



St. Brendan's Marist Parish

Coolock Village, Dublin 5

(Under the care of the Marist Fathers)

Sunday, 28th January 2018

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (cycle B)



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FIRST READING Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Responsorial Psalm 94: 1-2. 6-9

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

GOSPEL Mark 1:21-28

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

God's authority in our daily lives is important. Who speaks for God? Do we want to listen to God? Are we interested at all in finding the meaning of life outside of ourselves? The challenges of the readings today keep pointing us outside of ourselves and toward a divine authority who wants to communicate with us but who will never force Himself upon us.

The first reading today, from the Book of Deuteronomy, is really strong. God's people have told God Himself that they do not want to hear His voice directly! So God tells them that they will hear him now only through prophets. But real prophets, not the fake ones.

We may think that there is something odd in not wanting to hear God, but so often we ourselves do not want to hear God in His Word, in His Scriptures and in His Church. Yet at times, if a really strong and charismatic personality comes and is able to preach the Word of God, there are times when we listen. We are no different from the people of the time of Moses! We need prophets when we don't listen to God. We need also to listen to God's words about false prophets—for they will die!

The second reading is from the First Letter to the Corinthians. We are told that the unmarried person is able to be more concerned to listen to the Lord and to seek the Lord's will. This does not mean such an unmarried person is better than a married person or even that such an unmarried person will actually be more concerned about the things of the Lord. Our holiness and our value before the Lord is in doing the Lord's will and surely many married people are more concerned about the Lord than some unmarried. On the other hand, it is clear that an unmarried person who truly seeks the Lord is able to be more concerned solely about the things of the Lord because of the lack of spouse and children. The point, however, is always the same: listen to the Lord!

The Gospel brings us back again to this theme of listening to the Lord. The people in the Gospel are totally amazed at Jesus and his power over unclean spirits. They could see that Jesus spoke as a person having authority on His own. But did the people of the Gospel follow the Lord? Not always! Even when the Word of God is right in front of us, we are still able to resist. God has given us this freedom to choose and so often we choose against God and thus also against ourselves.

Let us pay attention today to the many ways that God comes into our lives. Let us seek to be faithful to the voice of the Lord as it comes to us in Scripture and in the Church. Let us pay attention to the things of God and rejoice when God sends us the strength to be faithful.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES Host a Family/Pilgrim

Thousands of people will be travelling from very distant places to participate in World Meeting of Families 2018 (Dublin, 21-26 August). Many would be unable to come if they had to cover the cost of accommodation.

Do you have a spare room? Would you be willing to host a person, a couple or a family next August? Help us welcome visiting families to Ireland and have a home-from-home experience.

Learn more at www.worldmeeting2018.ie/hostafamily.

Call us on 01 567 6800 or email us at hostingteam@worldmeeting2018.ie

Sunday 28th January
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6.30pm	People of the Parish vigil	
9.30am	Altar list of the dead	
11am	William Fitzsimons	A
	Tom O'Brien	A
12.30pm	Victor McDonnell	A(1st)
	Harry Dunne	A(1st)
	Marie Cullen	A(1st)
	Austin Brennan	A(1st)
	Denise Burke	RD
6.30pm	Thomas & Margaret Kelly	A
	Maureen & Gerald Byrne	A
	Gordan Kelly	A

Monday, 29th:

8am	Gertie Donoghue	RD
10am	Peggy Henshaw	A
	Mary McCormack	RD

Tuesday, 30th:

8am	Nuala McDonald	RD
10am	Gerry Ryan	RD

Wed., 31st: St. John Bosco, bishop

8am	Sr. Ignatius O'Mahony	RD
10am	Henry McKenna	RD

**Thursday, 1st Feb: St. Brigid,
 secondary Patron of Ireland**

8am	Christopher Baker	RD
10am	Sr. Ignatius O'Mahony	RD

**Friday, 2nd: The Presentation of
 the Lord.**

8am	Phyllis Griffin	RD
10am	Kathleen & Joe Foran	A
	Bernard & Eileen Colgan	A

**Saturday, 3rd: St. Blaise, bishop
 and martyr.**

10am	Anne Rocca	A
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Sunday 4th February
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6.30pm	Gerard & Josephine Meade	A
	Bridget & Joseph Byrne	A
	Phyllis Byrne	A
	Maureen & Jimmy Morgan	A
	Angela Mason	A
9.30am	Bridget & Seán Foran	A
11am	Liam Cunningham	A
	Annie Mason	A
	Michael Raftery	A
12.30pm	Andrew Gannon	A(1st)
	Kathleen Hinchy	A(1st)
	Freda Hunt	A(1st)
	Patrick Murphy	A
6.30pm	John & Christina Phillips	A

**Friday, 2nd February is the
 Feast of
 the Presentation of the Lord—
 Candlemas Day**

People who wish to have candles blessed, please leave them in the Sacristy on or before Friday, 2nd February.

**Saturday 3rd February is the
 Feast of St. Blaise.**

Blessing of the Throats will take place after the 10am Mass and again after the 6.30pm vigil Mass

***“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.

The Family Envelope Collection
for last week

amounted to €675.00

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

The Irish Cancer Society operates a free transport service for patients attending hospital for chemotherapy treatment. Volunteer Drivers pick the patient up at the door of their home, drop them at the hospital door, then when finished treatment, will pick them up and drop them home. Volunteer expenses are paid. Patients wishing to avail of this free service should contact their healthcare professional, visit the Society's website at irishcancer.ie or contact the Irish Cancer Society for more information on 2310 522.

**Official Family Prayer for
World Meeting of Families 2018**

God our Father,
We are brothers and sisters in your Son,
One family, in Spirit of your love.
Bless us with the joy of love.
Make us patient and kind, gentle and
generous, welcoming to those in need.
Help us to live your forgiveness and
peace.
Protect all families with your loving care.
Especially those for whom we now pray
Pause to remember family members and
others.
Increase our faith, Strengthen our hope,
Keep us safe in your love.
Make us always grateful for the gift of life
that we may share.
This we ask through Christ our Lord,
Amen

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.

St. Vincent De Paul Society

The monthly outdoor Collection for the
St. Vincent De Paul Society
will take place after all Masses next
weekend 10th & 11th February
Last month's collection amounted to

€3,010.00

Thank you for your continued support

CRC Annual Exhibition of Paintings

Saturday 17th February 11am to 6pm

Sunday 18th February 11am to 5pm

Proceeds for:

Summer Project, Schools Events,
Droichead Club, Day Activity Centres.

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

**Mercy Centre, St. Brendan's Drive,
Tel: 8487259 FAX:8673183**

**DANCE MEDITATION (4 Sessions €35)
or €10 per session**

Experience the beauty, joy and peacefulness
of dancing in a circle to inspiring music.

Bring a friend

Thurs. 1st, 15th, 22nd Feb & 1st Mar.

7.30 – 9.30pm

Barbara Perry chf

LENT REFLECTIONS (7 Sessions)

Scripture, music and quiet prayer.

Wed. 14th Feb- 28th Mar.

10.30 – 12.30pm

Maria Kelly rsm &

Kathleen Somers rsm

**CRY OF EARTH & CRY OF THE
POOR - MY RESPONSE?**

Denise will reflect on "the cry of the poor
for life, freedom, and beauty ... and the cry
of Earth groaning under oppression."

Tues. 27th Feb

7.00 – 9.00pm

Denise Boyle fmdm

Mercy Global Justice