

The Parish of Carrigtwohill

26th December 2021

Holy Family – Year c

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“Every year parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day’s journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere. Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening

to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, ‘My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.’ ‘Why were you looking for me?’ Jesus replied ‘Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father’s affairs?’ But they did not understand what he meant. He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.’ Luke 2:2:41-52

Responsorial - Psalm Ps 83: 2-3. 5-6. 9-10 - Response -

They are happy who dwell in your house, O Lord.

Christmas Greetings

In this Christmas season we wish everyone peace and joy in the Lord Jesus. His birth into a human family tells us of the importance of family and each person in the family. The Parish is a family and each person has a role and value to this family.

At this time we wish to thank everyone who has supported the parish and us as priests in the parish in this past year. We assure you on our continued prayer and remembrance at Mass.

May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts always.

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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 this week

Monday 7.30pm. Tuesday and Wednesday 10am and on Friday at 7.30pm

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

We pray; for Dominic Keane (Ballintubber), Peggy O'Riordan and John Holland (Ladysbridge) who died recently: for Brian McSweeney whose months mind occurs: for Margaret Ramsell and James O'Connell whose first anniversaries occur: for those whose anniversaries also occur at this time Jerry Coleman, John and Mary Sheehan, Donal O'Brien and the O'Brien and Crowley families, Mary Duggan, Joe O'Mahony, Joe O'Sullivan, Ellen and Michael McCarthy, Sean and Catherine Forbes, Ted Counihan, John McSweeney, Alice O'Mahony, Mattie Jeffers, May Healy, Leo Hickey and Frank Conroy.

Parish Envelopes: Please make arrangements to collect your box in the new year.

Thanks: A sincere thanks to all who assisted, supported, arranged and helped in any way for the Christmas Masses.

1st of January -Saturday– World day of prayer for Peace

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

Christmas Message 2021
Most Rev. Wm. Crean, Bishop of Cloyne
A time to cherish faith, family and friends

Dear Friends,

Our expectation for a happy and peaceful Christmas celebration rests on the wonderful memories of Christmas gatherings in the past. These memories awaken our hopes to celebrate again what is best in life with those closest to us. This expectation and hope explain why so many travel from near and far to come home for Christmas.

The persistence of Covid across the world has disrupted the rhythm of our comings and goings. These limitations and restrictions have sharpened our sense of the essential and important in life. Nothing replaces the joy of being with our own who accept and love us as we are "warts and all".

The child in Bethlehem is the inspiration of our coming together because in the person of the Christ Child, God has made his home with us and become one of us. As one who was without welcome, He has taught us to make all welcome. It is He who has taught us that the stranger is one whose name we have yet to come to know. That enmity, bitterness and resentment simply 'eats our hearts out'. That in giving we receive, that in forgiving we experience mercy.

In our blessing and good fortune, we keep those who are suffering in spirit or body close, through our concern and prayer. We pray that the rich nations will be generous in sharing the vaccines with the poor so we can all be safe.

We remember those bereaved because of Covid and the pain experienced because of restrictions on celebrations.

We are indebted to those on the frontline who have given so generously, sometimes at great personal cost.

Our thoughts too are with those for whom the pandemic has generated great stress and tension in their lives.

So we cherish these days of celebration as ones of special blessing on one another whereby we realise we are grace filled in the intimacy and care of family and friends.

May that peace of God which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:7)

Happy Christmas

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, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant

O come ye, o come ye to Bethlehem

O come and behold Him, born the King of Angels

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him

O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord

O sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation .O come, o come ye to Bethlehem O come and behold Him, born the King of Angels
