anniversaries Masses and months mind will be celebrated during weekday Masses at present except for those who had booked before the reopening.

Celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Reception of Holy Communion for the first time

Bishop Crean has informed all parishes in the Diocese of Cloyne that the celebrations of Baptisms, Reception of Holy Communion for the first time and Confirmation cannot be celebrated at this time due to advice from the Government in relation to the spread of the Delta variant of Covid -19.

We appreciate that this is disappointing news, unfortunately no new dates can be given until after the 19th of July, depending on the Governments advice.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Monday's will resume once enough people have committed to the period of Adoration from 11am to 6pm. At present 8 people have volunteered, 14 is the ideal number to ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is never left unattended.

Statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Station Road

It is envisaged in the palm of Cork County Council for the development of Station Road and the building of three new schools that Station road will be widened. Arising from this, the Council proposes to move the Statue into a new setting behind its present location. The consideration is to ensure safe and easier access and to a pathway in front of it. When the specific design is provided it will be made available to parishioners.

Thanks to parishioners who donated sanitising wipes and masks.

Confessions:

Available on request

Baptisms

Deferred at this time

This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?’ And they would not accept him.

Before people had listened to Jesus, they had made up their minds about him. His own people did not accept him; the place where he grew up, where he was known. They had closed minds. They were blind to whom was before them and to the message that he offered. They were shut in on themselves. They stuck to what they knew and didn't open their hearts to the word of God before them.

It is never easy to change or think of a new way of doing things, to see possibilities rather than obstacles, to go forward and embrace the future with faith. Jesus' presence in his home town challenged them because they heard of the other communities where he worked miracles. Miracles do not lead to faith but are received in faith.

Pope Francis in making changes in the Curia acknowledged the challenge and difficulty of change. Our continuing with reading his speech to the Curia in Rome in 2019 gives each one of us pause for reflection as we contemplate the Gospel for this Sunday.

“The more healthy approach is to let oneself be challenged by the questions of the day and to approach them with the virtues of discernment, parrhesia (courage and sincerity) and hypomoné (staying and learning). Seen in this light, change takes on a very different aspect: from something marginal, incidental or merely external, it would become something more human and more Christian. Change would still take place, but beginning with man as its centre: an anthropological conversion.

We need to initiate processes and not just occupy spaces: “God manifests himself in historical revelation, in history. Time initiates processes and space crystalizes them. God is in history, in the processes. We must not focus on occupying the spaces where power is exercised, but rather on starting long-run historical processes. We must initiate processes rather than occupy spaces. God manifests himself in time and is present in the processes of history. This gives priority to actions that give birth to new historical dynamics. And it requires patience, waiting”. In this sense, we are urged to read the signs of the times with the eyes of faith, so that the direction of this change should “raise new and old questions which it is right that we should face”.

In discussing a change that is grounded mainly in fidelity to the depositum fidei (deposit of faith) and the Tradition, today I would like to speak once more of the implementation of the reform of the Roman Curia and to reaffirm that this reform has never presumed to act as if nothing had preceded it. On the contrary, an effort was made to enhance the good elements deriving from the complex history of the Curia. There is a need to respect history in order to build a future that has solid roots and can thus prove fruitful. Appealing to memory is not the same as being anchored in self-preservation, but instead to evoke the life and vitality of an ongoing process. Memory is not static, but dynamic. By its very nature, it implies movement. Nor is tradition static; it too is dynamic, as that great man [Gustav Mahler, taking up a metaphor used by Jean Jaurès] used to say: tradition is the guarantee of the future and not a container of ashes.” 21/12/2019

Holy Spirit guide us, renew us, help us to discern the Father's will.
