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Sunday Readings During Ordinary Time

The readings of Ordinary Time are taken from **Cycle B.** To appreciate the readings, **one must make an effort** because of the way they are arranged. For example: The Gospel of the day is from Mark's Gospel **each week**. The first reading is chosen from the Old Testament from **any book**. The reading chosen has a <u>similar theme</u> to that of the Gospel passage - which you won't appreciate unless you know the assigned Gospel passage!

The second reading is taken generally from one of Paul's letters and it has **no connection** with the other readings. The letters of Paul are read in a semi-continuous way over a few weeks. Again, not an easy way to follow what Paul is saying. This is the way the Church shares the Sunday readings. Generally, the bulletin is available in the church from Thursday and it gives people the opportunity to come in and take a bulletin and prepare the readings for the coming Sunday. It will benefit your participation in the Mass.

Today's Gospel is about the mustard seed. When we think of the small beginnings of Jesus' ministry in Galilee to the spread of his message throughout the world, we can appreciate the vast growth that has taken place in history. The seed which Jesus has planted, has indeed grown; who could have guessed in Galilee in 27 AD what would emerge from Jesus's ministry? With this thought in mind, we welcome to our parish this weekend, a missionary priest who reminds us of the great work of all missionary priests, including our SMA Fathers.

The Signs of Inner Peace

- 1. A tendency to think and act spontaneously rather than reacting to fears based on past experiences
- 2. An unmistaken ability to enjoy each moment
- 3. Loss of interest in being judgemental of other people
- 4. Loss of interest in conflict of all kinds
- 5. Loss of ability to worry
- 6. Frequent overwhelming episodes of appreciation
- 7. Contented feelings of connectedness with others and with nature
- 8. An increased tendency to let things happen rather than the urge to make them happen

If you have two or more of these symptoms, you are in grave danger of being out of step with the rest of the world.

New Mass Schedule

During the summer months it will be necessary to cut back on the number of Masses we are able to host in our parish. Some of the priests who cover Masses will be on holidays.

Beginning the week of the 1st of July we will be cancelling the evening Mass on Tuesday and Thursday. We hope that this will be the extent of reductions in our Mass times. As time goes by the number of priests who can volunteer is reducing.

SMA Folklore Project

Members of the SMA Folklore project have compiled various short videos concerning items of interest for Cork people. Below is the QR code which will allow you to access the videos on your phone. Just scan the code with your

This video recalls the story of "The Shawlies of Cork".

phone camera to view the video.



Parish Charity for June

Our new charity is "The Rainbow Club Cork Centre for Autism". Its mission is to provide support for children and young people with ASD and their families. Contributions can be made in the boxes at the front of the church where there is additional information about the charity. To date we have collected €230.



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