

Word of God Sunday

Today the 3rd Sun of Ord Time, is Word of God Sunday, and is meant to remind us, of the importance and value of Sacred Scripture for the Christian life.

We tend to imagine that the course of our lives is decided by our rational decisions. This may be true in a few things, but for the majority of the time we live our lives out of a story. Some story we have adopted and made our own becomes a lens through which we see life and live life.

The great danger today is rise of fascism. Leaders with good oratorical powers rise and weave a story that people want to believe in, these demagogues can get fanatical support and sweep to power. Take Nazism, many Germans were led to believe that they were a master race, and all other peoples were inferior, some disposable.

The stories we believe in are often imbibed from the culture. The story behind the consumer culture is that if I get rich I will be happy, if I have money enough I can satisfy all the longings of my heart, these are patently false but that is the story that shapes the daily lives of many people.

It is important to know if the story shaping our lives is true or just a fairy story. The scriptures also tell a story, it is a story that purports to tell us what life is about, what happiness is and how we should conduct our lives. It is a story that has shaped our western world but today many are rejecting that story for one that says that there is no spiritual but just a material world.

However the Scriptures are a life-giving word, a word that tells a very different story, a story of love and sacrifice and hope. A story that is true, and we should make that story our own, and not live our lives out of myths and falsehoods.

New Year Prayer

May the Lord make my New Year a happy one...

Not by shielding me from sorrow and pain, but by strengthening me to bear it if it comes.

Not by making my path easy, but by making me sturdy enough to tread any path.

Not by taking hardship from me, but by taking all cowardice and fear from my heart as I meet hardships.

Adam & Eve were the first ones to ignore the Apple terms and conditions.

Catholic Schools Week.

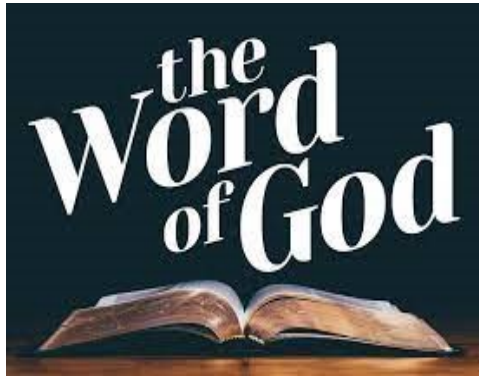
Among the many things that parents love to share with their children, are their interests, their beliefs and their values. A child in a family that is musical, will receive far greater encouragement to sing or play a musical instrument than will a child where neither parent is musical.

Parents want their children to have more than simply their DNA, they want their children to share their beliefs, their values, their culture, their lives. Not just to look like them but to be like them.

The church upholds a very important principle that parents are the primary educators of their children. Parents have a right to pass on to their children the beliefs and values that they cherish.

Because of this parents in many parts of the world have used lots of their resources to set up and run faith schools, schools where their children can be taught and helped to live according to the traditions and values of their parents.

Influential and powerful groups with a desire to reshape society, see things differently, firstly the child belongs not to the parents but to the state, and the state will bring up a child in whatever the state decides. Get God out of the school, get the parents out of the school, and the school becomes a factory that will churn out drones who will support the current system, and fashionable philosophy, whether it be communism, nazism, wokeism consumerism or whatever ism is the flavour of the day.



3rd Sunday Ord Time

MASS TIMES Kilaveney
Mon to Fri mass 9.30am
Adoration Wed. 10am to 8pm
Confessions Wed. 7.45 pm.

Crossbridge Church:
Adoration Tuesday
Masses Sun 9am

Mass Intentions
Mon Special Intention
Tue Fr John Leogue
Wed Deceased Connolly Family
Sat Mary Quaille
Sun Chris & Phyllis Murray
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Feasts
Tue St Francis De Sales.
Wed Conversion of St Paul.
Thu St Timothy and Titus.
Fri St Angels Merci
Sat St Thomas Aquinas

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