

The Parish of Carrigtwohill

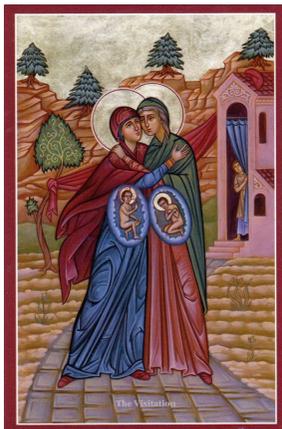
18th / 19th December 2021

Fourth Sunday of Advent – Year c

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“Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb”

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, *‘Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy.’* Luke 1:39-45

Responsorial - Psalm 79 - Response -

God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

Mary's visit to Elizabeth

The Gospel presents two women, one young the other elderly, each of them has a most important role in God's plan for Salvation. In them the beauty of motherhood is spoken of and exalted. They carry within them the hope of humanity (John the Baptist in Elizabeth womb) and the fulfilment of the promise (Jesus in Mary's womb). These women within themselves are the face of God in their openness to God and acceptance of God.

Compared to their husbands, Zechariah who found it difficult to believe and thus lost the power of speech for the duration of Elizabeth's pregnancy and Joseph who made up his own mind to informally divorce his wife on learning that she was pregnant, Mary and Elizabeth are examples of true discipleship. They seek out God's will and accept it.

In this time of Advent the Church portrays Mary and Elizabeth as examples of faithful people to follow who discerned and submitted to God's Word. They embody the goodness of humanity. May Our Blessed Lady and St. Elizabeth help us to hear and discern God will in our lives.

Priests of the Parish

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Priest in Residence

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Confessions:

available on request

Baptisms

Saturday or Sunday

By appointment

Vigil Mass:

SUNDAY MASSES

6.00p.m

Sunday Morning

10.00 a.m. and 12 noon

Weekday Masses

Monday to Thursday this week: 10am and on Friday at 12noon

Pray for those who have died. May they rest in peace.

We pray; for Ronan Dunphy who died recently: for those whose anniversaries occur at this time Nellie Curran, Michael Kenneally, Margot O'Byrne, Annette Lane, Sean and Mary Murphy, Kathleen Hegarty, David Coffey, James and Bridget Keane.

Parish Envelopes: This year the Parish Box of Envelopes is in a longer box with two small boxes inside to mark two parts of the year. The longer outside box is easier to deliver through letterboxes and to post when need be. Please bring the number of the box that you use currently for ease of collection. If a person has not used a box but would like to do so, please contact Orla in the Parish Office.

Parish Envelopes will be available to collect from the Parish Office Monday to Wednesday from 9.30am to 12.30pm. Please have your number ready for ease of collection.

Advent Preparation in the Parish

Evening Prayer for Advent on Sundays at 5pm

Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament

on Mondays from 10.30am to 6pm.

Read the Scriptures for Sunday Mass

Celbrate Daily Mass.

Make space in your home for prayer



The Word became flesh and lived among us

“let us make room inside ourselves for the word of God! Each day, let us read a verse or two of the Bible. Let us begin with the Gospel: let us keep it open on our table, carry it in our pocket or bag, read it on our cell phones, and allow it to inspire us daily. We will discover that God is close to us, that he dispels our darkness and, with great love, leads our lives into deep waters.” Pope Francis 26/1/2020

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve – 5.30pm in the Warehouse at Cobh Cross
8.00pm in St. Mary’s Church (*this is fully booked*)
Christmas Day – 9am in St. Mary’s Church (*this is fully booked*)
11am in the Warehouse at Cobh Cross
Sunday 26th - 10am and 12 noon in St. Mary’s Church

Only those who have booked their place for Christmas Mass in the Church will be able to enter. Standing around the aisles and doors creates risk for others so please do not do so at this time.

Mass in the warehouse will not have seating but if a person wishes to bring their own fold up chair that is permitted. Families / household units are asked to stand apart from other household units.

Volunteers: Anyone who would be willing to help organise the space in the Warehouse, help with flower and arranging the Church for Christmas, stewarding for Christmas Masses, please contact the Office.

Mass for Christmas Week Monday 27th to Friday 31st.

Monday 27th at 7.30pm. Tuesday and Wednesday at 10am, Friday at 7.30pm.

Confessions: Monday in the Sacristy (enter by the Church) from 4-6pm,
Christmas Eve in the Sacristy - Friday 12.30pm to 2pm

St. Pauls Sunday Missal 2022 These are available from the Sacristy for Readers/ Lectors. They are available for sale for discounted cost of €5. They contain all the readings for the Sunday Masses for 2022.

Postures during Mass

In these Covid times, to reduce risk, please adhere to the following 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. People are asked not to join vocally in this at the present time but to sing in your hearts and minds

Celebrating Safely in Covid -19 Times

The most recent government regulation on Places of Worship is the following:
“religious services and weddings can proceed without capacity limits but with all other protective measures remaining in place”. www.gov.ie

The recent announcement on other restrictions do not at this present time affect the Church.
“This does not affect religious, educational or normal workplace business activity and business events (for example: conferences, trade fairs)” gov.ie update on 17th December 2021

The protective measures that are required are;

- Masks / face coverings must be worn
- Ventilation must be provided
- Hand Sanitising must be adhered to
- Social Distancing must take place between different household units.

Due to these protective measures the Church cannot reach full capacity. Further guidance from the HSE is awaited, as stated on the website it is “under review”: <https://www.hpsc.ie/a-z/respiratory/coronavirus/novelcoronavirus/guidance/placesofworshipguidance/>

At any Liturgy there can be unvaccinated people with vaccinated thus the need to have protective measures. The measures help in creating safe environment.

As the numbers of the Omicron variant of Covid infections are rising it is in the best interests of all to do what we can to help slow down the spread of the virus and to assist the health care system and workers at this time.

- Household units may sit on the same seat in the centre aisles.
- Where two household units sit on a centre aisle seat, they must keep distance between them.
- Couples or families of three 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.
- Holy Communion will be distributed at the Altar. 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.
- 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 the space of one another

*O come, O come, Immanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.*

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.*
