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In a recent homily I mentioned the five year old Jesus in the overall context or question of when did Jesus know he was God's Son and I was quite surprised at the amount of reaction it got.

Some expressed surprise, in that they had never really thought of Jesus as a five year old or a ten year old, others felt we cannot know anything about Jesus at this stage in his life because the Gospel tells us nothing on this matter. Despite a range of reactions I was also quite taken by the desire of people to hear more.

This brings me to a topic dear to my heart that of the historical Jesus in other words Jesus of Nazareth. The most important thing for me to say at the outset on this topic and I appreciate it may sound a bit corny, is that this is a most exciting adventure. I mean the adventure of coming to know about Jesus. It is of course a huge area. Some scholars have spent years studying the notion of waiting for Jesus, others got immersed in studying his actual life whilst others still, have given their lives working on the implications of the life death and resurrection of Jesus for us today. Obviously these areas whilst having an independence are also closely linked.

The area I am focusing on is the life of Jesus, as they say, from womb to tomb. Even as we use those words we are into huge areas such as the incarnation and the resurrection, in that Jesus was born of the Virgin through the power of the Holy Spirit and whilst there was a tomb, we gather at an *empty* tomb. Why look among the dead for one who is alive? He is Risen!

So to address the question how well do we know the historical Jesus we might play a little with some issues. Do we ever consider that the threat of death hung over the infant Jesus even before he was born? Herod the dysfunctional and dangerous king was plotting to kill the 'infant king' even as he was born in Bethlehem. Did the five year old Jesus fall whilst out playing? Presumably he played. What kind of childhood would it be without play? Did the ten year old Jesus ever cut his thumb or finger in Joseph's workshop? What do you think happened then? Was the wound healed by magic? Did he feel no pain? This is dangerous. This is the road to a Harry Potter or Star Trek like Jesus. Before we know it we are saying maybe he was not in agony in Gethsemane or Calvary. Did he really die or just go through the motions? This is the realm of heresy, and serious heresy at that. This is the denial of the humanity of Jesus. Essentially what we end up doing here is to take the extraordinary gift from God of his only begotten Son out of love for us and throw it back in his face. When we give in to gobbledygook religion we miss out on the deep and real beauty of our faith. That would be more than a pity, yours fraternally JoeMcD

Planned Giving-amount was €1357.69. Thanks to all who contributed through the standing orders and the Planned Giving. Thanks also to the collectors and counters.

Weekend Mass Intentions

St. Brigid's Church

Saturday 6pm: Carmel & Michael Delaney

Sunday 11am: Derry Darlington

St. Patrick's Church

Sat: 6.30pm: Pat Sexton (m.m.), Christopher Donovan(m.m.), Nancy Farrell & deceased family members.

Sun: 8.30am: Dolly Condell, John Magee

9.30am: Sean Mulligan

11am: Sheila O'Connor, Pamela Saville, Special intention

12.30pm: Sheila Sherlock, Jim Clyne

7pm: Brendan Hennigan, John & Marcella Tynan, Agnes Hendrick

PLANNED GIVING BOXES FOR 2020

The Planned Giving Envelopes are ready for distribution. It would be greatly appreciated if Collectors and any other parishioners would pick up their boxes from the **Parish Office** between 10am - 12pm Monday / Tuesday / Wednesday this week.

Anyone who is willing to distribute boxes no matter how many, would be very welcome indeed.

Weekday Mass Intentions St. Patrick's Church

Monday 25th 10am: Beatrice Ibitoye, Grace Roche

Tuesday 26th 10am: Geraldine Walsh, Nuala O' Byrne

Wednesday 27th 10am: Special intention, Maria Agbou, Fred (Raymond) Price.

Thursday 28th 10am: Soecial intention, Johnny Lynam

Friday 29th 10am: Fred Price, Gerry Biachi

Saturday 30th 10am: Beenie Kennedy, Eileen Ennis

Weekday Mass Intentions St. Brigid's Church

Monday 25th 9.15am: Catherine Reidy & deceased family members.

Tea Lane Cemetery Blessing of the Graves

will take place this Sunday 24th November at 3pm.

Sermons We See By Edgar Guest

I'd rather see a sermon than hear one any day;

I'd rather one should walk with me than merely tell the way.

The eye's a better pupil and more willing than the ear,

Fine counsel is confusing, but example's always clear;

And the best of all the preachers are the men who live their

creeds,

For to see good put in action is what everybody needs.

I soon can learn to do it if you'll let me see it done;

I can watch your hands in action, but your tongue too fast may run.

And the lecture you deliver may be very wise and true,

But I'd rather get my lessons by observing what you do;

For I might misunderstand you and the high advise you give,

But there's no misunderstanding how you act and how you live.

When I see a deed of kindness, I am eager to be kind.

When a weaker brother stumbles and a strong man stays behind

Just to see if he can help him, then the wish grows strong in me

To become as big and thoughtful as I know that friend to be.

And all travellers can witness that the best of guides today

Is not the one who tells them, but the one who shows the way.

One good man teaches many, men believe what they behold;

One deed of kindness noticed is worth forty that are told.

Who stands with men of honour learns to hold his honour dear,

For right living speaks a language which to every one is clear.

Though an able speaker charms me with his eloquence, I say,

DePaul – an organisation set up by the Vincentians, Vincent De Paul and the Daughters of Charity. Homeless people come to their centres for a short stay or on a one night basis.

What their centres need at the moment are the following new items: New socks Underpants/vests Disposable razors Shower gel. If the items could be brought to the Churches on the week-end of December 8th.

Mass Times: St. Patrick's Church, Celbridge:

Saturday (Vigil) 6.30 pm, Sunday: 8.30am, 9.30am, 11am, 12.30pm, 7pm.

Weekday Mass: 10am Holy Days: 10am 7pm. Bank Holidays: 10am.

Confessions: Saturday after 10am Mass

Mass Times: St Brigid's Church, Straffan Saturday (Vigil) 6pm. Sunday

11am Weekday Mass 9.15am Confessions Saturday before 6pm Mass

Adoration Fri at 9am in St. Patrick's and St. Brigid's after Mass for an hour.

LEGION OF MARY

The cause for Beautification has been introduced for three legionaries: The Servant of God, Frank Duff (1889 - 1990), Founder of the Legion, who attended the second Vatican Council as a Lay Observer; Venerable Edel Quinn (1907 - 1944), Legion Envoy to East Africa; and the Servant of God, Alfie Lamb (1932-1959) Legion Envoy to South America.

Please Support our Weekly Parish Lotto

The profit from our Lotto goes to developing our Parish. The prize fund is now at €3500 The lotto envelopes can be placed in the safe at the back of the Church in St. Patricks & St. Brigid's & the collection bags at the Masses.

You pick four numbers between 1 - 30.

One line just €2, 3 lines €5.

Last week (11/11/19) numbers were:

1st draw: 25, 15, 7, 14.

2nd draw: 30, 10, 15, 8

3 consolation prize winners were:

Claire Turley, Jim Healy, Margaret Monaghan

This week (18/11/19) numbers were:

1st draw: 17, 21, 4, 23.

2nd draw: 30, 12, 17, 25

3 consolation prize winners were:

Christy Wallace, Trish Hyland, Vincent Ward

Prizes can be collected in the Sacristy during weekend Mass times. Prizes have to be collected within 30 days of the draw.

Our next draw will take place on Mon afternoon. Envelopes must be submitted before 10.30am on Mondays

St. Joseph's Young Priest's Society meet on the 3rd

Wednesday of every month in the Sacristy of St. Patrick's Church at 7.30pm. They pray for Priest's and for more vocations to the Priesthood and assist financially for the education of Priests. New members urgently needed. Contact Margaret 087 6175970

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