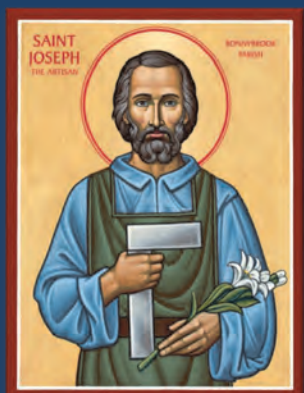


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CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH THE ARTISAN



4th Sunday of Easter

Today's Gospel occurs in the middle of Jesus' ministry. At first, Jesus' words seem to be about the value of self-sacrifice in a leader. "I am the Good Shepherd? I will lay down my life for the sheep." The Apostles likely would have accepted these words easily enough. But then comes something more strange. "I lay down my life in order to take it up again? I have power to lay it down and power to take it up again." Only later, when Jesus opened the Scriptures to them after his resurrection, would the Apostles understand his words. Only then would they understand why such an act was necessary for the salvation of the world.

Even now, we may struggle with the necessity of Holy Week. How often do we hear complaints against the silence of God, as if He is the "hired man" who "runs away" from suffering? Jesus' life, death, and resurrection is our redemption in fact. God himself bears the full weight of sin's consequences. The Paschal Mystery is also a sign that happens in full view of the human experience. We have seen Jesus lay down his life. We have seen him accompany others. "I know mine and mine know me." We have seen him reach those outside the traditional flock, "sheep not of this fold." Jesus is the Good Shepherd, not only in Scripture but in our daily lives.

While we can't experience physically walking alongside him like the Apostles did, the grace of our redemption continues through the Church. We are shepherded by the sacraments, by faith formation, by good mentors. At the same time, we are not only the sheep. In imitating Jesus, we, too, are invited to lay down our lives for others. We can be the hands, feet, and shepherd's crook of Christ.

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Sat Vigil: 7.00pm Thomas Dunne (A), Carl Strong (A), Noel & Robert Kavanagh (A) & deceased members of the Kavanagh & O'Connor families, Kathleen Curtis (A& B.R.) also remember Jimmy, Kathleen & Andy Curtis (A), Paddy McEnergy (A),

Sun: 9.30am Bridie & Paddy Ormsby (A),

Sun: 11.30am Phyllis (Heron) Dolan (A), also dad John, Teresa (A) & Tom Davis (B.R.)

Mon: 9.30am Shop Mass of intentions

Tues: 9.30am Mass of Intentions (ill)

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

Thurs: 9.30am

Fri: 9.30am Patricia O'Toole (A),

FUNERAL TEAM MINISTRY.

The next meeting of the Funeral Team will take place on **Tuesday, 8th May 2018 at 8pm in the Oratory.** If you would like to be involved with the Funeral Ministry please do let us know. New members always welcome.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY.

Supporting young men being trained for Priesthood. This collection will replace the Share Collection and takes place this weekend, 22nd April 2018

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Opening Hours

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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 15TH APRIL 2018

COMMON FUND	€465
SHARE COLLECTION	€233
FAMILY OFFERING	€795

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

First Communion

First Communion Mass of Preparation will take place on **Sunday 29th April at 11.30am**. This is the final Mass of Preparation for the First Communion Classes in our parish. We look forward to seeing you then.

Holiday Sunshine Fund

The Sunshine Fund would like to thank most sincerely the congregation of this parish for their generous contribution of **€603.29** on Palm Sunday.

We rely heavily on the funds generated through this collection and your support is greatly appreciated.



TICKETS & REGISTRATION.

As a Parish we are happy to register anyone who would like to attend the full 5 day programme from the Opening (21st August) to the Closing event (Sunday, 26th Aug) in the Phoenix Park.

The full 5 Day Ticket gives you access to all events through the week and will cost €68. (Lunch at the Congress - 3 Days in the RDS is €10 per day extra. You do not have to book lunch.)

The Opening Event, the Festival of Families and the Final (Papal) Mass are all free events. However, it will be necessary to have a Ticket for each of these events as they are limited in numbers. Those who book the Full 5 Day Ticket will have priority to all events. All Children up to 18 are free for all events. If you only want to attend the free events you will have to apply privately online.

As a Parish Group, we will only apply for the full 5 day Tickets. If you're interested in booking the 5 Day Ticket with our Parish you can book after the 9.30 & 11.30 Mass on Sundays at the back of the Church. Bookings will begin on Sunday, 22nd April and the final bookings will be taken on Sunday 13th May 2018. Payment must be made at time of booking. Transport for these events are not included in the cost. If you do not want to register for the 5 Day Ticket you can obtain a ticket for any of the free events online at:

www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/Tickets/Tickets-Registration



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

WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC TRADITIONS EXPLAINED

QUESTION:

Can you explain what we mean by a vocation or calling? I have heard this term used in many different contexts and am not sure what it means. Does it apply to religious life?

ANSWER:

A vocation or calling refers to a spiritual experience whereby a person senses within oneself the closeness of God and what he is asking in one's life. It is a realization of what one's part in God's plan could be. Vocation comes in all kinds of ways. Some are as dramatic as St. Paul's, being knocked off his horse, blinded, and hearing God's voice. Others are less dramatic, often occurring over time through little events and personal interests. Others happen in a hurry, accompanied by great spiritual insight or conversion. We often think that this applies to religious vocation, but in fact, every Christian has a vocation, a calling to serve others in and through the Church. Whether married or single, religious or lay, we are all called to live out our baptismal commitment to preach and teach the Gospel message. Each of us has our role to play in God's plan, and we become co-workers with God in the work of redemption. With a little confidence, a willing spirit, and God's grace, we can and will respond to his unique call.

INSPIRATION

There is something comforting about knowing that we are in someone's care. Children can feel this most easily when surrounded by the embrace of a mother or father. All is well. Jesus is the Good Shepherd. We don't have to figure out all of the complexities of life. All we need to do is allow Jesus to be the true shepherd of our lives: to point us in the right direction, lead us to the best pasture, and keep us safe from harm. So many things in the world can hurt us, and we can quickly find that we are on the road to despair. Keeping focused on Jesus, remaining close to him, allows us to develop the gifts and talents God has given us and discover the key to true happiness. Jesus welcomes me with all of my doubts and fears, limitations and sins.



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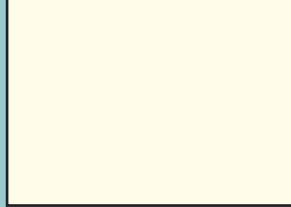
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