

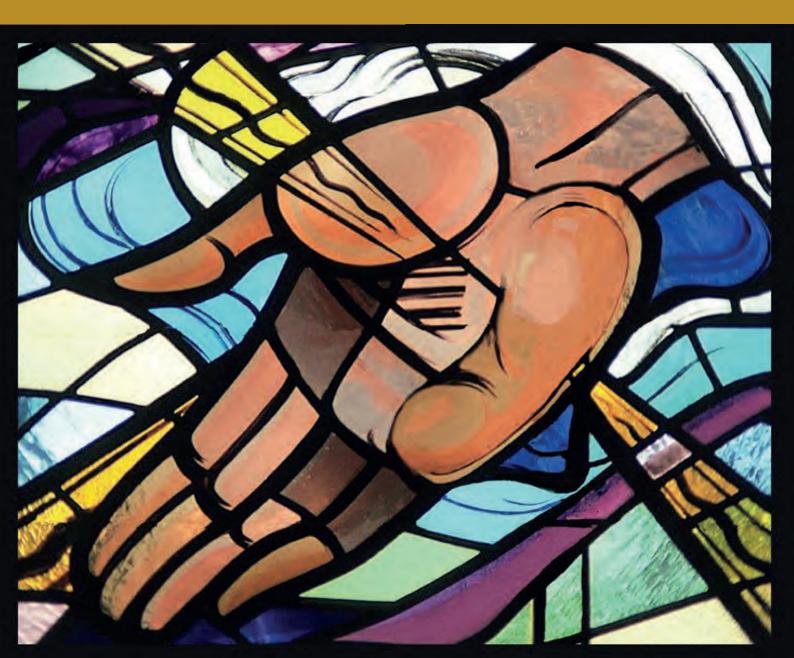
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Your Right Hand, O Lord, Glorious in Power

(Exodus 15:6)

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2018



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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"He first found his own brother Simon and told him, 'We have found the Messiah.'" After spending the day in the company of Christ, Andrew took action. He shared the good news! Instead of keeping his newfound friendship with Jesus all to himself, Andrew invited his brother into the fold. Andrew found Simon and "brought him to Jesus." This was no small matter because Simon would become Peter, the first pope! How important it is to bring others along with us to meet Christ!

Yet, how often do we reach out with the kind of confidence that Andrew had? Are we ready and willing to share our faith with our family and friends? Do we consider our relationship with Jesus a gift to be shared, or a fact to be safely hidden away in our personal prayer corner? Part of our call as Christians is to evangelize others, to share with them the good news of salvation. Loving Jesus and following his moral commands is essential, of course, but it is not the end of the story. The Gospel message is meant for all people, and we are meant to be its messengers. Sometimes this requires us to step out of our comfort zone. It may mean speaking up when we'd rather be silent. It may mean inviting someone to Mass when they might say no. But it might also mean a conversion for someone we care about. It might mean a new minister for the Church. Ultimately, it might mean another saint in heaven.

None of that is up to us, however. What we can control is only whether we share our faith joyfully and extend the invitation to others to experience the peace that comes from knowing Christ.

Mass Intentions

FOR THE	VVEEK			
Sat Evening: 7pm	Eddie Byrne (1st A),			
	Cecil Dekhors (A),			
Sun: 9.30am	Frank Winston (B.R.),			
	Margaret & Anthony Neary (A),			
Sun: 11.30am	Chris Walsh also Dec. members			
of the Walsh & Corrigan Families (A), Carmel Byrne				
(1stA) also remembe	er husband Christy , Teresa &			
Paddy O'Rourke (A),				
Mon: 9.30am	John Carolan (1stA) also			
	remember his son David			
Tues: 9.30am				
Wed: 9.30am	Liturgy of the Word			
Thurs: 9.30am				
Fri: 9.30aam W	/illiam & Catherine Coates (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 Facebook: Bonnybrook Parish.

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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

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.





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.

Laudate Festival 2018

A festival gathering of primary school/ parish faith community celebrating Families of Faith through song and reflection during Catholic Schools Week.



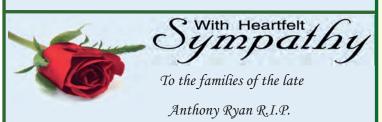
This Laudate Festival 2018 brings children from forty-five primary schools of the Archdiocese along with parishioners and choirs together to celebrate the gift of one another, the gift of family and Catholic education and to sing an enjoyable, shared and engaging repertoire. Monday 29 January at 7p.m. St Colmcille's Church, Knocklyon. Tuesday 30 January at 7p.m. Our Lady of Victories Church, Ballymun Road. Wednesday 31 January at 7.00p.m. Church of the Guardian Angels, Newtownpark Ave, Blackrock. All are welcome (parents, families, friends and parishioners), with free entry, to the Laudate Festival nights.



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.

If your child wants to use the bathroom facilities at the entrance of our Church - PLEASE ACCOMPANY THEM.

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:

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins on January 18, and ends on January 25, the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. What does one have to do with the other?

ANSWER:

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity consists of eight days beginning January 18 (at that time the feast of the Chair of Peter), and ending on January 25, the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. The Franciscan Friars of the Atonement, founded in the early twentieth century in Graymoor, NY, sought to promote unity among Anglicans and Roman Catholics. Paul James Wattson, a former Episcopalian priest, founded the community, which was formally accepted into the Catholic communion.

The idea for Christian unity soon began to catch on, and by the 1930s, more and more Christians welcomed such a focus. Suggestions for prayer and education are distributed each year, emphasizing a jointly chosen theme. The 1964 Vatican II document on ecumenism, "Unitatis Redintegratio," gave a great boost to the octave, so that today many Christians worldwide promote and participate in the octave time of prayer.

The emphasis on both Peter and Paul aptly fits into the rationale of the octave. Peter is seen as the source of unity within the Christian tradition. Paul is highlighted due to his vision of bringing all to Christ. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is an ideal opportunity to pray for and promote respect, understanding, and, hopefully, eventual unity among Christians. To learn more, visit geii.org.

INSPIRATION

Sometimes it is difficult to hear God's call. We are trained to listen attentively and to hear many things, but spiritual ones are often missed. God is calling us all of the time. He is calling us to drink deeply of the well of life and not get distracted by the superficial and short-lasting things we choose to cling to. Have we ever given a true spiritual life and relationship with God a chance? Jesus says to us today, "Come, and you will see." May we take Jesus up on his invitation and like Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, be able to exclaim: "We have found the Messiah." SPREAD THE WORD: A Thriving, Vibrant Community Matters – Support Our Advertisers!



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