

The Parish of Carrigtwohill

21st / 22nd August 2021

Twenty First Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B

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I am the Bread of Life



"After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, *'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.* 'But

there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'this is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him. Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'" John 6:60-69

The Eucharist

""The Eucharist is like the beating heart that gives life to the whole mystical body of the Church: a social organism entirely founded on the spiritual but concrete link with Christ. As the Apostle Paul states: "Because there is one bread, we, although many, are one body: all of us in fact participate in the one bread" (1 Corinthians 10:17). Without the Eucharist the Church simply would not exist. It is the Eucharist in fact that makes a human community a mystery of communion, able to bring God to the world and the world to God. The Holy Spirit, which transforms the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ, also transforms into members of the Body of Christ those who receive it with faith, so that the Church is truly the sacrament of the unity of men with God and of men with each other.

In a culture that is ever more individualistic -- like that in which Western societies are immersed and which is spreading throughout the world -- the Eucharist constitutes a kind of "antidote," which operates in the minds and hearts of believers and continually sows in them the logic of communion, of service, of sharing, in a word, the logic of the Gospel. The first Christians, in Jerusalem, were an evident sign of this new way of life because they lived in fraternity and held all of their goods in common so that no one should be indigent (cf. Acts 2:42-47). Where did all of this come from? From the Eucharist, that is, the risen Christ, really present with his disciples and working with the power of the Holy Spirit. And in the succeeding generations, through the centuries, the Church, despite human limits and errors, continued to be a force for communion in the world." (Benedict XVI June 26th 2011)."

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 (depends on family units sitting together) 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, respect others around you.*
- *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.*

Saturday evening Mass and every Saturday for August will be in the Cemetery at 6pm, (weather permitting) due to the increase in the number attending outdoor events being 200. Adhere to safety guidelines please.

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 open at 9.30am to 1pm.

The Church is opened every day from 9.30 to 6.00pm.

Priests of the Parish

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Rev. Danny Murphy, Coordinator for Mission and Ministry in the Diocese

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Vigil Mass: **SUNDAY MASSES**

6.00p.m in St. Mary's Cemetery

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 the deceased: for Sinead Buckley whose first anniversaries occur: for those whose anniversaries occur at this time; Thomas Browne and children, Betty McHugh, Nancy O'Donovan and Patrick Bunce: for Canon Jackie Corkery former Parish Priest of Kanturk.

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.

Congratulations to Aidan and Claire who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage on 21st August 2021 in the Parish.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Monday's will resume in September.

Archbishop Dermot Farrell on Faith today

"The challenges facing me are pretty clear. We have an ageing clergy and very few vocations to the diocesan priesthood or religious life. There is a major decline in the number of people who actively practice and live their faith.

Faith needs ritual, embodiment. One must see in people how faith is lived. Today the visibility of faith has for all intents and purposes vanished. I am also dealing with the legacy of sexual abuse scandals which have damaged the Church's credibility. Since finance is a function of numbers, financial issues will arise which will be accelerated by the global pandemic and its aftermath.

The current model of the Church is unsustainable..... there was need "for an effective programme of catechetics throughout the diocese to add to and, eventually, replace the current teaching of faith to the young. With the gradual decline of family socialisation in religion, the role of the qualified catechist will be essential. In my opinion, the handing on of the Faith to the young is one of the most serious challenges facing our Church today." Extract from Siolta

Confessions:

Available on request

Baptisms

By appointment

Do you want to go away to?

Fr. John Speekman reflecting on the readings for today, reflects on his father going to meet the priest when his first child was born, he says,

"My Father had not been looking forward to the interview. He wasn't practising the Faith. The priest asked him to go home and pray and to ask God to help him decide whether he believed or not. He told my father to consider:

If you don't believe, stop pretending!

If you do believe - practise your faith!

Don't drag your faith around like a dead cat on a piece of string.

My father chose for the Church he knew so well but which he had left. The faithfulness with which he lived his decision over the years was an example and an encouragement for each one of his children, all eight of whom still practise the faith. I thank that priest for allowing my father to choose."

Choice

In 1996 a group of nine men in Algeria had to make a choice, they had to come to a decision about their future. There was civil war in Algeria and many left the country for fear of their lives. These nine men lived in a country village and for a while the war didn't affect them. The day came though went it got closer and closer. The men were Trappist monks; they had devoted themselves to God, prayed many times a day and were a sign of God's presence to the village community. Confronted with possible death, they had to decide: each one individually had to choose for himself what to do. There is a wonderful film about it called, '*Of Gods and men*'. In the film the monks say to the Abbot, '*we did not elect you to decide for us*', each one of them had to make their own decision. The film portrays of how each of the men struggled with making a decision, troubled by what could be: whether it was to leave or stay, both had great consequences. How did they come to their decision? They prayed about it together and individually, and in celebrating the Eucharist together they received the strength, courage and wisdom to decide. They made their choice. They stayed. They were people of faith who knew that only the Lord could offer them '*Eternal Life*'. Christ, the bread of life sustained *them to the end*.

Prayer to Our Lady of Knock



Our Lady of Knock, Queen of Ireland, you gave hope to your people in a time of distress, and comforted them in sorrow. You have inspired countless pilgrims to pray with confidence to your divine Son, remembering His promise, "Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find." Help me to remember that we are all pilgrims on the road to heaven. Fill me with love and concern for my brothers and sisters in Christ, especially those who live with me. Comfort me when I am sick, lonely or depressed. Teach me how to take part ever more reverently in the Holy Mass. Give me a greater love of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Pray for me now, and at the hour of my death. Amen.

Queenship of Mary – 22nd August