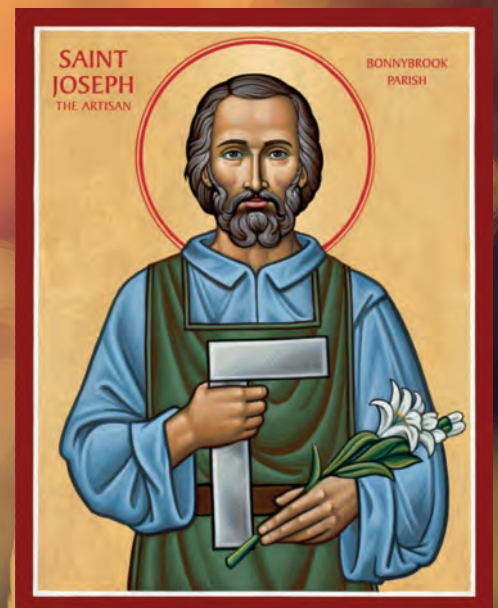


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SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." - Mk 1:38



5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

For most of us, the dynamic between prayer and action is imperfect. Breakfast needs to be made and the kids dressed. Work demands our energy and additional responsibilities fill our evenings and weekends. Then there's the football game or a new TV series to stream. After all, don't we need to relax?

We're all busy. But just imagine Jesus' situation in today's Gospel. He heals Peter's mother-in-law, drives out demons, and cures diseases late into the night. With very little sleep, he arises before dawn to capture some peace and quiet, only to find "those who were with him pursued him." How often do we feel pursued by the harried commitments, even when we try to seek rest? Perhaps we can learn something from the response of Jesus.

Jesus models two key things: the essential nature of prayer and the essential call of vocation. "He went off to a deserted place, where he prayed." Despite inevitable exhaustion, Jesus prioritizes time with the Father. We might not have easy access to deserts and mountaintops, but today's Gospel challenges us to take intentional time set apart for God. We can designate a "prayer chair" in a corner of our home or leave a little earlier to pick our children up from school so we can snatch time in a nearby chapel. We can pray the rosary on our commute or take the dog for a long walk in silence. However, when the Apostles arrive, Jesus doesn't linger overlong in the deserted place or make an excuse for why he can't return with his friends. Jesus is true to his calling. He continues on in his state of life, serving the people nearest to him. Like Jesus, we are invited to set intentional time for communion with God so that we can be refreshed and empowered for our communion with others.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Sat Evening: 7pm Bernadette Irving (M.M.), Bernie & Thomas Byrne (A),

Sun: 9.30am Christopher Doyle (R.D.),

Sun: 11.30am Christine & Francis Brannigan (A) also Deceased members of the Brannigan Family, Noel Farrell (A), Susan Adams (A),

Mon: 9.30am Tina Byrne (living)

Tues: 9.30am Mass of Intentions

Wed: 9.30am No Mass (Liturgy of the Word)

Thurs: 9.30am Alf & May Ross (A)

Fri: 9.30am Alter List of the Deceased

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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 (A months Notice must be given)

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.



THE CLONTARF PLAYERS

have confirmed the Play they will do this year will be **"Heaven Scent"**.

They will perform this play on

Friday, 23rd March 2018 at 8pm in our Church. We look forward once again to being host to the Clontarf Players.

ANNUAL MASS FOR THE STARDUST VICTIMS

will take place on

Sunday, 11 February 2018 at 11.30am.

A wreath will be carried to the memorial in the park after the Mass. We invite you to join our community for this special anniversary Mass.

ST JOHN VIANNEY'S BI-CENTENARY

Tuesday 13 February is the 200th Anniversary of St John Vianney, the Curé of Ars, going to the small parish of Ars, France, which he transformed and which became a centre of world-wide pilgrimage. The Curé of Ars is the Patron of Confessions and of Priests. To mark this occasion the Parish of St John Vianney, Ardlea Road, Artane, will be having a special Mass at **10.00 am on Tuesday 13 February**, celebrated by the new Apostolic Delegate, Archbishop Okolo.

There will also be Evening Prayer and Benediction at 7.30 pm on 13 February. There will be Veneration of the Relics and Confession after each service.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK 2018

The 26th anniversary celebrations of World Day of the Sick will take place on **Sunday 11th February 2018.**

The Mass of Healing and Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated at St Agnes' Parish Church, Crumlin, Dublin 12 on Sunday 11th February at 3.00pm. Main Celebrant: Archbishop Diarmuid Martin. All are welcome. Telephone: 01 455 5368. Email: karenstaynes@gmail.com Dublin Diocesan World Day of the Sick Conference at St Agnes' Parish Centre, Crumlin, Dublin 12 on Saturday 10th February from 9.30am to 2.00pm. Title: "Dementia Friendly Parish Communities".

For information contact Trish Conway at: trish37@gmail.com or call 087 622 0349. Booking forms to Ms Sheila Pyne, Archbishop's House, Dublin 9



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.

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

CATHOLIC TRADITIONS EXPLAINED

QUESTION:

What is holy water and how do I explain the reason that it is placed at the entrances of churches to my non-Catholic friends?

ANSWER:

Holy water is a sacramental; a reminder of the life of the Church expressed and celebrated through the sacraments. By blessing ourselves with holy water as we enter the church, we are reminded of our own baptism and our call to conversion. Remember, the Church is sacramental. God's grace is mediated through word and gesture (the outward signs). This comes to us through Jesus (instituted by Christ) as he entrusts to the Church his saving mission (to give grace). In turn, the Church shares that grace and mission with us.

We especially use holy water during Easter when the priest sprinkles the people. It serves to remind us that we are indeed on a journey of faith that makes us one with Christ. Blessing ourselves not only reminds us that we are baptized into a community of faith, but also helps us renew our own baptismal promises to reject sin and to believe in God. It is the heart of Christian belief to turn from sin and toward God. Holy water and baptism make it a visible sign for all of us to follow.

INSPIRATION

When we suffer, we can easily find ourselves thinking that we have been abandoned by God or have done something to displease him and are now paying the price. Suffering is not God's fault. The reality of suffering and death is much more complicated than this and even somewhat mysterious. When Jesus preached the Gospel, it was made clear that suffering has meaning and always brings with it new life. It requires faith in order to understand this mystery. The Gospel brings us new life both here and in the life to come. This is truly Good News! When this Good News is understood by the believer it stirs within us a passion to urgently preach this healing and life giving message to others.



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