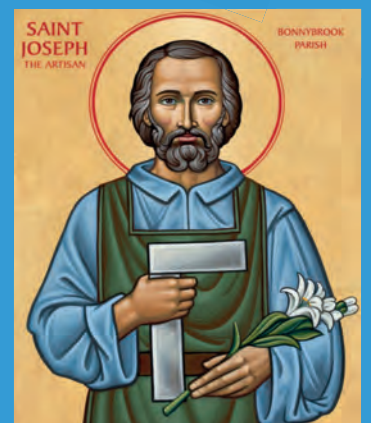


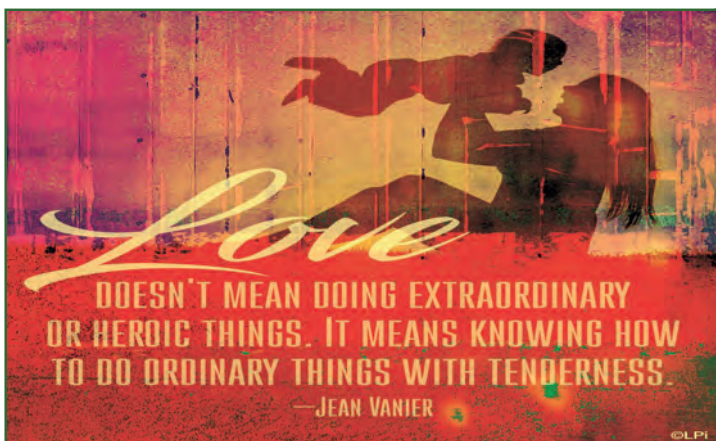
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Newsletter

**St. Joseph the Artisan Church
Bonnybrook Parish**





6th Sunday of Easter

"I have called you friends." Authentic friendship can seem hard to come by these days, especially in our transient society. We move away from family, change jobs, switch parishes, and end up in entirely new places with entirely new people. When we look for new friends, we all have different qualities we're looking for. While we may think of certain standards of behaviour necessary to be a "good" friend, we would hardly refer to them as rules or "commandments."

In fact, if a friendship or romantic relationship--new or old--becomes characterized by imposed obligations, we would rightly be suspicious. Friendships, we understand, ought to be characterized by freedom. We love the person, even sacrifice for them at times because, within ourselves, we want to maintain the friendship. So why does Jesus use the language of command as he calls the Apostles his friends? "You are my friends if you do what I command you."

Jesus is radically transforming the concept of commandment. In the Jewish heritage of the Apostles, they would hear the word "command" and immediately think of the strict Levitical law and distance from God. In introducing the language of friendship, Jesus ties "commandment" to inner freedom of heart. The disciples have this freedom precisely because they know "what [the] Master is doing." Jesus has invited his followers into intimate friendship all along. He shares openly with them. He has patience with their flaws. He isn't scandalized by their failures. He celebrates their successes. We, too, have been called by love and invited into a relationship with Jesus. It is you and I that Jesus chooses and appoints. He does so personally, not from a distant mountain shrouded in clouds. This "new commandment" to "love one another" is received around the shared table in the breaking of the bread.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Sat Vigil: 7.00pm	Anthony O'Brien (M.M.)
Sun: 9.30am	Patrick Molloy also his son Patrick
Sun: 11.30am	James & Kathleen Doyle (A), Kathleen Kelly (1st A)
Mon: 9.30am	B.J. Clarke (A),
Tues: 9.30am	Betty & Christy Farrell (A)
Wed: 9.30am	(No Mass—Liturgy of the Word)
Thurs: 9.30am	Tess Morrissey (1stA) also remember her husband Paddy
Fri: 9.30am	Molly & Lar Fagan (A) also deceased family members



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
William (Bill) Clarke RIP

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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



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The next meeting of the Funeral Team will take place on
this **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.

Appeal to Parishioners

Over the past couple of years, we have been working with LPI to produce this professional, full colour publication of our Newsletter and have seen the benefits of it as a tool for the parish to communicate. We have been very thankful for the sponsorship and support from the local businesses to keep this Newsletter going but of late we have unfortunately seen that initial support has dropped. As a result, this Newsletter concept is in jeopardy as the cost of this full colour publication is borne by the generous support of the local business and advertisers.

We are appealing to our parishioners and business owners that if they would like to be involved in the publication please get in contact with the parish office or call LPI directly 01 901 5800 and advertising can be arranged for you. LPI can produce the artwork and help in whatever way possible to highlight your business in the community. We would ask parishioners if they know of local businesses that would like to join in the back page, please let us know and get in touch. Thank you. Fr. Joe

**WHY DO WE DO THAT?
CATHOLIC TRADITIONS
EXPLAINED**

QUESTION:

What are the fruits of the Holy Spirit?

ANSWER:

St. Paul first enumerates these in the Letter to the Galatians. There are twelve of them. They are charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, and chastity. He explains in chapter 5 the proper use of freedom. The Galatians were divided within the community and the result is a litany of vice and corruption. The law of love had been set aside and in its place greed, selfishness, division, and other diseases of the spirit are given free reign. These are the evils that enslave us, denying us the basic freedom we need to live our faith. Freedom is not a license to give in to the baser drives of our being, but rather an ability to choose the higher gifts and the life of faith. It is not a freedom from, but rather a freedom for. We are freed from the slavery of sin for the life of faith. The virtues St. Paul lists are the very ones that we often associate with saints, who live these virtues in extraordinary ways in very ordinary lives. The fruits of the Spirit are the way we measure our growth in holiness and in faith.



INSPIRATION

"Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love." So many people hunger for love. All of us desire to be intimately connected with others, God, and our world. Many things can work against this and cause us to feel alienated and even profoundly sad. Pope Francis tells us that our "infinite sadness can only be cured by an infinite love." We have been touched by God's love. We are called to bring that love to others so that their sadness and wounds can be healed. We must do this even for those we do not particularly like or who have hurt us. We cannot let anything stand in the way of love.



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