



BONNYBROOK  
*St. Joseph the Artisan Church*



COMPASSIONATE JESUS

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**Parish Newsletter**

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### 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." This woman was an outsider. She was a Canaanite, not an Israelite, and as such she would have been considered ritually unclean. But she approached Jesus nonetheless and asked for his help. And Jesus used this opportunity to teach his disciples an important lesson.

In the verses directly before today's passage, Jesus had told Peter that what defiles a person comes from the heart, not from ignoring external purity practices. Then, Jesus travelled with his disciples from Galilee to the region of Tyre and Sidon where they were much more likely to encounter someone considered to be unclean.

At first it appeared that Jesus wasn't going to acknowledge the woman who begged for help. His comment, "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs," was a common comparison between Jews (the children) and Canaanites (the dogs). But, in fact, Jesus said this only to go right ahead and break this social code! He showed by his actions that it did not matter whether someone was Jewish or not, what mattered was the faith in a person's heart. And this woman proved to Jesus and the doubting disciples that she had great faith. How many others would have even approached Jesus to ask for his help? How many others would have persevered when he appeared unresponsive? By pausing in his response, and first mentioning the standard reply, Jesus gave this woman the opportunity to demonstrate her great faith. And then, he answered her request and praised her extraordinary faith. What a lesson for his prejudiced disciples! And what a lesson for us, both to persevere in faith, and never to judge others on mere appearances.

# Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



**Sat Evening: 7pm** Edward & Ellen Rooney also sons, James & Eamonn (A), Edward Byrne (B.R.)

**Sun: 9.30am** Mass of Intentions (for recovery)

**Sun: 11.30am** Patrick O'Reilly (A), Mary Dillon (A), Celine & Paddy Glynn (A)

Joseph Brennan (M.M.), Eugene Waters (1st A)

**Mon: 9.30am** Mass of Thanksgiving

**Tues: 9.30am** Michael Metcalfe (B.R.), Ron & Rose Turner (A), Bridget Sweeney (B.R.)

**Wed: 9.30am** Mass of Thanksgiving

**Thurs: 9.30am** Mass Intentions from Parish Shop

**Fri: 9.30am** Laura McCabe (A)



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

1. Freya Alivia Kay Fanning
2. James Carson Murtagh
3. Shaydon Edward Ahern Rusk
4. Dara Fionn Kavanagh



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### Opening Hours (Closed for Holidays)

The Office will be closed until Thursday 24th and will resume normal office hours from 9.30am to 12.30pm

**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

(One Month's notice required)





**70 YEARS MARRIED.**

Congratulations to Josephine & Matthew Wilson from Macroom Road who celebrated their 70th Wedding Anniversary last weekend.

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Are they the longest married couple in our parish? Let us know.



Padre Pio

National Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Knock Shrine Sunday 17th September 2017



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We're so happy to welcome back our Parish Choir as we miss them very much at our 11.30am Masses on Sunday. They will begin singing again from Sunday, 2nd Sept 2017.

The Choir practice each Sunday at 10.30am, that is all the commitment we ask. However, to begin the year again we will have a practice on **Monday, 27th August at 6pm** in the Oratory at the back of the Church. See you there!



**NEW CHOIR MEMBERS WELCOME**

**DUBLIN DIOCESE LOURDES FUND**

If you wish to make a donation to the Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund you can do so in our Parish Shop. All donations go to support the Diocese taking sick pilgrims to Lourdes each year for the annual pilgrimage on 7th September.



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

**QUESTION:**

A member of my parish was recently arrested for a white-collar crime. I don't approve of what he did, but he is a great neighbour and a nice person. How should I treat someone like him?

**ANSWER:**

There is a litany of expressions that fit this situation: Everyone makes mistakes. Hate the sin, love the sinner. Judge not, lest you be judged. All of these proverbs and sayings highlight the fact that we are here to help each other on the way to salvation. Our hope and goal is that everyone grows in grace, drawing closer to God and to the promise of eternal life. Part of that process is our struggle, collectively and individually, with sin. And that is the ugly part. Sin is not nice, pretty, or inviting when laid out for all to see. Nor is it easy for the person caught in the spotlight.

Kindness and support are not the same thing as approval. We recognize that good people can do bad things and in their struggle, they need the help of others. Our kindness is often the flicker of hope that allows someone to face the consequences of sin while focusing on the promise of redemption. Your desire to help and support your neighbour is the response of grace to sin, and the same response of Jesus to us.

**INSPIRATION**

Our relationships often need reconciling and healing. While it is easy to say, it is often difficult to achieve. Sometimes, reconciling requires that we take down the barriers that are sources of division, remove our prejudices, look beyond differences, and see the "sameness" that connects us one to another. Of course, each party has to be willing to do this in order for healing to occur. Our Gospel shows us the healing that can occur when both parties are willing participants.

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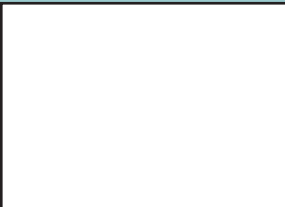
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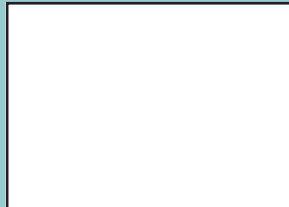
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