

The Parish of Carrigtwohill

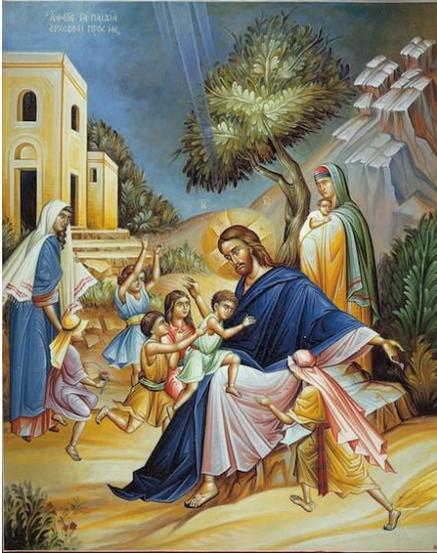
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*“Let the little children come to me;
do not stop them”*

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, ‘Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?’ They were testing him. He answered them, ‘What did Moses command you?’ ‘Moses allowed us’ they said ‘to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.’ Then Jesus said to them, ‘It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.’ Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this,

and he said to them, ‘The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.’ People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, ‘Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.’ Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessings. Mark 10:2-16

“Let the little children come to me”.

Jesus in welcoming children in this context of speaking of marriage underlies also that an aspect of marriage is the welcoming of children. Marriage from the beginning was a reflection and participation in God the Creator, who gives life. Jesus rebukes the disciples for turning children away, today also society can turn children away through abortion and through neglect and abuse of them. As disciples of Jesus our hearts and minds are to reflect that of Jesus who welcomes children, they are a gift to the world.

In the test question that is proposed to Jesus about marriage and divorce, he brings his listeners back to the Divine Plan, which we find in Genesis. Jesus proposes the ideal of marriage, which is to reflect the will of God. Like in the time of Jesus, our time too can be undermined lifelong commitment through societal values and situations. As disciples, how do we respond to the tests today in relation to the sanctity of marriage, the lifelong commitment and the openness to life, to children.

Celebrating Safely in Covid -19 Times

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.
- Sit 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 sacfricie 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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Reception of Holy Communion for the first time.

We welcome those who will receive Holy Communion for the first time this weekend at Sunday Masses. We welcome their parents and families. The family of the Church gathers together to celebrate Sunday Mass, to worship God the Father in Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

“Jesus instituted the Eucharist and founded the Church to gather His chosen people and to foster communion with Him, and through Him, communion with each other.

Our culture today promotes an unhealthy individualism that has certainly crept into the way some members of our Catholic family practice their faith. But Christian discipleship is never a solo flight; it is a lifelong family pilgrimage. At the heart of that adventure is the Eucharistic banquet where the Last Supper and Calvary become present.

We live at a time when many people state that they are “spiritual but not religious.” You recognize your hunger for God and want to have a relationship with God because He created you, redeemed you and loves you. Perhaps you have drifted over time from the regular practice of our faith or possibly you have made a conscious choice not to join our family each Sunday. Please know that you are missed.” Cardinal O’Malley – Boston 2011

Day for Life - Sunday 3 October

'The Good Samaritan: A Model of Compassion'

Message of the Irish Catholic Bishops for the Day for Life - 3rd Oct. 2021

The fragility of life and the reality of death have been brought into sharp focus during the Covid-19 pandemic. In Ireland alone, more than 8,000 people have died with Covid-19. Each of these lives is precious and every life matters. With a most amazing spirit of solidarity, the energies of our society - in hospitals, test centres, vaccination clinics, schools, churches, supermarkets and in so many other places - have been directed towards protecting those who were most vulnerable to disease. We have begun to see the fruits of those efforts.

While all of this was going on, the Oireachtas was being asked to discuss legislation to provide for assisted suicide. That particular piece of legislation, thank God, has been rejected by the Oireachtas Committee for Justice on the grounds that it was deeply flawed. The surprising and disappointing thing is that the Oireachtas Committee did not reject the principle of Assisted Suicide and has proposed that Assisted Suicide be discussed further by a special committee, which would report within a specified timeframe. For further reading see www.catholicbishops.ie

October – The Month of the Missions and the month of the Rosary.

Pray the Rosary for the evangelisation of peoples.

Celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time: This will be celebrated every Monday and Tuesday at 7pm for month of October.

The Parish Office stock cards, rosettes, rosaries etc pertaining to the sacraments

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 Thursday: 10am and on Friday at 7.30pm.

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 Emma Leahy whose first anniversary occurs: for those whose anniversaries also occur at this time; Thomas O'Mahony, Paudie Murray, Kitty Fenton, Monsignor Timothy Sheehan, Richard Cahill, William Foley, Eamon O'Donovan, Ellen O'Mahony, Christy Murphy, Patrick Ahern and Richard Ahern.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Monday's from after 10am Mass to 6pm. It is important that two people commit themselves to each hour or half hour to ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is never left without people present. **Volunteers needed.** Adoration can only take place with the commitment of people to prayer during this time.

Readers and Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion.

We are grateful to those in our parish community who give of their time for these ministeries. Anyone who would like to and be willing to take on these ministeries can contact Fr. Winkle or the Parish Office for details.

Autumn Stations: There will be four Station Masses in the Church on Fridays of October at 7.30pm. These Masses will be celebrated for the people of the Parish. Station Envelope can be given in at any Mass. If a person does not have an envelope they can use any envelope, put their name on it and what it is for. Priests income is through Stations envelopes, Christmas, Easter, November as well as through offering given for Baptisms, weddings, funerals.

Conferral of the Sacrament of Confirmation

From the 11th October to 15th and on the 18th October, each evening the Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at 4.30pm with those who have registered with the parish.

Congratulations to Joanne and Stefano on celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage on 2nd October in the Parish.

Parish Finance. The parish relies on parishioners donations to the parish for the running costs, upkeep and mission of the Parish. Thanks to those who contribute regularly and if any new household wishes to set up a direct debit or receive Parish envelopes please contact the Parish Office.

Tuesday Club: A big warm welcome to all members on October 5th at 10.30 for a cup of tea and a chat, and every week after that. Venue - Carrigtwohill Community Centre

Caring for Carrig – Mental Health awareness weekend – 9th & 10th October

– see Facebook page for more info.
