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Sunday Mass Readings

First Reading:

Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 23(24):1-6

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

*"Rejoice and be glad
for your reward will
be great in Heaven"*



Hear

Grab your Bible and look up the Gospel reading. Don't have one? No worries, you can find the text [here](#).

To see an explanation of the Beatitudes for children, [click here](#) [0:00 - 1:20].

For teens and young adults, [click here](#).

Pray

Pray a [Litany of the Saints](#) for your family and those around you. Assign one person to lead the Litany and everyone else should recite the bolded text. Make sure to include your favourite saints if they are not already included in the Litany. How many saints in Heaven do you know?

Talk

In today's Gospel reading Jesus gives his famous Sermon on the Mount. The Beatitudes are eight blessings recounted by Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus teaches us that if we live according to the Beatitudes we will live a happy Christian life. The Beatitudes fulfil God's promises made to Abraham and his descendants and describe the rewards that will be ours as loyal followers of Jesus. Who in your life is a model of the Beatitudes? Share with each other giving examples of the Beatitudes in action.

Family Challenge!

Pick one of the Beatitudes that you want to live out this week.

For you to colour!

Kids' Corner

Let's thank God today for being our loving Father! Can you think of a way to show your love for Him too?



HAPPY OR BLESSED?

The Hebrew word used by Jesus at the very start of today's Gospel is translated as "happy" or "blessed". Some translations use "happy", others use "blessed". So which word do we use? I like to use the word "blessed".

You can be happy with a Mars bar or when your team wins. But to be *blessed* is very different. A blessing comes from God. In what way can we be blessed by God? What strikes us from this Gospel is that God's ways of blessing us are very different to what we might choose. To be poor? I am blessed when I have nothing else to rely on except God. The less of me, the more of God. Mourning? When you have lost what is dear to you, then you can be open to the consolation of Jesus.

Worried about your image? God can help me to be content with who I am. Worried about the lack of meaning in life? I am blessed when I get my inside world right - my heart and mind. Then I am right with God and others and myself. Finding it difficult to get on with others? God will help you to cooperate without fighting, to be merciful and a maker of peace. Looking at others in ways I should not? God will help us discover beauty in all things, even in what does not seem beautiful. Finding it tough to love others even if they are being mean or awful to you? God will bless you with patience and help you forgive.

When we live our lives like this we will truly make the world a better place because we are inviting Jesus to work in us. The Beatitudes are a portrait of Jesus Christ in words. When we live the Beatitudes we become more like him.

By Bishop Cullinan

EVENTS

"A Night of Hope" Nov 11th, 7-8pm:

Join Bishop Phonsie for a Virtual Evening of Prayer, Reflection and Music to ask the Lord's guidance in these uncertain times, and to pray for our loved ones who have passed away.

Live-streamed on the Waterford & Lismore YouTube Channel.



Family Prayer

Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with you.

Blessed are you among
women and blessed is the
fruit of your womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners now
and at the hour of our
death. Amen

Carlo's Corner



Blessed Carlo Acutis
- Pray for us!

INTRODUCING
CARLO!

Have you heard yet about Carlo Acutis, the 15 year old Italian Computer Genius who was declared "Blessed" by Pope Francis on October 10th?

Every week in Carlo's Corner we'll post a little from his life and wisdom, but first check out his story on the seven minute video of his life on YouTube, "The Life of Blessed Carlo Acutis" on the Saints in Seven Channel!



CHECK IT OUT: LITTLE WAY SUNDAY SCHOOL

These weekly YouTube videos are created by a Catholic family in the Raphoe Diocese, to help parents connect their children to the teachings of the Church by providing videos with:

1. An explanation of the Gospel of the day
2. A reflection from one of our priests
3. A weekly mission for the kids.

"We hope that you find our videos engaging, enjoyable and helpful resources for your family's faith journey."

