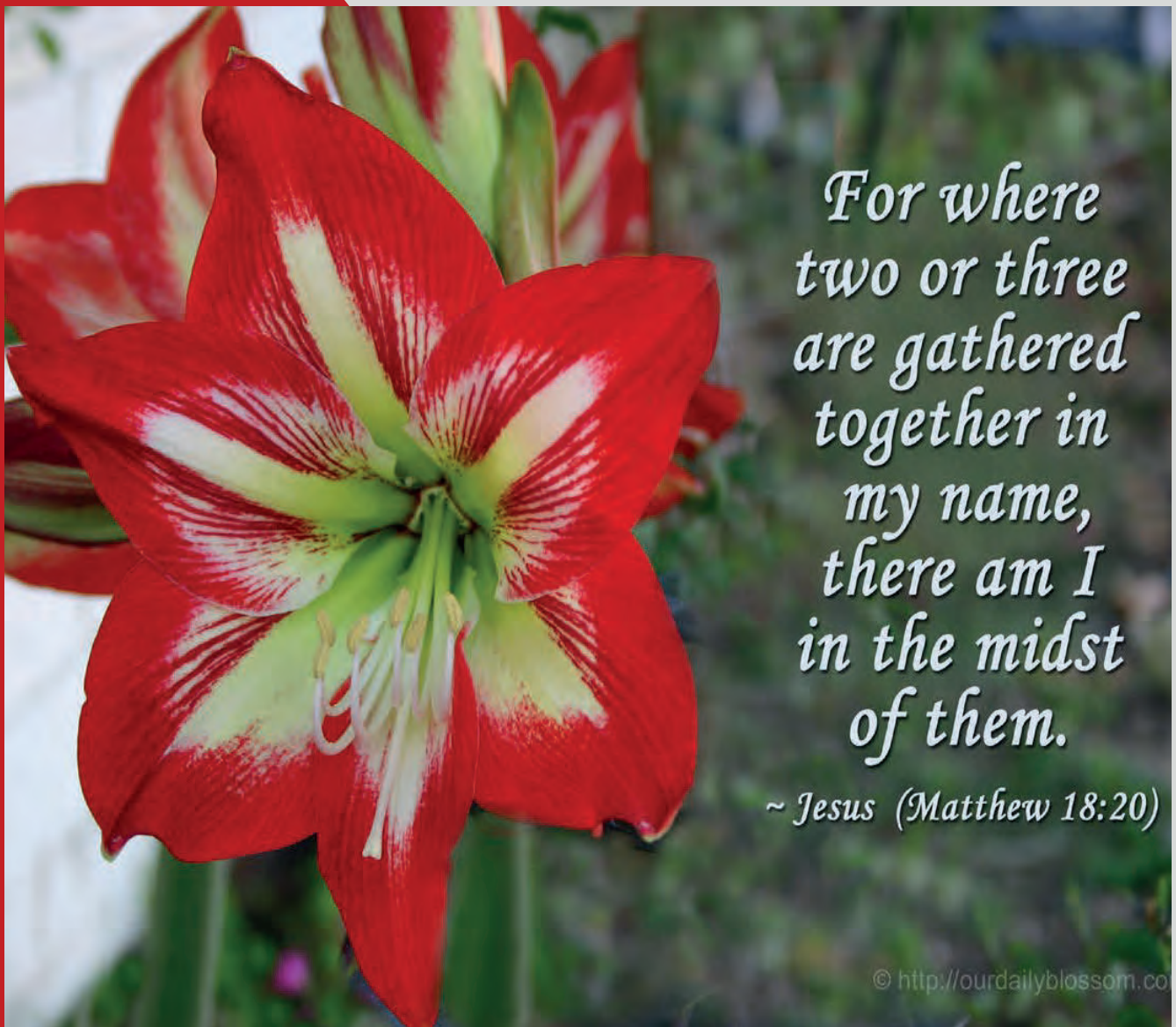




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*St. Joseph the Artisan Church*



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*~ Jesus (Matthew 18:20)*

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## Parish Newsletter

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IT IS SIMPLY IMPOSSIBLE  
TO LEAD, WITHOUT THE  
AID OF *prayer,*  
A VIRTUOUS LIFE.

—ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

### *23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." This is a fascinating promise. Jesus enlightens us today about the power of communal faith. He emphasizes that a gathering of like-minded believers, small though it may be, has a powerful effect. As he tells his disciples, "If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father." Alright then, what are we waiting for? We should take Jesus up on this amazing offer! Going to Mass is one way to do so. When we gather together every Sunday, we do more than listen to readings and receive the Eucharist. We also PRAY together. The priest leads us in these prayers, of course, but we are meant to join with him, as the Second Vatican Council put it, with "fully conscious, and active participation" (Sacrosanctum Concilium, #14). We are to make the prayers our own by attentively joining in with them from our hearts. Mindlessly reciting "Amen" or absently whispering the words of the Our Father likely loses the effect Jesus was talking about in today's Gospel. But truly praying together with our parish community certainly fits the bill. We need not be at church to fulfil this kind of prayer, however. It only takes two! Those of us who live with others can exercise communal prayer every day in our own homes, just by joining each other for a few moments of petition or praise. Those who live alone may need to reach out more deliberately, but it only takes a phone call to "gather together" with another believer and offer up our prayers. May we have the courage to invite others to join us as we bring our needs to God.

## Mass Intentions

### FOR THE WEEK

**Sat Evening: 7pm** Freda Griffin (A), Patrick Barry (1stA)  
Michael Forrester (A) Tommy & Marie Casey (A)  
Thomas & May Ringwood (A),

**Sun: 9.30am** John O'Brien (B.R.)  
also remember his mother Marie & Sister Ann

**Sun: 11.30am** Brendan Kiernan (A), also his wife  
Rosaleen , Patrick Dillon (A), Tom & Teresa  
Davis (A), Peter Hickey (A)

**Mon: 9.30am** Shop List of the Deceased & Living

**Tues: 9.30am** Michael Connor (A),

**Wed: 9.30am** Special Intention (Private)

**Thurs: 9.30am** Special Intention (Private)

**Fri: 9.30am** Shop Mass Intentions

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#### Opening Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9.30am - 12.30pm  
(Office is closed on Wednesdays)

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

**Facebook:** Bonnybrook Parish.

#### 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

With Heartfelt  
*Sympathy*



To the families of the late  
*Eddie Kelly R.I.P. & Carmel Downey R.I.P.*  
*Patricia Flood R.I.P.*



**Meetings for the different Groups in our Parish.**

Please Note the following dates for meetings have been arranged.

**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST.**

Monday, 2nd October 2017 at 7.30pm in the Oratory.

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Tuesday, 3rd October 2017 at 7.30pm in the Oratory.

**BAPTISM TEAM**

Thursday, 5th October 2017 at 7.30pm in the Oratory.

**FUNERAL TEAM & BETHANY SUPPORT GROUP**

Monday, 9th October 2017 at 7.30pm in the Oratory.

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It is important for each member to attend the meeting of your group. If you can't attend and wish to continue please let the Office or Fr. Joe know so that you can be included in any rosters that will be set for the coming months. If you are not involved in any of the above groups and would like to become involved we would be delighted to welcome you to participate. Just contact the Parish Office or Fr. Joe with your details.



**HOSPICE COFFEE ON THURSDAY,**

14th September 2017 from 10am to 12pm in the Family Centre. Come along and enjoy the fun and support St. Francis Hospice



**ARTS & CRAFTS GROUP** meet every Tuesday &

Thursday in the Family Centre from 10am to 12noon. New Members welcome.

Just come along and enjoy the craic!

**Courses**



**PATHWAYS: EXPLORING FAITH AND MINISTRY PROGRAMME**

Pathways is a two-year, one evening a week, Adult Faith Development course on Thursday evenings in Clonliffe College, September to May (7.00– 9.30pm). Start date: Thursday 28th September. Applications accepted while places remain. Contact: Pathways Director, Eileen Houlahan at 01 - 8379253 Ext. 294 or Email: pathways@dublindiocese.ie - see: www.evangelisation.ie

**SPIRITUALITY PROGRAMME - FINAL REMINDER**

Lumen – Dominican Centre, Blackrock is running a two year part-time programme on Thursday evenings and six Saturdays to start on 28 September 2017. It is exciting and inspiring and is open to all, no prior learning needed. Contact Anne Ryan, anneryanflanagan@gmail.com, 086 884 3652.

**SCHOOL OF THE WORD BIBLICAL PROGRAMME (SOTW):**

The SOTW offers a basic introductory set of courses as well as a set of more advanced biblical studies. All the programmes are explicitly linked to the Lectionary and use a modified "lectio divina" approach. The intended participants include readers, bible group members and all interested parishioners. The SOTW is free to parishes. Basic programmes (all involve six modules); Introducing Mark, Introducing Paul and Introducing the Old Testament. Further programmes; Romans, Eucharist, John, Hebrews, Prophets and Introduction to the Holy Land (for pilgrims to Israel) For more information contact: Dr Kieran J. O'Mahony OSA, Biblical Studies Coordinator on M: 086 3390247 or Email: komahony1@icloud.com / www.tarsus.ie

**WHY DO WE DO THAT?  
CATHOLIC TRADITIONS EXPLAINED**

**QUESTION:**

What is the history behind feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on September 14?

**ANSWER:**

Emperor Constantine's mother, Helena, is credited with having discovered the true cross around 330. She travelled to the Holy Land and uncovered the places associated with Jesus' life. Legend has it that Helena uncovered three crosses but was not able to detect the true cross until each of them was laid on a leper. Only one of them cured the leper, proving it to be the true cross. A great church was built at the site, and soon various portions of the cross were sent to other churches as relics to be venerated.

The day after the dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, September 14, 335, the actual cross was displayed for veneration. Egeria, a women traveller to Jerusalem around the year 386, kept a diary that has survived. She tells of the unique veneration of the wood of the cross that took place on Good Friday, something maintained ritually to this very day.

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross focuses on the gift of love that Jesus manifested by his total gift of self, offered for all. The cross, the ultimate form of capital punishment in its day, has become for us the ultimate symbol of love and triumph over evil and death.

**INSPIRATION**

Relationships are difficult, requiring honesty, dialogue, respect, and tolerance. We can easily offend one another, even by doing the simplest of things. Feelings can be hurt and relationships can become hurtful. Sometimes, our own wounds end up wounding others. When division or discord results, rather than responding with anger, judgment, and vindication, Jesus instructs us to be compassionate, tolerant, respectful, and forgiving. We can do this even when we have to confront someone with the truth, which may not always be well received. Even with our brokenness, we are all an image of God and should do all in our power to properly resolve conflicts.

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