

The Parish of Carrigtwohill

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Twenty Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B

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The Son of man was destined to suffer grievously

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him, 'John the Baptist,' they said 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him. And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because

the way you think is not God's way but man's.' He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it..' Mark 8:27-35

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Peter seems to instruct Jesus on what to do, in this moment he forgets that it is he Peter, who is the disciple. Perhaps Peter could not comprehend the thought of Jesus suffering that lead him to this remark. Jesus reply to Peter, *get behind me*, is a reminder to Peter, that he is called to follow Jesus, not instruct him. As Christians, we too can at times forget that to lead we must first be followers of Jesus, seeking his will in all things. The challenge of the Gospel is a challenge to all of us to seek God's will before our own.

Following Jesus means that we are willing to do and go wherever he leads. The cross that Jesus speaks of is the way of every Christian. When a person is baptised the first action is the sign of the cross, an immediate reminder that Baptism pledges us to the Cross of Christ and that our response is to walk in the way of the Cross.

Celebrating Safely in Covid -19 Times

Update since the governments regulations on numbers for religious setting can now reach 50% capacity if other guidelines adhered to. 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 100 to 140 people (depends on family units sitting together) at this time due to having capacity of 50%.
- Household units may sit on the same seat in the centre aisles.
- Where two household sit on a centre aisle seat they must keep distance between them.
- Couples and individuals may sit on the side aisles seats.
- One way system now in place.
- A face covering /mask must be worn.
- Enter by the main door and exit by the side aisles.
- Sanitise hands on entry and exit to the Church.
- Sanitise your seat with sanitising wipes available before and after use. If using kneelers or touching seat in front sanitise that too.
- Seat only on designated seats.
- Keep physical distance from other households at all times.
- Do not gather in Church grounds before or after Mass.
- Holy Communion will be distributed at the Altar. People in the side aisle seats to come forward first by going around and processing up the centre aisle and return to seat via the side aisle. Then, the people in the centre aisle to come forward via the centre aisle and return via the side aisles. Physical distancing while processing to the Altar and returning from it must be adhered to.
- Holy Communion is to be received on the hands while standing.
- Leave the Church after the Liturgy.
- If a person is feeling unwell, please stay at home until feeling better.
- Cough, sneeze into your elbow or tissue.
- Do not touch unnecessary surfaces.
- Respect others around you.

Postures during Mass during Covid

- *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 & 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.*
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UPDATE ON COVID PROTECTIVE MEASURES

Dear Parishioners,

Thankfully the restrictions in relation to Covid -19 are reducing and hopefully by the 22nd of October we will have more of them gone. That being said, Covid -19 is still prevalent in the country and in the community and we need to continue to take precautions to help reduce its spread. Unfortunately there are still people being hospitalised due to it and even those who are doubly vaccinated can still contract Covid and spread it to others. However, we are grateful that vaccinations have improved life for people generally.

On August 31st the Taoiseach announced that from the 6th of September the capacity for religious settings can proceed to 50% capacity with preventative measures of physical distancing, hand sanitising, face covering and adequate ventilation in place to name but a few of them. Therefore, to help improve the capacity in St. Mary's Church, the pews which I had removed in June of 2020 because of the Covid emergency have now been returned. When I had them removed I made it clear in the notices at the time that it was due to the Covid pandemic and that it was for the "*foreseeable future*". Little did I think that the "*foreseeable future*" would be for fifteen months. I reiterated on August 22nd / 23rd of this year that the pews had not been returned as the restrictions on numbers in the church had not changed. As of the 6th of September, this has now changed. The pods of 50 are no longer required and we can increase our numbers attending the church at any one time. Having discussed with a health professional the implications of returning the pews I decided that it was now possible to do so. Though the pews I had removed are returned, they will not all be available for use due to physical distancing still required from households and individuals. Returning the pews means an increase in cleaning and sanitizing and the reintroduction of a one way system in the Church both for entry and exit and for the reception of Holy Communion. Due to the increase of pews and the lack of greater personal space the ease of circulation is very important. However due to the size of the pews on the side aisles, part of the side aisles are no longer accessible for wheelchair users or parents with buggies.

I thank everyone for their understanding and patience during these Covid times. It is up to every individual to respect the space of others and their own while celebrating Liturgies. While we are still in a pandemic and need to be vigilant in our protective measures, it is a sign of hope for a freer future that restrictions are being lifted. We continue to respect Covid as Covid does not respect us.

Covid while scary has given us the opportunity to reflect on what matters in life, what are the real issues of life. It has also given us an opportunity to reflect on the Church community and on the church building and how it can be more welcoming for wheelchair users, parents with buggies, families with young children, and create more personal space. This is something that we will need to continue to reflect on into the future.

The Parish Pastoral Council will continue to reflect and discern some lessons from Covid that we as a parish can learn from and to continue discerning how the message of Jesus may be proclaimed and shared in our community. I continue to invite you to pray and discern what the Lord is asking of us as a community at this time and into the future.

I ask everyone to abide by the Covid guidelines as we wait for further guidance from the 22nd of October.

I hope and pray that as we emerge from Covid we will continue to bring with us the strength of looking out for one another that we had to do this year.

Priests of the Parish

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Vigil Mass: SUNDAY MASSES

6.00p.m

Sunday Morning

10.00 a.m. and 12 noon

Weekday Masses:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 10am and on Friday at 7.30pm – No Mass next Wednesday.

Confessions:

Available on request

Baptisms

By appointment

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

We pray for the deceased: for those whose anniversaries occur at this time; Joseph Casey, Dan Scannell, May Leahy, John Walsh, Kit Fitzpatrick, Tom O'Sullivan and Mary Cooke.

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.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Monday's will resume on the 13th of September from after 10am Mass to 6pm. Would all those who have volunteered to spend some time in prayer during this period of time please confirm with the Parish Office that you are still available. It is important that two people commit themselves to for each hour or half hour to ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is never left without people present. Volunteers for spendig a half and hour or an hour in prayer will be greatly appreciated. Adoration can only take place with the commitment of people to prayer during this time.

Church Cleaning and Sanitising

Due to the return of the pews there is an extra work load for cleaning and sanitising the Church. Defogging the Church after Sunday Masses will be required. Church cleaning once a week by different groups. If anyone can help please contact Fr. Winkle.

Season of Creation 1st September to 4th October 2021

'Restoring Our Common Home'.

Update on celebrating the Sacraments of Holy Communion, Confession and Confirmation.

Beginning next weekend at the Sunday Masses, children who have been awaiting to receive Holy Communion for the first time will do so. Dates and times will be given to parents in due course from the parish office. For any parents who wish to postpone these Sacraments to next year, they will be able to do that.

The conferral of the Sacrament of Confirmation will be arranged in October for those candidates who have registered with the parish and dates will be sent to them in due course from the Parish Office.
