

The Parish of Carrigtwohill

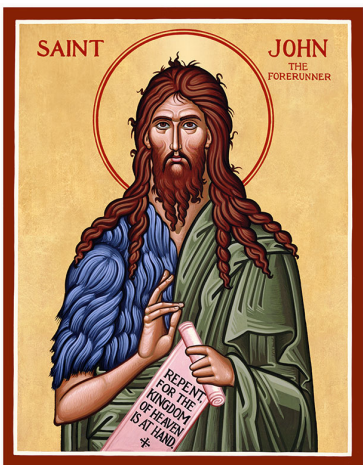
4th / 5th December 2021

Second Sunday of Advent – Year c

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“the word of God came to John son of Zechariah,”

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be

laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Luke 3:1-6

Responsorial - Psalm 125 - Response -

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

John the Baptist

In today's Gospel John the Baptist is mobilized to get the word out that the Lord is coming to lead anyone to salvation who wants it.

Today's Gospel said the “word of God” came to him, something prophetic. God addresses his word to his prophet to set something good into motion.

At that moment, just as in Advent, the good work was simply an announcement: the Lord is coming, get ready. The way to get ready was to receive John's baptism (a gesture of repentance, not the Baptism we've received that was instituted by Christ) and seek forgiveness for our sins. We could never extricate ourselves from the consequences of our sins alone: John is announcing that the Lord will pave the way for our forgiveness and our conversion. The Lord is coming within reach. We need to start reaching out to him during Advent."

John the Baptist is Christ's precursor, the one sent to announce his coming and get people ready to welcome him.

Priests of the Parish

V. Rev. Patrick Winkle P.P. 021 4882439

Priest in Residence

Monsignor Denis Reidy

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Parish Office St. Mary's Church - 021 4533806

Confessions: Friday 8pm and available on request

Baptisms

Saturday or Sunday

By appointment

Vigil Mass:

6.00p.m

Sunday Morning

10.00 a.m. and 12 noon

Weekday Masses

Monday to Wednesday this week: 10am and on Friday at 7.30pm

SUNDAY MASSES

St. Vincent DePaul
Annual Christmas
collection next weekend
after all Masses.

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

We pray for and remember Michael Dilworth, Dolores De la Cruz and Margaret Lehane who died recently: and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time; Sr. Anne Spillane SMG, Denis Fenton, Mary McCarthy, Edward Conroy, Willie Cronin and Pat O'Donovan.

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. These boxes are available from the Office this week for those who can collect them or at Mass times next weekend. 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.

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



8th December - Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass 10am and 7.30pm: O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us.



The Word became flesh and lived among us

“Christ has promised to remain with his Church until the end of time. At this time we need to reclaim the Scriptures. The mystery of Christ, of God become man, is the very heart of the Scriptures.

To read the Scriptures regularly and prayerfully is to live continually in the presence of Christ. To come to Christ, to walk with him, is to be his witnesses too in a world that, unknowingly, is searching for the hope that only he can give.”

The Gift of Scripture by Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales

Christmas Masses

The Parish Pastoral Council met virtually on Thursday the 2nd of December to discuss Christmas Masses. After a detailed discussion about the number of Masses and how to accommodate people and families who would like to celebrate, the following considerations were reviewed: the restrictions in the Church on numbers due to physical distancing; creating a safe environment for larger gathering; ensure that a greater capacity of people can attend; ease of being able to go to Mass for Christmas; number of volunteers need for more Masses if that was decided; and the reduction from last year in the number of priests available for Christmas Masses.

The Parish Pastoral Council has chosen to use the Warehouse at Cobh Cross again this Christmas and the Church. We are grateful to Seamus for the use of the Warehouse again this year. The use of the Warehouse gives the possibility of being able to go to Christmas Mass without having to book and will cater for a greater number of people. Due to the size of the building and the ease of ventilation it creates space for people to be physically distant. This year there are fewer restrictions using the Warehouse, as there are no pods of 50 etc. However mask wearing will be required and physical distancing.

There will be two Masses in the Church, one on Christmas Eve and one on Christmas Day. Those who wish to go to these Masses will have to book through the Parish Office. Families are asked to sit together and if friends who constantly meet, they can also be classified as a family unit. A seat will be allocated to families to ensure that as many as possible will be able to attend. There will be no standing at the entrances and exits due to the guidance received.

The Parish Pastoral Council acknowledges that many would like to be able to go to the Church itself for Mass but with the restrictions in place and to offer as many the possibility to go to Mass for Christmas the Warehouse venue allows for greater number of people.

As Sunday follows on Christmas Day this year there will be two Masses in the Church that day. People are asked to attend one Christmas Mass only. For those who cannot attend in person, Mass will be broadcast from the Church.

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve – 5.30pm in the Warehouse at Cobh Cross

8.00pm in St. Mary's Church (*this must be booked through the Office*)

Christmas Day – 9am in St. Mary's Church (*this must be booked through the Office*)

11am in the Warehouse at Cobh Cross

Sunday 26th - 10am and 12 noon in St. Mary's Church

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, Fr. Winkle or Pastoral Council.

Diocese of Cloyne Safeguarding Message from Bishop Crean

December 2021

Dear Friends in Christ,

As Advent has begun, we have embarked on a new year in the Church's Liturgical Year. It is a time of looking forward in hope. During the past two years we have become very familiar with the phrase, "Keeping people safe". This phrase reminds us of our responsibility to help keep ourselves and others safe particularly those who may be vulnerable and need more support.

In the Church we have been familiar for some time now about our **Safeguarding** responsibilities, particularly towards children and young people. While there has been a great reduction in children and young people faith activities or involvement in parishes this past year, we hope that 2022 will change that. In this context I urge parishes and church personnel to recommit themselves to ensuring that all Safeguarding Procedures are put in place. The importance of safe recruitment is essential in planning for youth activities.

The Bishops of the Province of Cashel and Emly have come together with their safeguarding personnel to issue a policy document on **Safeguarding Adults at Risk**, (Vulnerable Persons). This Policy has been prepared to help us recognize and respond to situations of harm to adults who may be vulnerable. This vulnerability may arise due to, for example, age and/or disability which may impact on a person's capacity to protect themselves from harm or exploitation. Information and Training on this will be rolled out in the coming year.

The National Board for Safeguarding will be reviewing the National Policy and Guidance in the coming year to ensure it continues to be fit for purpose. We as a Diocese will have an audit in the Spring/ Summer of 2022 conducted by independent assessors on behalf of the National Board. This will enable us as a Diocese to continue to go forward in offering safe environments and structures for children and young people to be active in the Church.

I thank all who are involved in the work of Safeguarding in the Diocese, your involvement is vital for the work of safeguarding. For anyone who wishes to raise a concern or report abuse in the Diocese I encourage you to contact the Designated Liaison Person. There is help and support within the Church and wider Society. People need not keep it to themselves.

Keeping people safe, this is an ongoing work which we undertake because of our belief in the innate dignity of every human person and our faith in the Lord Jesus who inspires us to continue to minister to young people that they too may know and follow him as disciples.

Wishing you every blessing and peace.



Most Rev. William Crean, D.D.,

Bishop of Cloyne.

Celebrating Safely in Covid -19 Times

The protective measures that are required are;

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Masks / face coverings must be worn | <input type="checkbox"/> Ventilation must be provided |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hand Sanitising must be adhered to | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Distancing must take place |

Respect the space of one another
