

Deacon's Beacons

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“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.” Matthew 5:4

Many times at a funeral Mass the Beatitudes are selected as the Gospel, primarily I think because of this passage. It speaks to the hearts of the grieving. There is so much more contained in the Beatitudes though. They speak of being “poor in spirit,” in other words, relying on God for everything. They also speak of hungering and thirsting for justice or righteousness. Maybe the world would be in a better state if that were more true. But the Beatitudes also speak of being persecuted for the sake of Christ. That seems to be a bit more relevant today, although we are still not really a persecuted faith, at least not like it would have been in the early centuries. And maybe we have lost a bit of the fire of faith because of the relative safety in which we worship God. Maybe we would be more committed if there was more at stake.

Go raibh síocháin Chríost a bheith in éineacht leat.

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