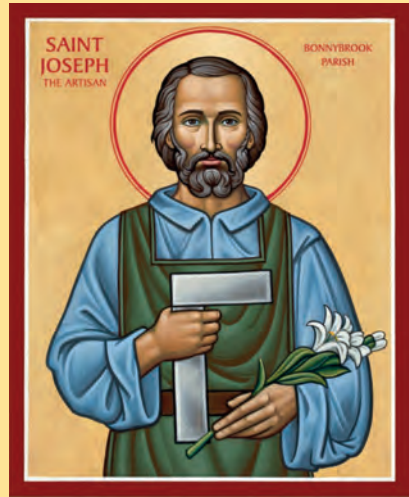


NEWSLETTER

BONNYBROOK PARISH

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ARE YOU READY TO GO?

Ascension Sunday

The Ascension is an interesting feast when you think about it. We celebrate Jesus leaving! Jesus' first departure from the earth was sudden and unexpected, at least to his followers. That Good Friday departure was characterized by sorrow, confusion, and loss. This departure has a different feel: anticipation. Today's Gospel is full of the mighty deeds Jesus predicts for his followers. "In my name they will drive out demons, they will speak new languages. They will pick up serpents [with their hands], and if they drink any deadly thing it will not harm them. They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

Mark's account of the Ascension is abrupt and succinct. "Then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven." Jesus ascends and the Apostles go. "But they went forth and preached everywhere." The real moment likely had a bit of lag time. Realistically, the Apostles had quite the task in front of them. Can you imagine those first few moments on the hilltop after Jesus disappeared, as the Apostles met each other's eyes? "This is it. He really is gone this time. It's up to us now."

Mark's abrupt transition from Ascension to action makes his meaning clear. The Ascension isn't just about Jesus. It's about us. Are we ready to go? Are we ready to be commissioned? This is the heart of the Ascension message -Jesus leaves so we can go. We might not "go into the whole world," but we all live in a corner of it. The command to "proclaim the Gospel" isn't a call for everyone to be formal preachers of the Word. We do, however, proclaim our beliefs with the way we live our lives. Do our lives proclaim Easter joy?

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Sat Vigil: 7.00pm	Daniel Carmody (A), Tess & Paddy Morrissey
Mary Watson (1st A), Marie & Pat Hackett (A)	
Sun: 9.30am	Christy & Ellen Gunnery & Dec. Family Members
Sun: 11.30am	Jimmy James (A),
Mon: 9.30am	Mass of Intentions (Maureen Gunnery)
Tues: 9.30am	Mass of Intentions (recovery)
Wed: 9.30am	(No Mass—Liturgy of the Word)
Thurs: 9.30am	Mass of Intentions (family)
Fri: 9.30am	



Candles for the World Meeting of Families are available in the Parish Shop at €2 each or 3 Candles for €5.



With Heartfelt Sympathy

To the family of the late
Mary Ryan R.I.P

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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



COLLECTIONS FOR 6TH MAY 2018

COMMON FUND €460

SPECIAL PRIESTHOOD COLLECTION €327

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WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER BY 31 MAY 2018

We are announcing the cut off date for those who wish to sign up to volunteer for the World Meeting of Families 2018. We need to hear from you by 31 MAY 2018. The reason we have set this date is because we need time to process the application and to make sure you receive training and have your Garda Vetting completed. These things take time and so we are asking you to get in touch with us and talk to us if you have a question. If you have been meaning to sign up but have not had a chance to get around to it - please go to our website today and sign up.

www.worldmeeting2018.ie

Join us for this once in a lifetime experience that will make you feel proud, will look great on your CV and will be a wonderful story you will have to share with children, grandchildren in the future. Many of our parishioners have already signed up—you will be welcome to join them too!



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Thursday, 17th May at 2pm

MONEY MANAGEMENT

Friday, 18th May at 11am.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC TRADITIONS EXPLAINED

QUESTION:

Why are some feast days moved from a weekday to a Sunday?

ANSWER:

Throughout Church history, the liturgical calendar has been filled with feasts, memorials, and solemnities commemorating saints and Scriptural events. Some days have greater importance than others, and they are instated as Holy Days of Obligation, in which the faithful attend Mass and celebrate like on Sundays.

However, the local conference of bishops has the ability to remove a day from the "obligation" list or transfer the feast to Sunday, as long as they have the prior approval of the Vatican. This is done for a variety of reasons, it is primarily a pastoral consideration. Decreased priest numbers leading to decreased Mass time availability, as well as work and school day complications, led to declining numbers at midweek Masses. To enable as many of the faithful as possible to participate in the liturgy, some feasts are moved from a weekday to Sunday, like the Ascension of the Lord.

INSPIRATION

We are called to be missionaries. Jesus said to his disciples: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature." Proclaiming the Gospel means looking out at my brothers and sisters and choosing to walk with them on their journey of life. It means having a listening, loving presence that allows the Holy Spirit to work in and through us. In this way we can show them—not only in speech, but in action—the difference a relationship with God and a life of faith really makes. Even though Jesus has ascended to the Father, he still remains with us helping us proclaim the mission of the Gospel. Are we willing to allow him to do so?



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