

Reflection

Quoting the Prophet Isaiah, Jesus addressed the listeners of his day:

You will listen and listen again and not understand, see and see again but not perceive. For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me.

That is a rather troubling statement. It's a troubling statement because it is one that Jesus could address to the world of our day; the so called post-modern, post-Christian, relativist, materialist, deeply secular, world of today.

We as Christians have to be aware of pretend liberal philosophies, that are in fact extremely intolerant of any contrary view or opinion, that influence and shape the thinking of people and even the policies of governments.

The principal hallmarks of these philosophies are untruth and confusion. They hijack language, distort the meaning of words and bend reality and tolerate no opposition and, claiming all manner of imaginary rights - grounded nowhere - even falsely characterize opposition as insult and abuse that the supersensitive, politically correct, fall for.

The antidote to this is Jesus because he is truth, his word is truth. And how his word is received is described in the parable he spoke to his listeners. He warns them and us not to be like the man who allowed the evil one to carry off his word sown in his heart. He cautions us not to lack depth and allow ourselves to be put off because of some trail - when attempting to live as Christians is sneered at or becomes uncomfortable. He warns us not to become so

engrossed in other concerns that we neglect him. Finally he exhorts us to be deep rich soil in which his word will take deep root and we will produce

abundant fruit of wholesome Christian living and Christian loving and not only receive his word but also become agents of spreading it.

May he always say to us: Happy are your eyes because they see and your ears because they hear.

Peter Pence collection will be taking up at all masses this weekend.

Thank you for your support.

Parish Office will be closed next week and will reopen Monday 27th July

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Fr Daniel Tomasik
Fr Peter Claver Emeke Eze
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Sympathy Mass cards,
Occasional cards,
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Mon-Fri 10am, 5.45pm
Sat 10am & 6pm Vigil
Sun 8am, 10.30am, 12 noon

Confessions
Saturday 10.30am

Baptisms
Saturday 4.30pm

Recently Baptised
We welcome into the Christian
Community
Renee Reeves
Wilder Robinson
We wish them both and their
families every blessing.

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We remember in our prayers
Denis Deeney RIP
Mary McNamara RIP
May they rest in eternal
peace.

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winner of last weekends draw.
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anyone can begin their pilgrimage any day up until Thurs 13th Aug.

The Three Day Pilgrimage ends on 15th August each year.
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For further information please contact us at

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