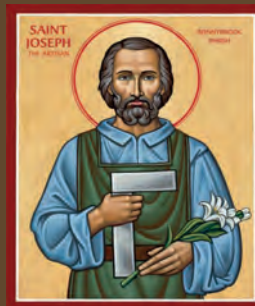


PARISH NEWSLETTER

You're invited.....



'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.'

Matthew 22:1-14

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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"My friend, how is it that you came in here without a wedding garment?" Today's Gospel parable is unsettling in several ways. The various images of rejection, mistreatment, and violence paint an unpleasant picture. Guests refuse to come to a feast, servants are killed, troops are dispatched. The King continues to try to fill his dinner hall, and then when someone finally does show up, the King throws him out for wearing the wrong clothes. What is going on here?

The message would have been a poignant one for his Jewish listeners. As the chosen people, they were the first to receive the "invitation" to share in the kingdom of God. But the chief priests and elders were uninterested in accepting Jesus and his authority; thus they didn't show up for the feast. But what about those who did come? Something is expected of them as well. Donning a "wedding garment" is like being properly prepared to enter God's kingdom. Just showing up isn't enough. Here it's important to pay attention to the details. The King first calls his poorly dressed guest "friend." The approach begins with mercy and kindness. But the man gives no defence for himself, and displays no desire to change. It's as if he doesn't really care to be there at all.

The question this raises for us is whether or not we are "dressed" appropriately. We may hang around the banquet hall--going to church, professing to be Christian--but are we sincere guests of the King of kings? Do we truly accept Christ's teachings and live by them, or are we just showing up? The splendours of the invitation Christ gives us should not be taken for granted. We are called to share in a royal feast. May we all be grateful guests.

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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

With Heartfelt
Sympathy 
To the families of the late
Lorraine Gunnery R.I.P. & Patricia Cox R.I.P.

FUNERAL TEAM & BETHANY SUPPORT GROUP TRAINING

Thursday, 7th Dec 2017 at 7.30pm in the Oratory.
If you would like to be involved in the **Funeral Ministry** of our parish or in the **Bethany Support Group** please let us know and come along to an evening of training.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Sat Evening: 7pm Carmel Downey (M.M.), also Husband Paddy (30th A), Marie O'Farrell (B.R.),
Sun: 9.30am Mary Doyle (A), Kenneth Yarwood (A),
Sun: 11.30am Kathleen & Frank O'Keefe (A), Hugh Glynn (1stA), Sarah (Lucey) Kenny (A) remember Husband Michael, & daughter Mary, Rita Gordan (A), Grace O'Neill (A), Christy Keogh (A),
Mon: 9.30am David Frendo (A),
Tues: 9.30am Mass of thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart
Wed: 9.30am The Conroy Family (living & deceased) Daty Maughan (B.R.),
Thurs: 9.30am Ellen McDermott (A),
Fri: 9.30am Paul & Bernie Carolan (living)



On Sunday, 22nd October, Pope Francis invites all Catholics to contribute to a special Mission Sunday collection.

The Share Collection will be replaced by the special collection for the Missions. World Missions Ireland is the Holy Father's official charity for overseas missions.

Mass to mark the day will be televised on RTE 1 on 22nd October 11.00am.

Annual Service of Remembrance

The Annual Mass for all those who died in our Parish since the beginning of November 2016 will be celebrated on

Saturday, 4th November 2017 at 7pm.

Families of those who have died during the year will be informed in the coming weeks.

We hope that many of you will join us as we remember our dead and support those who have been bereaved in the past year.

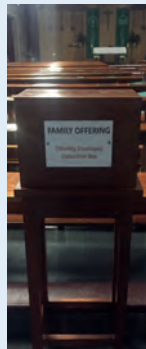


RESTING UNDER THE TREE

An evening of reflection and music on The Hospitality of Abraham (Genesis 18:1-14) and Rublev's Icon of the Trinity in the Monastery of St. Alphonsus, St. Alphonsus Road, Drumconra on Monday, 16th Oct at 8pm. Music will be lead by the Dublin Diocesan Music Group.

WEEKLY FAMILY OFFERING (NEW BOX)

Please do not place your Family Envelope in the collection Bags for the 1st & 2nd Collection. Thank you to all those who support the Weekly Family Offering. 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.



COLLECTIONS FOR 1ST OCT 2017

COMMON FUND €482

SHARE €336

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC TRADITIONS EXPLAINED

QUESTION:

Who is Ignatius of Antioch and what example does he offer us in Christian living as we celebrate his feast day on October 17th?

ANSWER:

As Bishop of Antioch (the modern day city of Antakya, Turkey), Ignatius witnessed to the faith during the reign of Emperor Trajan, who ruled from 98-117. Persecution of the Christians broke out in Antioch, and Ignatius was captured and taken to Rome for martyrdom in the arena.

On his journey to Rome over land and sea, Ignatius writes seven letters to various churches. These letters give powerful glimpses into the theology and practice of the early church, along with insights into the role of a bishop as pastoral leader. Ignatius is the first to use the term "Catholic Church" to refer to the various Christian communities of the Roman Empire. The best known of his letters is the one he wrote to the Romans. Ignatius addresses influential Christians who might be tempted to intercede on his behalf, thus sparing him from martyrdom. As Christ willingly offered himself as witness to God's total love, Ignatius, too, desired to be "food for the wild beasts," so that he could become "the pure bread of Christ." Eucharistic living was so crucial to Ignatius that he was willing to die in order to model himself on the Lord who willingly offered all.

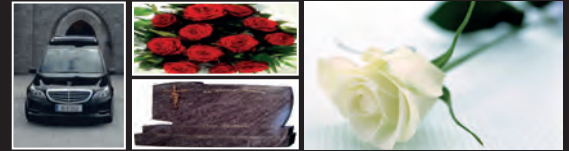
INSPIRATION

Pope Francis constantly reminds us of the wideness of God's mercy and its unconditional character. God is always patiently loving his children and opening the doors to his heart. We must, however, freely choose to accept God's invitation and join in the feast of his love. We desire many things and we have restless hearts. We often attempt to quench our desire with things that are short-lived and shallow. All of us long to be satisfied and at peace. How do we announce to the world, in ways that are convincing and without judgment, that it is really God whom we seek?

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