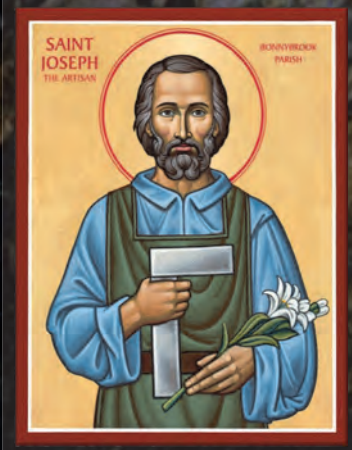
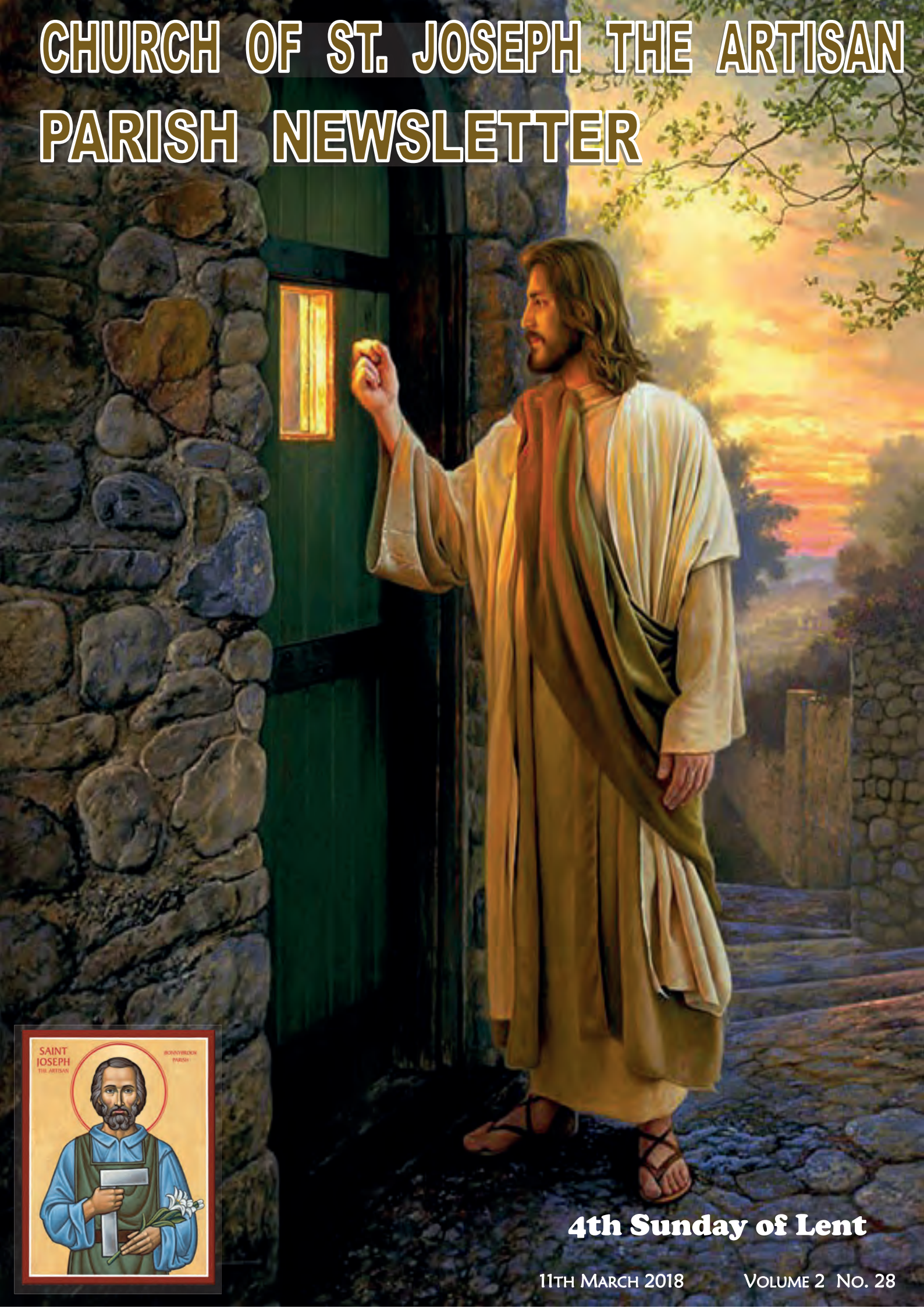


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Why is the world the way it is? We all wonder that from time to time. Each successive generation projects rose-hued longing on the past and casts furtive glances at the impending future. We see forces beyond our control in nature and in the newspaper. The world is changing and we're being pulled out with the tide.

In the face of this confusion, today's Gospel features one of the most oft-quoted Scripture verses of all time: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." But if Christ has come, why is the world so challenging? Why is the world still - to our eyes - being carried off in a proverbial hand basket? Jesus' response is a deeply personal one. "This is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light." Patterns arise, habits are formed, and systems become engrained, but each is the result of an interconnected web of human choices.

Where do we stand? Our answers, perhaps, vary from week to week, hour to hour, missed traffic light to spilled coffee to teenage child's rebellion. The world isn't perfect because we aren't perfect. Our parish is flawed because we're flawed. Our families need work because every one of us needs to be converted. Christianity is a process, not a destination! This Sunday, Jesus invites us to consider our own lives. Where in our own lives do we prefer darkness to light? What flaws are we trying to hide? Humbly acknowledge those places today. Ask God for the grace to be transformed. Share with your spouse or a friend where you'd like to improve this week. "Whoever loves truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God."

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Sat Evening: 7pm Pat Bermingham (A), Elizabeth Grennan and her dad Peter (A), Elisabeth Kiernan & Michael Grennan (A) Thomas Finnegan (A), Craig Brady & Grandmother Bridget Matthews (A), Paddy & Mary Higgins (A)

Sun: 9.30am Marie & Con Carroll (A), Carmel & Evelyn Donoghue (A) and Geraldine Cullen (A) and Pat Dunne (A)

Sun: 11.30am Ellen & Freddy Tucker (A) May & Tommy Brennan (A), Harry Fairbrother (A). Tommy & Teresa O'Neill (A), Nicola Kelly (B.R.), Patrick & Christie Smith (A) and deceased members of the Radford Family. Pauline Dawson and her mother Pauline Duffy (A), Tommy Flemming (A), May Lockheed & son Paul (A)

Mon: Bank Holiday 10am

Tues: 9.30am Shop List for Living and Deceased

Wed: 9.30am James & Rita Coffey (A)

Thurs: 9.30am

Fri: 9.30am Altar List of the Dead

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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

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES (FINAL MEETING)

The Joy of Love - Parish Conversations

on Wednesday, 21st March 2018

in Priorswood Church at 7pm

The above meeting is 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.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY MASSES

WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

VIGIL MASS AT 7PM ON FRIDAY, 16TH MARCH
SATURDAY MORNING AT 10AM (ONE MASS ONLY)

Céilí on St Patrick's Day Why not celebrate St. Patrick's Feast at a hooley on Saturday 17th March in St. Mochta's Parish Centre, Porterstown, Dublin 15 from 8pm till late? The craic will be great, including some dancing, music and refreshments.

Tickets €10 are on sale from the sacristy after any Mass or from the parish office. A good night is guaranteed.

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Youth Work

The Annual Collection for Crosscare Youth Services - Social Support Agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Dublin will be at all the Masses next weekend 17th/18th March 2018. This will replace the usual Share Collection.

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THE CLONTARF PLAYERS

have confirmed the Play they will do this year will be "Heaven Sent". 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. Admission Free.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC TRADITIONS EXPLAINED

QUESTION:

Who invented the Stations of the Cross?

ANSWER:

The first Stations of the Cross were walked by Jesus himself on the way to Calvary. Known as the "Via Dolorosa" ("The Way of Suffering") or the "Via Crucis" ("The Way of the Cross"), it was marked out from the earliest times and was a traditional walk for pilgrims who came to Jerusalem. The early Christians in Jerusalem would walk the same pathway that Jesus walked, pausing for reflection and prayer. Later, when Christians could not travel to the Holy Land, artistic depictions of "The Way of the Cross" were set up in churches, or outside and Christians would walk from station to station, reading the Gospel account of the Passion, or simply praying and reflecting on each event. While the content or place of each station had changed, the intention was to make a mini-pilgrimage and follow--literally--in the footsteps of Jesus.

This devotion became better known in the Middle Ages, and the Franciscans are credited with its spread. Lent is a time when many people make the Stations and some churches present Passion plays or Living Stations. But anyone can pray the Stations at any time. It is a simple and personal reflection on the passion of Jesus and what it means to us.

LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK.

If we continue to journey through life without genuine self-knowledge, without knowing how our relationships ought to be ordered and what truth is, the path we walk will always be only dimly lit. In fact, when we make the wrong choices or find ourselves forgetting who we are, we can easily find ourselves in darkness. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." Jesus is the light that came into the darkness. It is not enough for us to simply believe that Jesus is the Christ but we must live our lives in witness to this truth. The choices we make and the priorities we establish are going to either speak of someone who really does not care, someone who is confused, or someone who is wholeheartedly convinced of God's love. Which are you?



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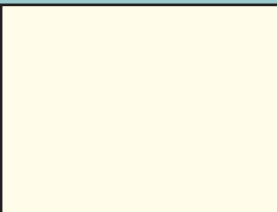
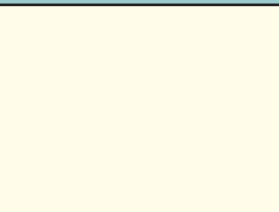
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