



***St. Brendan's Marist Parish***  
***Coolock Village , Dublin 5***  
 (Under the care of the Marist Fathers)  
***Sunday, 8th October 2017***



**Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**



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 FIRST READING Isaiah 5:1-7  
 Responsorial Psalm . 79:9 12-16. 19-20  
 SECOND READING Paul 4:6-9  
 GOSPEL Matthew 21:33-43

**Parish Mission Statement**

**“St Brendan’s is a caring Catholic Parish inspired by the Gospel, celebrating and working together to build a community of justice, love and peace.”**

**PRIESTS OF THE PARISH**

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**Tuesday – Friday 9.00 am– 11.30 am**

**Sunday Mass Times**

**Saturday: 6.30 pm (vigil), Sunday: 9.30 am, 11 am, 12.30 pm, & 6.30 pm**

## Reflection on today's Readings

Saint Paul tells us today in the second reading, from the Letter to the Philippians: "Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God." The other two readings, the first one from the Prophet Isaiah and the Gospel from Saint Matthew, speak of God's love for us that is so intense that it is expressed in images of destruction for those who will not listen to His love and respond to it.

Surely we must be mature enough to understand that Scripture uses images. There is no way that our loving God is going to try to destroy us or even try to harm us in any way. The images that are used in Scripture sometimes leave us with a sense that God is just waiting to judge us and throw us in Hell. But that is because we misunderstand the words and images of Scripture. We take them as an accurate image of God. Instead, the words of Scripture are the words of men, reflecting in some Divine Way, the reality of God.

We have to know that images that depict God as angry reflect the way that we feel at times when nothing goes the way we want it to go, even when we are trying to be good. We also have to recognise that bad actions on our own part will bring bad results in our lives—not because of God wanting to do something bad to us but because our life will reflect the way that we live. If we live dishonestly, it will destroy us eventually. If we live just according to the lusts of the flesh, that also will eventually destroy any deep relationships what we might have. If we live only seeking power, we will at some point lose power and realise that what we sought was worth nothing.

It is our own actions that actually end up condemning us and making our lives to be a mess—not God. So many of the great theologians and saints have said in their writings that God condemns no one. Rather we condemn ourselves by the choices that we make.

The images today in the first reading and the Gospel are about what we humans do with our lives, both personally and as a people or as a community. We mess things up and we reject God and His ways. The image used to show that God sees what is happening is that of God's anger—but we must remember that it is God who is upset with us for choosing against Him. God always loves us unconditionally and even accepts our rejection of Him. God cannot change us unless we choose to let God change us. Sometimes when our lives are a mess, all we can do is ask God: "Help me." That is enough. But when we blame the mess on God and reject God, then God cannot help us unless we have some openness to Him.

So the message of the readings today is very clear: choose God and pray to God with a complete confidence. If we reject God, he cannot go against our own free will which He gave us. God's choice is always love! Our choice is up to us.

### **Safeguarding Meeting**

**An Information Evening  
will be held on  
Monday, 16th October  
at 7.30pm  
in the Parish Hall**

**FOR ALL PARISH  
MINISTRIES/VOLUNTEERS**

### **Meeting for Eucharistic Ministers**

**will be held on  
Wednesday, 11th October  
in the Parish Hall  
at 7.30pm**

**Among matters to be discussed  
will be Garda Vetting.**

**All Ministers are requested to  
attend**

**Sunday 8th October  
Twenty-Seventh Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**

6.30pm	Annie Redmond	RD
vigil	Marie Mullen	A(1st)
	Michael Deegan	A
	Geraldine & Carol Murtagh	A
	Gabrielle Scully	RIP
	Tommy Curran	A
9.30am	Mary May	A
11am	Leo Rogers	A
12.30pm	Kay Kelly	MM
	William (Liam) Kelly	MM
	Patricia Dillon	A(1st)
	Pauline Maloney	A
	Jimmy Reid	A
6.30pm	Jack Kelly	A

**Monday, 9th October:**

8am	Nancy & Michael Colgan	RIP
10am	Fr. Brian Stenson	RD

**Tuesday, 10th October:**

8am	P.J. Haugh	RD
10am	Denis Downey	A
	Willie Madden	A

**Wednesday, 11th October:**

8am	Marie Mullen	A
10am	Pauline Comiskey	RD

**Thursday, 12th October:**

8am	Kevin Kealy	A
10am	Grace Coyle	RD

**Friday, 13th October:**

8am	Pauline Comiskey	RD
10am	John Sherlock	RIP

**Saturday, 14th October:**

10am	Bernard & Kathleen Slowey	A
12 noon	Baptisms	

***The Extraordinary Minister of  
the Eucharist Rota for the month  
of October is now available  
on the shelf just outside the  
Sacristy door.***

**Sunday 15th October  
Twenty-Eight Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**

6.30pm	Pauline Comiskey	MM
vigil	Denis Sheahan	MM
	Kathleen Hogan	A
	Maurice Deegan	A
	Christy McGarry	A
	Thomas Curran	A
9.30am	Anna Downey	A
	Joan Dunne	RIP
11am	Deceased members of the Fegan & Doyle families	
	Frances Money Penny	A(1st)
12.30pm	Nan Redmond	MM
	Frank Hyland	A
	Kay Kelly	RD
6.30pm	Eileen Brennan	A

***“Would you spend some time  
with me”***

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
takes place from after 12.30 pm Mass  
each Sunday, concluding with

***Rosary & Benediction at 5 pm.***

***Weekday Exposition***  
Mon. to Thurs. from 3pm to 5.30pm

**CHANEL COLLEGE**  
Parents Association Quiz Night

Thursday, 26th October, 2017  
8pm in Parnell's GAA Club

Fundraiser in Aid of  
Chanel College Boys School

Tickets €10 per person  
(Team of 4)

Prize for Winning Team  
Raffle on the Night!

Purchase Tickets from School

The Family Envelope Collection  
**for last week**

**amounted to €1,085.00**

Thank you for your continued support towards the family offering. Thanks also to all who collected and counted the money.

### ***Baptism Meeting***

A meeting of the **Baptism Team** and the parents of children for Baptism in the month of October will take place in the Parish Centre on **Tuesday, 10th October at 8 pm.**

**Anam Cara**, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its next monthly Parent Evening on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> of October from 7:30pm to 9:00pm in the Carnegie Court Hotel, Swords, Co. Donegal. This event is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether the death was recent or not

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AN ASYLUM SEEKER TELLS HER  
STORY**

Ellie Kisymbe will tell of her experience living with her family in Direct Provision in Ireland

**Mon. Oct. 16th 10.30am-12.30pm  
All Welcome (Free)**

### **SUICIDE BEREAVEMENT**

A Pieta House Bereavement Liaison Officer will provide support, information and help to those who have been bereaved by suicide.

**Sat. Oct 21<sup>st</sup> (Free) 10am-12noon  
Josephine Kieran**

### **St. Vincent De Paul Society**

The monthly outdoor Collection for the **St. Vincent De Paul Society** will take place after all Masses **this weekend**  
**7th/8th October**

Last month's collection amounted to  
**€2,310.00**

Thank you for your continued support



### **Ministers of the Word**

A meeting for readers will take place in the Parish House on **Friday, 13th Oct. at 7 pm.**

### **PRAYER TO THE HOLY FAMILY**

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendour of true love; to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division; may all who have been hurt or scandalised find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Graciously hear our prayer.

Mary, mother and guide, **pray for us.**  
Saint Joseph, father and protector, **pray for us.**  
Saints Joachim and Anne, **pray for us.**  
Saints Louis and Zelig Martin, **pray for us.**

### **Dublin City Marathon**

Kevin Stynes, is running again in the **Dublin City Marathon** on Sunday 29th October in aid of **Down Syndrome.**

He would be most grateful for any sponsorship he can get, no donation is too small. Kevin's Home address 9 Dunree Park, or Telephone him at 848 1197.