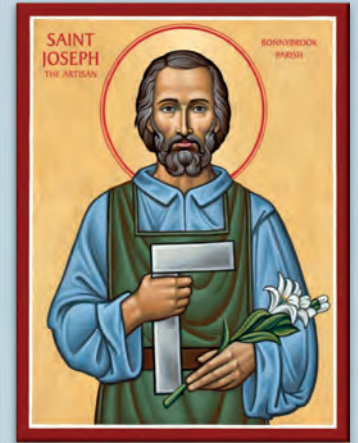


CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH THE ARTISAN PARISH NEWSLETTER



Prayer for the Novena to
St. Francis Xavier
is inside this Newsletter.



3rd Sunday of Lent



NOTHING
THAT YOU
HAVE NOT
GIVEN AWAY
WILL EVER BE
REALLY YOURS.

—C.S. LEWIS



Third Sunday in Lent

We all have things in our lives that don't belong there. Maybe it's the poor way we allow someone to treat us, maybe it's a habitual sin, maybe it's a pattern of thought or attitude that traps us in a cycle of regret, anger, or an inability to forgive. Jesus has bold words for us today: "Take these out of here." When we hear the story of the Cleansing of the Temple, it can be easy to look down on the animal-sellers and money-changers. However, they set up shop in the Temple for a very practical purpose. People needed to buy animals to sacrifice, they were going to sacrifice them in the Temple: ergo, quite a convenient, successful marketplace! For many of us, the negative influences in our lives don't come out of nowhere. We might have considered them quite practical and reasonable initially. We wanted to keep the peace, so we allowed someone to talk to us disrespectfully. A person hurt us deeply and we weren't prepared to let go of our resentment right away. Over time, these can fester and corrupt our inner life in a way we didn't expect.

The response of Jesus is a strong one. "He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area." God wants us to be whole, healthy human beings. He knows how destructive it is for our souls to be caught up in sin - our own sin and those of others. God's love for us is startlingly fierce. In a few short weeks we will celebrate the culmination of that courageous love as Jesus goes to his death on the cross. In the meantime, Lent is an opportunity for cleansing and renewal. If we've allowed into our lives things that don't belong, let today be the day we ask Jesus to clear them out. It's not always easy or pretty, but it's necessary for our hearts to function the way they were made. God will turn our tables over if we ask Him to.

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Sat Evening: 7pm	Teresa Moore (1st A) Brian Murphy (M.M.)
Sun: 9.30am	Ann McLoughlin (B.R.) Brian McDonald (M.M.) & children Mary, Graham & Michael (A)
Sun: 11.30am	Una Bannon (A) Richard & Catherine Bannon (A), William & Josephine Foley (A), Edna Kelly (A) Peggy Moffatt (M.M.), Pat Dunne (RIP)
Mon: 9.30am	Christopher & Mary Mangan (A) & Alice Garland (A), Mary Anne Dunne (A)
Tues: 9.30am	Dec Members of the Craven Family Harry Dowdall & Dec Members of the Dowdall & Gaffney Families
Wed: 9.30am	Joyce Family (living)
Thurs: 9.30am	David Carolan (1st A) Peggy & Brendan Cleary (A)
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

Novena of Grace of Saint Francis Xavier

March 4-12



NOVENA PRAYER

O most kind and loving saint, in union with you I adore the Divine Majesty. The remembrance of the favours with which God blessed you during life, and of your glory after death, fills me with joy; and I unite with you in offering to God my humble tribute of thanksgiving and of praise.

I implore of you to secure for me, through your powerful intercession, the all important blessing of living and dying in the state of grace. I also beseech you to obtain the favour I ask in this Novena (here ask the favour you wish to obtain), but if what I ask is not for the glory of God or for the good of my soul, obtain for me what is most conducive to both. *Amen.*

The Novena Prayer will be said at all the Masses during the Novena period.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC TRADITIONS EXPLAINED

QUESTION:

After attending our parish retreat and feeling much better and stronger about my faith, I want to make this Lent worthwhile. What can I do to keep the spirit and practice of Lent?

ANSWER:

You've already taken the first step by going on the parish retreat. It is important for us to "tune up" our faith, taking some time to renew ourselves through prayer, meditation and education. By deepening our knowledge and understanding of faith, we are often better attuned to its richness and meaning for our life.

Lent is an intense retreat, a forty-day period of reflection and penance that prepares us to celebrate the passion, death and resurrection of Christ. Our communication with God and our awareness of him is the purpose of prayer. Setting aside extra time each day helps intensify the season. Prayer includes daily Mass, Stations of the Cross, communal penance services and private confession. Making restitution for sin as well as disciplining our hearts and minds to focus on God is the purpose of penance. It helps us restore a sense of balance to our souls, thrown off kilter by sin. Penance includes personal sacrifice, self-denial, fasting, almsgiving and charitable works. Finally, spiritual practices help us sharpen our understanding and insight into the meaning and understanding of our faith. When you take your faith seriously, you do what is necessary to follow Jesus more closely, to integrate your life and your faith more carefully.

LIVE THE LITURGY

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK.

How seriously do we take the Ten Commandments? Many today adopt a free spirit approach to life and resist conforming their thoughts and actions to established guidelines and principles. We all need direction. Those who travel realize how much easier journeys can be when equipped with the proper directions. The Ten Commandments are God's proper directions for us to assist us in living our lives as his children. We are given the example of Jesus, the living temple. Jesus allows us to share in his intimate relationship with his Father so that we can more quickly find our way to him. Guidelines and structure are important. Lent reminds us we are created in a certain way and are meant to live our lives in God.



WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES.

The Joy of Love - Parish Conversations

The 2nd Meeting will be held
On Wednesday, 7th March 2018
in **Darndale** Church at 7pm
3rd Meeting on Wednesday,

21st March 2018 in **Priorswood** 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.

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.



With Heartfelt
Sympathy

*To the family of the late
Tony (Dingo) Finnegan R.I.P.*



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