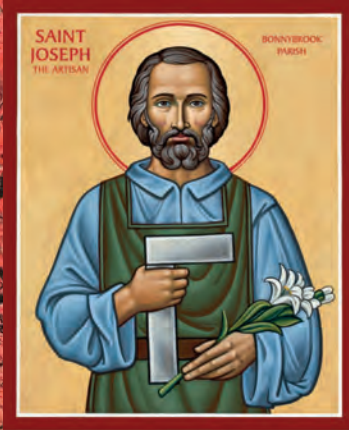


Parish Newsletter



# BONNYBROOK

*St. Joseph the Artisan Church*

17TH SEPT 2017

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*24<sup>th</sup> Sunday*  
IN ORDINARY TIME

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“So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart.” - Mt 18:35

# PRAY, HOPE AND DON'T WORRY.

—St. Padre Pio

## 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?" The parable Jesus tells today is the story of a king, but in truth it is about Jesus himself. He is the "king" who has forgiven our debts. We are the "servants" whose sins have earned us chastisement. But when we repent and ask for Christ's mercy, he grants it to us without hesitation.

The point of the parable, then, is that we too should extend this mercy to others. We should not be like that "wicked servant" who begged for mercy but would not show it to others. Elsewhere, Jesus teaches us to pray, "Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors" (Mt. 6:12). We use different words, but a similar meaning when we pray the Our Father asking God to "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." But are we sure that we mean what we say?

It's important to pause and evaluate how we are doing in this regard. Are we harbouring any grudges? Are there people we refuse to forgive? Is there a situation where we are seeking revenge instead of extending mercy? Jesus asks us to do otherwise. He reminds us that we have already been forgiven. We are right now enjoying the benefits of his forgiveness. So we are called to bear in mind our own sins, failings, weaknesses, and "debts" when we deal with others instead of thinking that we are perfectly innocent and acting as if we've never been the beneficiary of mercy. So let us do our best to forgive as we have been forgiven. This doesn't mean approving of wrong behaviour; God doesn't ask us to do that. But he does ask us to let go of bitterness and foster mercy instead.

# Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



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| <b>Sat Evening: 7pm</b> | Mary Curtis (A),<br>Carmel & Sonny Doran (A)  |
| <b>Sun: 9.30am</b>      | Mass of the People  |
| <b>Sun: 11.30am</b>     | Shay Brennan (A), David Flood (A)<br>Rita Deasy (A), Dessie Bissett (1st A), P.J. Campion (A) |
| <b>Mon: 9.30am</b>      | Holy Souls  |
| <b>Tues: 9.30am</b>     | Mass of Intentions  |
| <b>Wed: 9.30am</b>      |   |
| <b>Thurs: 9.30am</b>    |   |
| <b>Fri: 9.30am</b>      | Shop List of Deceased & Living  |



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The **ANNUAL CROSSCARE COLLECTION** takes place this weekend (17th Sept) in parishes across the Archdiocese. Crosscare is the social care agency of the Archdiocese of Dublin and provides a range of services to those most in need, including food banks, shelters for homeless people, migrant and emigrant advice, support for carers, free counselling for teenagers in crisis, and drug/alcohol awareness programmes. Last year Crosscare provided the St Mary's emergency housing facility for homeless people in Dublin.



We welcome the following children to our Christian Community as they were baptised last weekend and we congratulate their parents and friends.

1. Sydney Gribbin
2. Evie Rose Prizeman
3. Alex Rory Michael Smith



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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

## COLLECTIONS FOR 10TH SEPT 2017

COMMON FUND €481  
SHARE €360  
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.



Congratulations to Sr. Juliet & Sr. Mercy who renewed their Vows in our Church last week. The Photo shows Sr. Louise (Superior General of the Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Conception), Sr. Aquinas, Sr. Immaculata, Sr. Juliet, Sr. Mercy & Fr. Joe. It is a great blessing to see two young ladies devoting their lives to God. We wish them every blessings.

### FREE CONCERT: SUNDAY 1ST OCTOBER 7PM

Raheny Folk Group is delighted to welcome mixed-voice choir Dolce to perform in a joint concert in the Church of our Lady, Mother of Divine Grace on Sunday 1st October at 7pm.

**MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK** takes place during October, and it is well documented that singing is excellent for mental health. All are welcome to come and celebrate the joy of singing with the two groups. Admission is free.

### MASS FOR OPENING OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR

Archbishop Martin will celebrate Mass for the opening of the Academic Year Monday, 25th September at 7.30pm in Church of Our Lady Seat of Wisdom, DCU/St. Patrick's Campus - "Catholic Education is one of the most important challenges for the Church" Pope Francis. Refreshments afterwards. All welcome.

## ministries

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### 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.

## WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC TRADITIONS EXPLAINED

### QUESTION:

Why do we celebrate Catechetical Sunday?

### ANSWER:

The mission of the church reflects the mission of Jesus to teach, preach, heal, and forgive. Through these acts, Jesus shares the good news of salvation and invites all people to share in the life and love of God. The church continues this mission in all its ministries, but especially, and perhaps most importantly, through catechesis.

Catechetical Sunday is celebrated on the third Sunday of September. The task of handing on the Gospel is entrusted to the whole community, who by word and example, form young and new members in the way of the Gospel. Parish programs assist parents in teaching the basics of faith through liturgical experience, instruction, and faith formation. This ministry is essential for the parish to grow, for individuals to develop as believers, and for the ongoing spiritual formation of the whole community. It reminds the church that preaching the Gospel and growing in faith are essential to our sacramental practice and our liturgical prayer. On this Sunday, we recognize those who are called to be teachers and ask for God's blessing and grace.

## INSPIRATION

Relationships are the focus of our reflection again this week, calling us to practice forgiveness unconditionally. This is a difficult thing for us to do. Forgiving someone does not mean that we necessarily tolerate or condone their behaviour. Rather, it has to do with letting go of the anger and the hurt that really is more self-destructive than productive. We are called to recognize the brokenness and sinfulness of each other. We may, at times, have to walk away from an abusive or destructive relationship. However, keeping in mind the lessons it taught, we can free ourselves from its hurtful grasp by learning how to forgive as God forgives. It's a tall order.

With Heartfelt  
*Sympathy*

To the families of the late

Mary Maughan R.I.P. David Hanlon R.I.P.

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