



### 27h Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit." The chief priests and elders listening to Jesus must have been furious. After telling the parable about the tenants who abused the owner's property and killed his son, Jesus had a tough lesson to teach. He compared the Jewish leaders to these terrible tenants. They, like the selfish workers in the vineyard, were guilty of not respecting proper authority and of trying to seize control--not of grapes, in this case, but of religious matters. In short, they were not bearing fruit for God's kingdom, but only for their own prestige and privilege.

Before we spend too much time criticizing them, however, we would do well to examine ourselves. If Jesus were standing in our midst right now, would he have a similar warning for us? We may not be religious leaders, but we are like those tenants in many ways because we have been made stewards of the gifts of God. We receive his help and grace through the sacraments, for example. Are we good stewards of this grace, or do we take it for granted and fail to nourish it to produce good fruit?

And what about the personal gifts that God has entrusted to each of us? We all have certain skills, talents, experiences, and opportunities thanks to God's work in our lives. Do we make the most of these things or do we settle for the easy road? Do we thank God for them or consider them to be our own?

God has trusted us with a place in the world, HIS world. He is the ultimate authority here and all things we enjoy come from his hands. May we have the humility and gratitude to use his gifts for his glory and not just our own.



Sat Evening: 7pm Mick Malone (A), Lily & Bernard

McGarry (A), Brian Fitzmaurice (M.M.)

Sun: 9.30am Ann Dillon (A), John Ahearne (A),

Sun: 11.30am Paul Murphy (A), Eamonn Garland

(A), Aidan Mc Menamay (1stA), Thomas Downey (A)

Mon: 9.30am Thomas Sweeney (A),

Tues: 9.30am James Sweeney (A), Sean Cuddy

(B.R.), also Mr & Mrs Stewart (A),

Wed: 9.30am Mass Intentions for Thomas,

Allison & Gary (living)

Thurs: 9.30am Mass Intentions Marie Carthy,

**Eileen Byrne, Sharon McConnell (all unwell)** 

Fri: 9.30am Shop list of the Living & Deceased

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#### **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



**FUNERAL TEAM & BETHANY SUPPORT GROUP**Monday, 9th October 2017 at 7pm in the Oratory.

If you can't make the above meetings and you wish to remain on the list please let Fr. Joe or the Office know so that we can keep your name on the Rota. Thank You.

#### **COLLECTIONS FOR 1ST OCT 2017**

COMMON FUND €517

Share €370

FAMILY OFFERING €2828. (3 WEEKS)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.

#### WEEKLY FAMILY OFFERING (NEW BOX)

For those who bring their Family Offering to the Church please place it in the New Box provided beside the Newsletters & Leaflets at the back of the Church. Please do not place the envelope in the collection Bags for the 1st & 2nd Collection. Thank you to all those who support the Weekly Family Offering. This collection enables us to run the parish and provide the services we do in our parish. If you do not support the Family Offering and would like to please contact the Parish Office and our secretary, Dolores will be happy to assist. Some parishioners support the Family Offering with a Direct Debit from their Bank. We are happy to assist those who may wish to do this.



#### **AFTERNOON TEA DANCE:**

Back by popular demand Vintage Afternoon Tea will take place in the Grand Hotel, Malahide 19th October from 2.00-5.00pm (especially for North Dublin seniors) Limited Tickets Remaining! Old Style Dancing to the Sugar Cubes and lots of singing! Tickets are subsidised - Not-For-Profit Only €25! Contact 086 809 0248 | 086 826 7182 | 086 383 2257 or info@forgetmenots.ie to book your tickets. Don't delay or you will be disappointed! www.forgetmenots.ie | Registered Charity No 20144661 Dementia-inclusive | Wheelchair-friendly | Everyone welcome.

#### **STRICTLY COME DANCING**

in Crowne Plaza Hotel, Santry.
On Sunday, 29th October. Show starts, 8:00pm
Ticket Price - €20

In Aid of **TEARFUND IRELAND** raising funds to help lift people out of poverty for good where the need is greatest. A member of our Parish Choir, Brinsten (Indian Student) will have tickets for sale following the 11.30am Mass on Sunday if you would like to support the Fund.



OCTOBER TASTER OF TAIZÉ: Brother Jean Marie of the Taizé community in France will visit Ireland for ten days. As the contact brother to Irish pilgrims he is well known to many of our young people who have travelled there in recent years. Those familiar with CD's of the chants from that ecumenical monastery will also know Br Jean Marie's lovely tenor voice. He is the author of many of the new chants emerging from the Taizé community's beautiful liturgy and prayer. Here in Dublin he will be present for a chanted Taizé Evening Prayer around the Cross in St Paul's Church, Arran Quay, Dublin 7 on Friday 13th October at 7.30pm and people of all Christian denominations are welcome. Those who took part in his previous visits know it will be a wonderful prayer moment. Parking in the Smithfield area is free after 7.00pm and the Smithfield LUAS stop is nearby. All welcome.

## WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC TRADITIONS EXPLAINED

#### QUESTION:

Why is the Church against stem cell research, especially if it offers the possibility of cures for diseases like Alzheimer's and Parkinson's?

#### **ANSWER:**

Like so many issues, the truth about stem cell research is more complicated than a few sound bites and vague promises of cures. For the Church, the problem is with embryonic stem cell research, not the research itself. The destruction of human life, even for a seemingly noble cause, is never acceptable. The ends cannot justify the means. Stem cells can be obtained in other ways, including from the placenta as well as from adults. So research is possible without the destruction of other life.

On the other hand, stem cell research shows much promise, but no concrete results. Some scientists also dispute what diseases might be cured by new discoveries. The research is still in its early stages. The question for our country is whether we should invest a lot of money in research now, looking for cures that will probably remain out of reach for most people, or should we invest that money in other programs with more immediate benefits, especially those that stress prevention and education. It is indeed a complex issue that requires close scrutiny and investigation before we jump to inaccurate conclusions or make decisions based on good, but misinformed, intentions.

## INSPIRATION

How often do we find ourselves wanting what is not ours? Greed, envy, and even gluttony lead us to a bad end. We live in a world that feels very entitled. Many people believe that wants and needs ought to be provided or simply given to them, without any work or effort. It is easy to feel that we have received the short end of the stick or less than what we deserve. However, feeling short changed makes it impossible to walk with gratitude in our hearts and feel a sense of responsibility, the two essential elements of the spiritual life. Are we grateful?

Fr. Joe will celebrate a TV Mass on this Sunday, 8th October in RTE Studios at 11am with the Holy Faith Congregation as they commemorate the 150 applyers any of the

they commemorate the 150 anniversary of the services they provide throughout the world.

Thanks to Fr. Suresh who will celebrate the 9.30am & 11.30am Masses in our Parish to enable Fr. Joe to celebrate the TV Mass



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