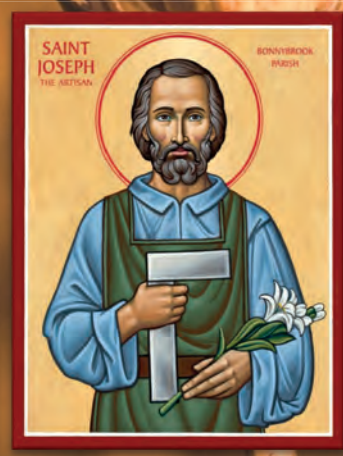


5th Sunday of Lent

“Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself.”

- Jn 12:24, 31-32





Fifth Sunday in Lent

"Now there were some Greeks among those who had come to worship at the feast. They came to Philip and asked him, 'Sir, we would like to see Jesus.'" It has begun. News of Jesus has spread beyond native-born, Aramaic-speaking Jews. We don't know if the Greeks mentioned here heard of Jesus from fellow travellers or if news of this intriguing rabbi had reached all the way to their home. What we do know is that this interaction spurred an interesting comment from Jesus: "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified." In other words, it has begun. The time has come for the message to move beyond the geographic bounds of Israel.

But what does this message require? The Gospel is clear: "he said this indicating the kind of death he would die." A grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies to its life as only a seed. A caterpillar takes on the appearance of temporary death in order to transform into a butterfly. In the Gospels, sacrifice and death are a way of becoming something more than you were before.

This Lent, new life can come from our sacrifices. When we enter into the season with Jesus, our difficulties can transform our perspective. "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit."

As we abstain from meat and fast from eating between meals, we can grow in compassion for the hungry. We can give alms of our time, sacrificially spending time with the lonely, the sick, and the marginalized. Our little Lenten "deaths" - death to unnecessary preferences, death to selfish living, death to ignorance of other's pain - can bring new life to the world long after the season is over. This is the invitation this Sunday and every Lenten season, to begin anew from death to life.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



St. Patrick's day Vigil : 7pm Brigid Berney (A), Mark Richard (1stA), Derek Kelly & Ian Skelly (A), Ann & Billy Kennedy (A)

Sat. 10.00 am

Sat Vigil 7.00 pm Ger Cullen (B.R. & A) , Derek & Matt Kelly also deceased members of the Kelly & Walsh families, Brian Murphy (M.M.)

Sun: 9.30am Catherine Metcalfe (A),

Sun: 11.30am Tom Mongey (90th B.R.), Michael O Herlihy (A), Patricia Hand (B.R.), Vincent & Stella Bell (A), Mary & Patrick Patridge (A)

Mon: (Bank Holiday) 10am James Kavanagh (B.R.)

Tues: 9.30am Clare Conway (living)

Wed: 9.30am

Thurs: 9.30am Dick & Ann O'Leary (living)

Fri: 9.30am Peter & Nellie Losher (A)

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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

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Will be celebrated in our Church on Thursday next (22nd March) at 11am. The celebrant will be Fr. Liam O'Cuiv (Episcopal Vicar for our area). We congratulate all the boys and girls from our school who will be celebrating along with their families.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES (FINAL MEETING)

The Joy of Love - Parish Conversations

on Thursday, 22nd 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.



Youth Work

The Annual Collection for Crosscare Youth Services - Social Support Agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Dublin will be at all the Masses this weekend. This will replace the usual Share Collection.

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WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC TRADITIONS EXPLAINED

QUESTION:

Lent always seems to help me renew my relationship with God and strengthen my religious practice. Do you have any suggestions as to what I could do to achieve that the rest of the year?

ANSWER:

The obvious answer may seem to be to do whatever you do during Lent all year round. But part of the power of Lent is that we focus as a community on renewing our faith and preparing for Easter. Our Lenten practices have a purpose and a goal. Therein lies the secret. When we focus our efforts on one virtue, or try to change one bad habit, or seek to deepen our understanding of one aspect of faith, we focus our efforts and give our full attention to what we are trying to accomplish. We tend to be more successful achieving our goals. More importantly, it has a ripple effect in our lives: one thing changes or is added to the spiritual mix of our lives and many aspects are changed.

All too often we leave our spiritual growth to chance and the practice of faith to habit, and then wonder why we have no sense of growth or progress. Think of it in terms of exercise. We walk, lift weights, bend and stretch to attain the maximum benefit from what we do. In addition, to keep those benefits, we eat healthful food and get enough vitamins and rest. Spirituality requires the same kind of attention: we pray, fast, read the Bible, receive sacraments, and do charitable work to maximize the benefits of practicing faith. Keeping Lent year round keeps us in spiritual shape!

INSPIRATION

We all fear losing that which is familiar. We fear dying. When our securities and familiarities are threatened, the anxiety of uncertainty can lead us into fear and despair. We have difficulty believing that new life comes from death. This is the basis of what it means to hope. There are no dead ends or final endings with God. Through his passion and death, Jesus opens up the possibility for new life and new beginnings for all believers. "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." As our journey of Lent hastens to an end, the mystery of Christ's passion and death come before us to teach us valuable lessons both for this life and the next.



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