



The Parish of Carrigtwohill

10th / 11th December 2022

Third Sunday of Advent Year A

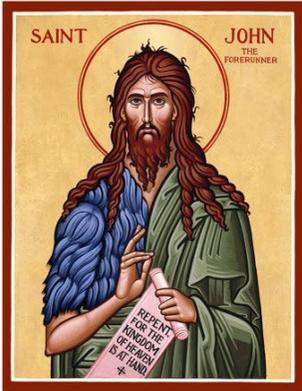
Year 1 for Weekday Mass

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Matthew 11:2-11



John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, ‘Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?’ Jesus answered, ‘Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.’

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: ‘What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: ‘Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. ‘I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.’

Responsorial Psalm 145(146):6-10

Come, Lord, and save us.

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Patrick Killeen



Christmas Masses

Saturday 24th December: Vigil Mass at 6pm: Night Mass at 8pm

Sunday 25th December: Morning Mass at 8am, 10am & Day Mass at 12noon

ADVENT

John the Baptist strides into our liturgy and he challenges our preparation for Christmas. He dared to speak of sin. It may seem strange to suggest that the Good News is firstly about sin. But while everybody admits that there is a great deal wrong with our world, we have largely forgotten the name of the disease. The name of society's disease is sin. John the Baptist enabled people to accept this diagnosis and led them to the waters of renewal. Repentance comes as a message of consolation and wears a happy face. It is Good News when we acknowledge truthfully our personal responsibility for sin and place our hope in the divine power of the Holy Spirit. (Silvester O'Flynn)

Confessions in Advent- After Vigil Mass on Saturdays: Monday 5-6pm in Sacristy and after 7.30pm Mass on Fridays. A number of Priests will be available on Wednesday 21st at 7pm to 7.30pm for Confession.

Evening Prayer for Advent will take place on Sunday of Advent at 5pm.

Advent Song – preparing for Christmas through Song, the Parish Choir will lead the Advent Songs to help us prepare for the Lord on **Sunday 18th** at **5pm**.

We welcome children preparing for the Sacrament of Confession and Holy Communion to Masses this Sunday

Church Seating

In the recent Parish Financial Statement for 2021 mention was made of purchasing a new Piano Keyboard for the Church. This is positioned in the centre of the Church for choir use. In order to facilitate this some pews will need to be removed. The Folk Choir gather in the centre of the church thus fulfilling what the Bishops have stated in relation to space for choirs: *“The choir should be located in such a way that it is clearly seen to be part of the assembled community, and that it can carry out its ministry effectively, viz. leading and sustaining the congregational singing as well as performing its own proper parts.”* 8.6 (The Place of Worship’ from the Irish Episcopal Commission for Liturgy renewed in 1994 are relevant to this issue. Pastoral Directory on the building and recording of Churches). The organ and gallery has its continuing place.

There has been much discussion about Church seating over the past year and a half. In July 2021 people were invited to consider the seating plan in the Church. Once Covid restrictions were lifted and all seating returned it was important to learn from some of the positive things that resulted from Covid regarding seating, namely creating more space. This was done by the rearrangement of shorter pews in the Sacred Heart side aisle, creating more accessibility

for wheelchair users / mobility aid users and parents with buggies. It has been welcomed in the main by those who have used it. By having the pews moveable since they were returned, greater use has been made of the space for Liturgy, e.g. Tazie, Holy Week, Easter Week, gathering of children for Mass on Sundays.

The direction from the Bishops of Ireland in relation to Liturgy on seating states: “*Seating should be flexible and capable of being so arranged so to suit the various needs of different kinds of assemblies, especially on particular occasions.*” 8.4 (The Place of Worship’ from the Irish Episcopal Commission for Liturgy renewed in 1994 are relevant to this issue. Pastoral Directory on the building and recording of Churches). At present this is possible.

Having taken time and listened to various views and concerns from people and having consulted the Liturgical requirements for Churches, Bishop Crean, an engineer, a historical conservationist, having informed the heritage department and after long discussions with the Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Finance Committee the following is planned:

- Some pews will be removed from the Church to be stored in Stables in Parochial House and used there for Parish Meeting room. This will allow for some extra space between pews.
- Pads have been fitted to some pews to restrict movement and protect the floor; more pews will be fitted with these pads.
- The pews near the entrances will have very restricted movement.
- Flexibility will allow for easier access for cleaning.

While the removal of a small number of pews will reduce capacity, it is worth noting that for the weekly celebrations there will remain ample seating. Understandably there will be different views to this, however people are asked to give this a chance and it will be reviewed in a years’ time. Drawings of the proposed changes will be on the Website and available at back of the church for viewing and comment from Monday to Friday. For those who use the Church on a daily and weekly basis it is important to use the space more efficiently for them.

The concerns of some parishioners who have made their wishes to return everything to pre Covid times have been reflected on as have those who have welcomed the extra space in some parts of the Church. To return everything to pre Covid would be to restrict the use of the flexibility of the space and be less sympathetic to persons with mobility requirements.

While people were asked to think of individual seating, it was only a consideration. There is no plan to introduce individual seating; the flexibility that has been created in the Church at present is giving us all a sense of greater use for the Liturgy. If a new seating design was being put forward it would be put to the people for consideration and comment.

It is hoped that next weekend a more harmonious space will be in place in the church building. This Christmas, without the restrictions of Covid, brings new beginnings for all.

Parish Box of Envelopes available during the week from the Parish Office. Thanks to Orla for all the work in organising this.



Priests of the Parish

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

Priest in Residence

Monsignor Denis Reidy

Confessions:

After 6pm Mass Saturday

Baptisms

Saturday 4pm or Sunday

2pm by appointment

Parish Email: carrigtwohillmasses@gmail.com

Parish Office - St. Mary's Church - 021 4533806

SUNDAY MASSES

Vigil Mass: Saturday 6.00p.m

Sunday Morning

10.00 a.m. and 12 noon

Weekday Masses

Monday - Wednesday 10am

Friday -7.30pm

Parish Office

Opened

Monday to Friday

9.30am to 1pm

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

We pray for Maggie O'Brien (*nee Cowman, West End*) and Jim O'Byrne (*Ballyvodock*) who died recently: for Ronan Dunphy whose first anniversary occurs: for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Kay and Tolly O'Brien, Annette Lane, Tony Crowley, Maureen Coffey, Margo Seymour, James Gray, Kathleen Cull, Edvinas Simonavicius, Dean John Ahern, Mary Roche Jnr., Kathleen O'Riordan, George O'Connor, Pat O'Donovan, Willie Cronin, Mary Curran, Val & Maurice O'Connor, Brendan Horgan and John Buckley.

Carrigtwohill Family Resource Centre in conjunction with Cancer Connect Transport to Cork Hospitals Service

Cancer Connect is a free and flexible transport service to Cork Hospitals for people living in the Carrigtwohill/ Lisgoold/ Leamlara area. This covers radiotherapy and cancer related appointments during the week. If this service can be of benefit to you or a family member.

Volunteer Drivers in the locality needed to assist with this project - even if you can give 1 day a month:

For more info contact Greg:

0873880306 Email:

coordinator@carrigtwohillfrc.ie

St. Vincent de Paul

Contact 085 8544426

Please support the local Society at this time as they help people and families in need. If a family or person is in need contact the Society in confidence.

Let us build a house where love can dwell

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Marty Haugen

Where love can dwell

And all can safely live

A place where

Saints and children tell

How hearts learn to forgive

Built of hopes and dreams and visions

Rock of faith and vault of grace

Here the love of Christ shall end divisions

All are welcome, all are welcome

All are welcome in this place

Let us build a house where prophets speak

And words are strong and true

Where all God's children dare to seek

To dream God's reign anew

Prayer for Advent
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Monday 1pm – 6pm