



# CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH THE ARTISAN

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# *3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday* IN ORDINARY TIME

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Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him. - Mk 1:20



# Vocation IN THE FAMILY

## 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him." What did Zebedee think about all of this? His sons and his partners, James and John, suddenly left their post and followed Jesus. So there he stood in the boat with a crew of employees, but not one of his sons. We can't help but wonder whether Zebedee was in favour of this promise that his heirs would become "fishers of men." Most likely, this event was the cause of some familial tension.

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus instructs us to love and serve others for the love of God. But the Lord also makes it clear that our devotion to him is meant to trump our devotion to anything--or anyone--else. For our part, we are called to allow this divine allegiance to exist in those we love, even when it means a sacrifice for us as well. Parents for example, like Zebedee, are called to encourage their children to follow the Lord's call. A son or daughter's vocation to religious life certainly exemplifies this kind of sacrifice for a parent who might have had a different plan in mind. But in truth every son and daughter has a vocation from God and parents have the opportunity to support and assist their children as they seek to hear and follow God's special plan for their lives.

We don't know for sure how Zebedee responded to the vocation of his sons, but we know that James and John were counted among the Twelve Apostles and that their devotion and dedication helped to spread the Gospel to the ends of the earth. Regardless of what he might have thought as he stood in that boat, we can be quite sure that looking back now, Zebedee can rejoice heartily in the choice of his sons to leave their nets and follow Christ.

# Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Sat Evening: 7pm	Don & Mary Lambe (A), John Connolly (1stA), Thomas Deane (1stA),
Sun: 9.30am	Mass of the People
Sun: 11.30am	Hannah Counihan (A), William & Sally Maxwell (A), Rosaleen Kiernan (80 B.R.) also husband Brendan, Sheila Mc Menamy (M.M.),
Mon: 9.30am	James Kavanagh (A),
Tues: 9.30am	Eileen Carter (B.R.)
Wed: 9.30am	Liturgy of the Word
Thurs: 9.30am	William & Josie Callery (A), John Connolly (A),
Fri: 9.30 am	Joseph Jones (A),

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### Opening Hours

The Parish Office will be closed for the Christmas Period and will re-open on Monday, 8th January 2018. If you require anything in the office during this time please call the number above and we will be happy to assist.

**Website:** [www.bonnybrookparish.ie](http://www.bonnybrookparish.ie)

**Facebook:** Bonnybrook Parish.

**Parish Pastoral Council:** [chairperson@bonnybrookparish.ie](mailto:chairperson@bonnybrookparish.ie)

### Mass Times

Sunday Vigil: (Saturday Evening) 7.00pm

Sunday: 9.30am & 11.30am

Monday - Friday: 9.30am

Saturday morning: No Mass

### BAPTISMS

Second Saturday of each month at 12.00pm

Fourth Sunday of each month at 12.30pm

**Please note that there will no longer be a morning Mass on Wednesdays until the Season of Lent. In the meantime, the Wednesday morning Mass will be replaced by a Liturgy of the Word.**



### COLLECTIONS FOR 14TH JANUARY 2018

COMMON FUND €319

SHARE €472

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### World Meeting of Families - Dates for your Diaries.

#### The Joy of Love - Parish Conversations

Three Meetings will be held in our Cluster of Parish.

1. Wednesday, 21st Feb 2018 in **Bonnybrook** Church at 7pm
2. Wednesday, 7th March 2018 in **Priorswood** Church at 7pm
3. Wednesday, 21st March 2018 in **Darndale** Church at 7pm

The above meetings are open to parishioners in each parish as we gather 'together' to explore the significance of this important meeting for all our families. We hope you will join us.

**The Encounter** A young adult (20's & 30's) event with live acoustic music, reflective prayer in adoration, and guest speakers on life, faith and purpose. Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January in St. Paul's Church, Arran Quay at 8pm. Jane Mellett will focus on faith and Ciara Murphy will lead us in music. Dates for the diary: 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 20<sup>th</sup> April, 19<sup>th</sup> May and 9<sup>th</sup> June 2018. For more information email [st.pauls@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:st.pauls@dublindiocese.ie) and visit [www.facebook.com/theencounterdublincity](http://www.facebook.com/theencounterdublincity)

**Life to the Full (Jn 10: 10) Book Club** Join other 20 & 30 year olds to meditate, share and discuss life, faith, purpose and how to live life to the full. We read a chosen spiritual book over a few weeks and come to reflect and discuss our thoughts. From 7.00 - 8.30pm every Thursday in St. Paul's Church, Arran Quay, Dublin 7, commencing Thursday 18th January. Contact: [st.pauls@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:st.pauls@dublindiocese.ie) and [www.facebook.com/lifetothefullbookclub](http://www.facebook.com/lifetothefullbookclub)



Parents, when coming to our Church please be aware of our Child Protection Guidelines that remind us that children should be accompanied at all times throughout their time in Church.

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Everyone is welcome in our Parish, especially our children so do help us to help you to ensure that they are safe at all times.

## WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC TRADITIONS EXPLAINED

### QUESTION:

In Year B, we hear primarily from the Gospel of Mark. Since each Evangelist has a unique perspective, what are the key issues that Mark addresses in his Gospel?

### ANSWER:

Gospels are a particular faith community's reflection on Jesus. Each Gospel's author reflected that community's faith in Jesus. Jesus' message is made relevant to the community's situation and context. Mark was the first Gospel to be written. When Matthew and Luke wrote theirs, they imitated and adapted Mark for their communities.

Mark's Gospel seems to be addressed to a faith community undergoing turmoil, rejection, and persecution--forces that threaten to overwhelm them. This provides the context around which Mark fashions the story of Jesus. He presents Jesus as the One sent by God to confront the forces of evil. That is the good news of Jesus.

Jesus' struggle with the demonic forces leads to confrontation, rejection, outright opposition, and a conspiracy to do away with him. Realizing this, Jesus is not deterred. Rather Jesus calls for total faith in God who helps us to overcome the forces of evil. Suffering and even death seem to be the consequences of this struggle. Yet, that is not the end. The one who suffers for the sake of others, the suffering servant, will be the one through whom redemption and salvation will come to all. For Mark, this is what discipleship demands and what true faith in God can and will accomplish. See if you can detect these themes as you read Mark's Gospel.

## INSPIRATION

Jesus proclaims today the Gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfilment. The Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel." Jesus challenges us to accept a change of heart, to start believing and thinking differently. The Gospel asks us to take the focus off ourselves and away from self-concern, and place it on our brothers and sisters, especially those most broken and in need, and on our environment. We are called to be stewards of all God has created. This means that we are also called to work on God's behalf ensuring that all that God created and all who God created is cared for and protected.

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