

Killorglin Parish

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MASS TIMES

St. James' Church, Killorglin

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm
Sunday 12.00pm
Monday 10.30am
Tuesday 10.30am
Thursday 6.30pm
Friday 10.30am

All Masses will be livestreamed
<https://www.mcn.live/Camera/killorglin-st-james-church>

Star of the Sea Church, Cromane

Sunday 10.00am
Holydays, First Friday 7.30pm

CONFESSIONS

in St. James' Church, Killorglin
on two Saturdays every month,
12.00 - 12.30pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

in St. James' Church, Killorglin
on Tuesday, 11.00am - 6.00pm

Funeral Masses

If you would like a Funeral Mass in St. James' recorded, please request this of the Parish Office, on the day beforehand.

Funeral Masses can also be livestreamed from Star of the Sea Church, Cromane.

Mind your words....

The American poet and writer, Maya Angelou once said:

'you must be careful about the words you use and the words you allow to be used in your house. I think words are things, they get on the walls, and in your carpets, and in your upholstery, and in your clothes, and finally they get into you'.

She was warning us of the many ways in which words hurt and harm people, and of the ease with which they can even transform our character. The words we use reflect something of who we are.

In the 2nd reading today we are reminded to be courteous and respectful in our dealings with others. As Christians we are called to share the Gospel message, and we do this through both our words and our actions.

But it is important to be respectful of the beliefs and traditions of others and not to exclude or belittle anyone. We are called to testify, but the manner of our witness must be in harmony with the way of Jesus. We need to be willing to listen and to learn from others. And we will need the virtue of humility, recognizing that we do not have all the answers, and that God's wisdom shines forth in so many ways and in so many people.

So, we need to ask ourselves from time to time whether our conversations are open and respectful. Are our words intended to damage or to affirm? How do we relate to people who have very different opinions from our own? Do we simply dismiss them on the basis of stereotypes like 'liberal' or 'conservative', or are we willing to allow a safe space for all voices in our Church and in our society?

All too often we find the Gospel being used as a tool to

- exclude
- hurt
- marginalize

Perhaps today's reading will lead us to reflect on how each of us testifies, how respectful we are to those around us, and whether we truly conduct ourselves as it says in the 2nd reading, with 'courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience'.

The Importance of Rest

Br. Pdraig McIntyre, a Benedictine brother in Glenstal Abbey, contributed to a radio programme entitled 'The History of the Weekend' last Monday on RTE Radio 1. It was in relation to the importance of rest. To begin with, he paraphrased St. Benedict in saying *'idleness is a problem, it is not good for us. You should be involved in an activity.'*

"Rest is an activity, of course, because it is a decided upon action where you are sitting, or breathing, or listening to music or walking. Here in the monastery we sing chant, Gregorian chant, which is around for 1500/1600 years or more, every day. There is an earlier hymn by St. Ambrose, Deus Creator Omnium (God the Creator of all Things), and it has a lovely piece about rest:

*Let rest relax our flagging limbs
And refresh them for tomorrow's toil
Revive our ever drooping spirits
And free us from anxiety*

Sitting on the benches by the chapel lake and listening to the orchestra of wind and bird around me, you can't help but imagine yourself in a Monet painting. It transports you into a different world. That is good. But for lots of us, many days we just walk by all of these things. We have so much going on in our head, we so busy, that we are not in tune. But once you tune in, it is clear and you do not want to tune out from it.

Nature is a great teacher. And we are of nature. Where we are now here in Glenstal, is only after coming to life after a long winter, and the winter down in this place was barren and desolate. And look at it now. All shades of green are coming to life, blossoming and blooming. Nature can only do this because it has rested for its long period of winter. We can only do the same after rest."

First Communion Masses in May

We ask You, Lord, to bless all those who are preparing to receive Your Body and Blood for the first time. Help them to grow in love for You each day of their lives.

