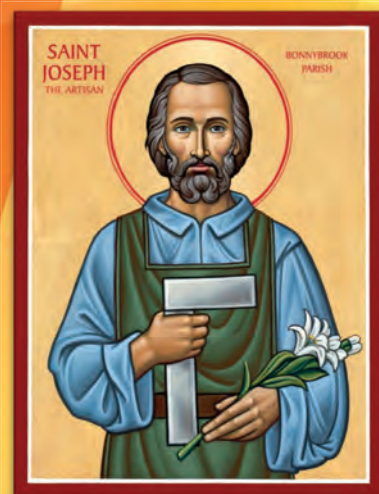


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GOD NEVER TIRES OF FORGIVING.

— POPE FRANCIS



6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

We may not like it, but generosity and risk often go hand-in-hand. At least, that's what Jesus shows us in today's Gospel as a leper approaches him for healing. Until the nineteenth century, lepers were shunned to the margins of society for fear of spreading the disease. To touch a leper was to risk becoming unclean yourself. In today's Gospel, Jesus defies convention. "Moved with pity, he reached out his hand, [and] touched him." The leper is healed! But this is not the only risk Jesus takes.

Before Jesus heals the man, he knows full well the desperate nature of his situation. Jesus knows that this man will be overjoyed upon being healed and that he just might tell everyone he knows. For a Messiah looking to temporarily fly under the radar, healing this particular leper might not be the best idea. Jesus heals anyway.

It can be easy to become calculated in our giving. If I go out of my way to help this person, how will it affect my reputation? How will this charitable donation affect my budget? How could I possibly make time to volunteer regularly? In today's Gospel, Jesus casts these concerns aside. He touches the untouchable. He reaches the unreachable. For his efforts, he receives a betrayal of his request for silence. "The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter." Before long "it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly." Jesus is forced to remain "outside in the deserted places." It would appear, perhaps, that he is unable to accomplish his mission. When we take a risk to be generous, things might not follow the prescribed path. We might be disappointed. We also might be surprised! Our witness to radical generosity is attractive to a world in desperate need. Indeed, when Jesus took risks for love, "People kept coming to him from everywhere."

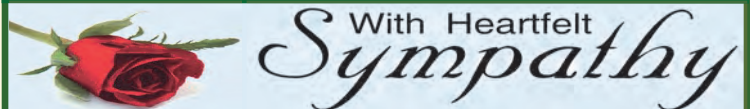
Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Sat Evening: 7pm	Dominic Mc Donagh (1stA), Thomas Donohoe (A), Tom Mongey (A) Breda Douglas (A), Bill Ryan (1stA), Anna Brady (A), Tony Ryan (M.M.)
Sun: 9.30am	Patricia (Patsy) Murray (A)
Sun: 11.30am	Mass for the Stardust Victims
Mon: 9.30am	John Walsh (A)
Tues: 9.30am	Michael Gleeson (A) also his son Mark
Wed: 9.30am	Ash Wednesday Mass
Thurs: 9.30am	Tony & Margaret Collins (A)
Fri: 9.30am	Bernard & Margaret Courtney (A) & Martin Penrose (1st A)

WEDNESDAY IS ASH WEDNESDAY.

MASS IN OUR CHURCH AT 9.30AM FOLLOWED BY THE DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES.



To the families of the late John Hunt R.I.P.,
George Gallagher R.I.P. & Brian Murphy R.I.P.

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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

Facebook: Bonnybrook Parish.

Parish Pastoral Council: 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 (A months Notice must be given)

Second Saturday of each month at 12.00pm
Fourth Sunday of each month at 12.30pm



THE CLONTARF PLAYERS

have confirmed the Play they will do this year will be "Heaven Scent".

They will perform this play on

Friday, 23rd March 2018 at 8pm in our Church. We look forward once again to being host to the Clontarf Players.

ST JOHN VIANNEY'S BI-CENTENARY

Tuesday 13 February is the 200th Anniversary of St John Vianney, the Curé of Ars, going to the small parish of Ars, France, which he transformed and which became a centre of world-wide pilgrimage. The Curé of Ars is the Patron of Confessions and of Priests. To mark this occasion the Parish of St John Vianney, Ardlea Road, Artane, will be having a special Mass at **10.00 am on Tuesday 13 February**, celebrated by the new Apostolic Delegate, Archbishop Okolo.

There will also be Evening Prayer and Benediction at 7.30 pm on 13 February. There will be Veneration of the Relics and Confession after each service.

MARGARET AYLWARD CENTRE FOR FAITH AND DIALOGUE FEBRUARY EVENTS

Trusting in God: Embracing Freedom with Denis Gleeson (Tuesdays from 6th February, 10.30 - 12noon. Cost €5 per session). These mornings offer a gentle and contemporary look at God, science, religion, Church and morality. Contemplative Awareness and the Search for the Soul with Mary Glennon (Tuesdays starting 6th February from 7.30 - 9 pm. Cost €5 per session). During these four weeks together we will pray contemplatively each night for a brief period. Centering Prayer Evenings with Fionnuala Quinn O.P. (Wednesdays from 7 Feb, from 7 - 8pm. €5). Be transformed with simple prayer. Booking essential for all sessions. Tel: 01 7979364/ 0876649862 Email: mcfcdglasnevin@gmail.com Web: www.margaretaylwardcentre.ie

THE ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR ACCORD

will take place next weekend (18th Feb).

This will replace the SHARE Collection.



COLLECTIONS FOR 4TH FEBRUARY 2018

COMMON FUND €443

SHARE €340

FAMILY OFFERING: €1,893 (2 WEEKS)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.



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.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC TRADITIONS EXPLAINED

QUESTION:

Carnivale and Mardi Gras celebrations are linked to Ash Wednesday, Lent, fast and abstinence. Can you tell us more about the connections between these events?

ANSWER:

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the forty days known as Lent. Every year, Christians highlight this penitential season as a time of self-examination, reformation of one's life, and continued development of a deeper spiritual life. The recommended practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving become the focus of Lenten activity and ritual. Each of these spiritual practices is aimed at personal discipline as well as continued concern for the other, especially the poor or alienated.

Forty days is a symbolic biblical period of time, during which personal transformation occurs and out of which people surface as more spiritual, ready to carry out God's mission. Relying on God's providence and care, no matter how difficult life becomes, is crucial to Lenten spirituality. Fasting was initially stricter, permitting only one simple meal a day without meat, fish, or other delicacies. Such things were not even allowed in the house.

In order to prepare for this in an age of no refrigeration, people gathered to consume whatever was not allowed during Lent. This led to parties or celebrations originally referred to as Carnivale, literally meaning "goodbye to meat," or Mardi Gras, literally meaning "Fat Tuesday." The eating and celebrating ended on the Tuesday just before Ash Wednesday. Today we focus more on moderation in all things, as well as a strong concern the poor. What are you doing for the poor this Lent?

INSPIRATION

We never marginalize or turn our backs on those who suffer violence, oppression from unjust systems, poverty, illness, or disease. Jesus never turned anyone away, but always extended a hand of healing and compassion. He would insist on extending God's merciful and unconditional love to all, even if it meant breaking the Sabbath or civil law. Does the way we treat others, especially those who are different than us, reflect the freedom, joy, love, and good news of the Gospel?

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