

Mass Times

Sundays: 9 am & 11 am
Working Holy Days: 10 am
Monday to Friday: 10 am
Saturday Vigil: 6.00 pm
Fr Colin Doocey Adm. Pro Tem



Recently Deceased

Fred Levis, Menloe Gardens
May the light of heaven surround him always.



Baptisms

Sylvia Marie Norton.



We welcome her into the Christian Family

The Joy of the Gospel

Pope Francis' personality comes through strongly in the inspiring document, The Joy of the Gospel, which is over 50,000 words (it's long!). It covers a wide range of issues, including the need for a personal encounter with Jesus, the importance of joy in evangelization, how to give a good homily, unjust economic systems (he condemns "trickle-down" economics and income inequality), the role of women in the Church (saying that the all-male priesthood is "not a question open for discussion"), abortion (the Church can't ever change her opposition to it), and many other topics.



Pope Francis also quotes extensively from a wide range of sources, including Scripture, his predecessors, the Church Fathers, and documents produced by local bishops conferences.

Though reading the whole document is recommended (it can't be easily distilled to a few quotes), here is one of the most important quotes from the document:

All Christians should renew their personal encounter with Jesus Christ.

"I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them; I ask all of you to do this unflinchingly each day.

No one should think that this invitation is not meant for him or her, since "no one is excluded from the joy brought by the Lord". The Lord does not disappoint those who take this risk; whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realise that he is already there, waiting for us with open arms.

Now is the time to say to Jesus: "Lord, I have let myself be deceived; in a thousand ways I have shunned your love, yet here I am once more, to renew my covenant with you. I need you. Save me once again, Lord, take me once more into your redeeming embrace."

The Disciples

"Two of them were on their way to a village called Emmaus" (Lk 24:13). In the two disciples, Luke captures the face of all believers. Attention to the mutuality between masculine and feminine, which is found throughout the writings of Luke, has led some exegetes to see them as a couple, identifying the anonymous disciple as the wife of Cleopas.

The Risen One With discretion, Jesus places himself on our path, 'puts himself in the middle', living our history, our questions. He questions and listens to those who keep it in the silence of their hearts: "Jesus himself came up and walked by their side" (Lk 24:16).

The Light

As the sun sets, another light warms the hearts of the disciples: the light of the Word. In the Eucharistic act there is full communion with the Master: "And their eyes were opened and they recognised him" (Lk 24:31).

The Star Pointed to by the Risen One, it is the sign of Evangelisation: "Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread." (Lk 24:35).

The Scroll

In the dialogue between the Old and New Testaments the mystery of salvation is revealed. "Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages through out the scriptures that were about himself." (Lk 24:27).

The Feet

The Risen One shares the steps of man and the power of his Word; he knows how to point them in the right direction because "Your word is a lamp for my steps and a light for my path." (Ps 118:105). For this, "that same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem" (Lk 24:33).

The Walking Stick

Weak and insecure like all human certainties, it expresses the frailty of the disciples who "stopped short, their faces downcast" (Lk 24:17). The Risen One gives them strength with the Word "cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely... it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts." (Heb 4:12).



WHAT THE PAPERS SAY...

Messenger. (1) Roman Barry: Young People — the Now of God. (2) Sr. Susan Jones: New Responses to Consecrated Life. (3) David Breen: The Call to Discipleship Luke 5: 1 - 11 (4) Fr. Albert McDonnell: A Church where everyone feels at home

Irish Catholic. (1) Fr. Michael Meade: Aisling Murphy — in life she cherished the Gospels. (2) Mary Kenny: The problem isn't 'men' as a collective — the problem is evil (3) David Quinn: We are now being asked to reject the whole of our histories for not matching the standards of the present (4) The destructive nature of pornography is completely ignored in modern Ireland, writes Jason Osborne

Catholic Voice. (1) Anthony Hoffer: Culture change and Legal change — Which comes first? (2) Christopher Monckton: Many reasons for hope in 2022 (3) The Catholic Collapse in Australia — A warning to all

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DO NOT RETURN IT TO THE TABLE

Anam Cara Cork, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding it's monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 2nd Feb at 7:20pm in the Clayton Hotel, Silver Springs, Cork City. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. *Subject to change in accordance with



Inspiration

Sunday is dedicated to the Word of God. Already in the Reformed tradition, Bible Sunday celebrates the importance of the Scriptures (usually on or near Reformation Sunday). Pope Francis established this Sunday in 2019, to mark the 16th centenary of the death of St Jerome, the brilliant, hard-working, holy and irascible bible scholar. More importantly, it serves to underline the place of the Scriptures in our lives as disciples of Jesus Christ.



The third Sunday in Ordinary Time is a suitable day because on this Sunday we start reading the Gospel for the year from the start. In 2022, this means we are reading from Luke: the opening dedication (1:1-4) and the opening scene of the ministry in the synagogue in Nazareth (4:14-21). The Nazareth story continues next Sunday with the remaining verses (4:21-30). Today's reading contains the words: 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen,' something we aspire to every Sunday.

The Sunday of the Word of God presents an opportunity to reflect on the place of the Scriptures in our lives as individual believers and as part of the community of faith. There are plenty of resources: Vatican II documents; the publications of the Pontifical Biblical Commission (up-to-date position papers); the writings and reflections of Pope Francis. See also Bible+ on Tarsus.ie

This year, it becomes especially important because we are embarking on the substance of the synodal pathways. There are many dimensions to the regeneration of faith today. There is no doubt, however, that this regeneration can have no other genesis than in the Word of God.



Medjugorje Pilgrimage ex Cork June 15th - 22nd. €749 pps (€50 discount if paid in full by Jan 31st). Spiritual Director Fr Ted Sheehan. Contact Sean O'Shaughnessy 0862959380 to secure place. Limited availability. Full COVID travel insurance included.



Thought for the day

One of the encouraging signs in today's church is the growing popularity of lectio divina, praying the Scriptures. This is best done with other people because it is so enriching as we benefit from the observations and questions of fellow pilgrims. It comes alive when I can say "today, this scripture has been fulfilled in my hearing."

Prayer

Lord, inspire me to read your Scriptures and to meditate upon them day and night. I beg you to give me real understanding of what I need, that I in turn may put its precepts into practice. Yet, I know that understanding and good intentions are worthless, unless rooted in your graceful love. So I ask that the words of Scripture may also be not just signs on a page, but channels of grace into my heart. Amen. (Origen, 184-253 AD) K O'Mahony OSA

Reflections

- 1. Jesus was filled with the Spirit and sent. He came bursting with a message to communicate. When have you had the experience of being enthused by something in that way? Who have been the people you met who had that kind of enthusiasm?
2. The message Jesus had was one of liberation and he told his listeners that it was being fulfilled even as they listened. When have you had a NOW moment of liberation? When has bible reading been an experience of liberation for you?
3. His message was addressed to those who were poor, oppressed, blind, or captives. Who are these today? In what ways have I been, or am I, among these? How has the message of Jesus been good news for you, freed you, given you new sight, or revealed God's favour to you?

PRAYER

Lord, God, whose compassion embraces all peoples, whose law is wisdom, freedom, and joy for the poor, fulfil in our midst your promise of favour, that we may receive the gospel of salvation with faith and, anointed by the Spirit, freely proclaim it.

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