



*“You are Peter,  
and on this rock  
I will build  
my church.  
I will give you the  
keys of the kingdom  
of heaven,  
and whatever you  
bind on earth  
will be bound  
in heaven,  
and whatever you  
loose on earth will  
be loosed  
in heaven.”*

*Matt 16:18-19*

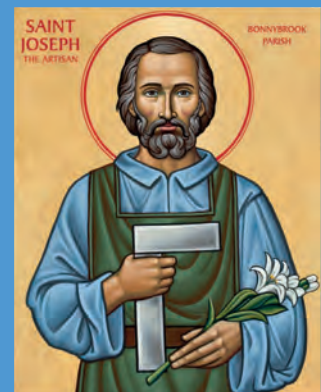
# Parish Newsletter

St. Joseph the Artisan Church  
Bonnybrook Parish

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# The church of Christ IS BUILT ON A ROCK



## 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

"And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church." Simon got a new name after his profession of faith. As soon as he declared to Jesus, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God," Jesus renamed him with a title that means "rock." And with that name he gave Peter the mission to be a solid foundation upon which he would build his church. Not Peter's church. Not James or Paul's church. Not Martin Luther's or John Calvin's or anybody else's. This is Jesus' church, the church of Christ himself, that we call the Catholic Church. So it was Christ himself who desired to give authority in the church--"the keys to the kingdom of heaven"--to a human leader. Peter was thus established as the first pope. He exercised a special kind of headship, within the community of the apostles and the church at large, because Jesus gave him the power to do so, not because Peter claimed it for himself. And so too every pope since, right down to our Holy Father today, exercises this unique leadership within the Church.

What a gift this is to us! Jesus knew well the human tendency to squabble and disagree, to argue and compete. He knew that the church would be prone to all of this because of her members, and that providing a final voice of authority, saying in effect that "the buck stops here" would be helpful for maintaining unity. As Catholics, even in spite of the differing opinions and perspectives that are manifest in the Church, we nonetheless maintain a strong sense of identity and belief thanks in large part to the papacy. Today, may we give thanks for the pope and pray for him as he strives to lead all of us closer and closer to Christ.

# Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



- Sat Evening: 7pm** Peter (B.R.) & Elizabeth Grennan  
Mairead Hanna (1st A) Chrissie Deegan (A)  
Phyllis Doyle (A)
- Sun: 9.30am** Ann McLoughlin (A)  
& Ann McDermott (A)
- Sun: 11.30am** Eddie Reynolds (A)
- Mon: 9.30am** James & Maureen Sweeney  
Dan Kenny
- Tues: 9.30am** Mass Intentions from Medugorje
- Wed: 9.30am**
- Thurs: 9.30am**
- Fri: 9.30am**

## COLLECTIONS FOR 15TH & 20TH AUGUST 2017

COMMON FUND €480 HOLY DAY €130  
SHARE €355 HOLY DAY €67

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(Office is closed on Wednesdays)

**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



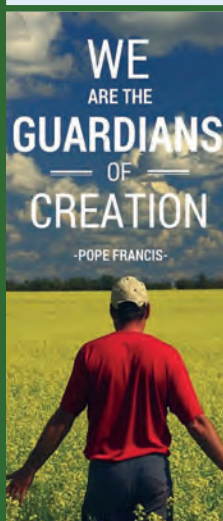
We're so happy to welcome back our Parish Choir as we miss them very much at our 11.30am Masses on Sundays. They will begin singing again from Sunday, 3rd Sept 2017.

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!



### C.P.R. & DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

The above training took place last Tuesday evening and 6 people are now trained and qualified to use the defibrillator in the event that it is needed. Thanks to all those who were so willing to train. While we hope it will never be necessary to use our training we are confident that in the event that it is needed we are ready. Thanks to Simon Taylor from Heart Safety Solutions for providing the necessary training. Our two Defibrillators have also been updated with new batteries and pads. While this process is an expensive one for the parish we believe that the cost is minor to what could be achieved in the event that it is needed.



September 1st is World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. According to Pope Francis, this day "offers to individual believers and to the community a precious opportunity to renew our personal participation in this vocation as custodians of creation, raising to God our thanks for the marvellous works that He has entrusted to our care." You can undertake an online guided reflection on your own role in caring for our common home at [www.newpilgrimpath.ie](http://www.newpilgrimpath.ie)

## WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC TRADITIONS EXPLAINED

### QUESTION:

Does the pope choose his own name or is it given to him? Why does it change?

### ANSWER:

The pope picks his own name. Although all of the popes since the Middle Ages have done so, it is not required to change your name. The first pope to change his name was John II in 533. His given name was Mercury, the name of a pagan god and he felt that his was not an appropriate name for the head of the church and he changed it. The last pope to keep his given name as pope was Marcellus II in 1555. Pope John Paul I was the first to choose two names. Until the election of Pope Francis in 2013, the last pope to choose a new, unused name was Pope Lando in 913.

When a pope chooses a new name, it might indicate his hopes for his reign, or tell us about his view of spirituality; it might also reflect continuity with a predecessor. In the early thirteenth century St. Francis of Assisi had a vision in which Jesus commanded him, "Repair my house, which as you see is falling into ruin." In choosing St. Francis as his namesake, Pope Francis was pointing to a beloved saint who embraced radical simplicity, poverty, and care for the poor. As Pope Francis himself put it, "Oh, how I would like a church which is poor and for the poor!"

# INSPIRATION

We all know the given answers to the question: who is Jesus? Son of God, Son of Man, Messiah, Lord, and the Christ are some that immediately come to mind. But, who do YOU say that Jesus is? Who we need or want Jesus to be becomes the key to unlocking a relationship with God. For some, Jesus is just a prophet, a wise man, or an inspirational figure in history. These labels keep Jesus in the past and prevent us from really having a living, vibrant relationship with him. If Jesus is more than this to you, then who is he and what purpose does he serve in your life?

### QUESTIONS FROM SCRIPTURE WORTH PONDERING.

#### Matthew 16:13-20

How would you answer Jesus' question: "Who do you say that I am?"

#### Isaiah 22:19-23

Shebna, a scribe under King Hezekiah, fell from God's favour for not heeding Isaiah's prophetic warnings. How seriously do you take the word of the Lord?

#### Romans 11:33-36

Paul's reflections on God come at the end of an extended discussion of where Jews and Gentile fit into God's plan of salvation, Romans 9-11. What do you find compelling in Paul's theological reflections?

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