



# *Bandon Parish Bulletin*

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## *13th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

If it's one thing that you notice about experts is that they make it look easy. If you ever watch a grandmother bake bread. She takes a little of this, a handful of that, a drop of something else and after a period in the oven, out comes a loaf of bread that is like nothing you've ever tasted. You think to yourself, 'sure I could do that.' Then you try and the results can be disastrous. What we sometimes forget, is that this woman is an expert at breadmaking because she's been doing it all her life. That's why she doesn't need the measuring cup and why she makes it look so easy.

Someone once said that you are always nicer to guests when you know exactly when they are leaving! The woman in the first reading was unfamiliar with this adage. She was happy to give Elisha a room of his own, albeit the roof. She seemed to be a woman who understood the grace of hospitality. Even more than that, she understood the habit of hospitality. The reward, incredible though it might have been, was secondary to the whole thing.

The spiritual life is the same. Some people we know make it look so easy. They seem to be comfortable and easy with their religious identity, regardless of the trouble and strife life throws at them. What we fail to remember is that for them, it is the daily building up of their relationship with God which has them in the position to make the spiritual life look easy - it is the habit of the spiritual life. Jesus makes it look easy and in the Gospel the idea of the denial of one's family seems the hardest thing of all to do, and rightly so it is. What is at the heart of the reading is perhaps not so much our families but what we are prepared to give up for the sake of the Gospel. From what are we to be deprived when we are given the fullness of the Word of God? What is the clutter that we chuck so that there is room for something other than myself?

*John-Paul Sheridan*

## FIRST READING

*Kgs 4:8-11.14-16*

A reading from the second book of the Kings.

***This is a holy man of God, let him rest there.***

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, ‘Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.’

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. ‘What can be done for her?’ he asked. Gehazi, his servant, answered, ‘Well, she has no son and her husband is old.’ Elisha said, ‘Call her.’ The servant called her and she stood at the door. ‘This time next year’, Elisha said ‘you will hold a son in your arms.’

*The word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 88:2-3.16-19*

**R. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.**

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;  
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.  
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,  
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **R.**
2. Happy the people who acclaim such a king,  
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,  
who find their joy every day in your name,  
who make your justice the source of their bliss. **R.**
3. For this is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength;  
it is by your favour that our might is exalted:  
for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;  
our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. **R.**

## SECOND READING

*Rom 6:3-4.8-11*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

***When we were baptised we went into the tomb with Christ, so that we too might live a new life.***

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other

words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

*The word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Cf Acts 16:14*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Open our heart, O Lord,  
to accept the words of your Son.  
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

*Mt 10:37-42*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

*Anyone who does not take his cross is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me.*

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

## ST MARY'S CEMETERY, SPRING LANE

Prayers will be recited in St Mary's Cemetery this Monday evening 3rd July at 7.30pm

### RECENT BAPTISMS

*Oisín Colm O'Leary*, Shinagh  
*Sonny Seán Powell*, Garryhankard, Upton  
*Grace Maura O'Leary*, Castleoaks

**GARDENS & GALLERIES INNISHANNON** Today Sunday 2nd July in aid of Tidy Towns Committee & Friends of Innishannon.

**OPEN GARDEN** In aid of Marymount on Saturday 8th July from 2-6pm, Kinalea Garden, Shipool, Innishannon. Admission by donation.

**CORK COUNTY OLDER PEOPLES COUNCIL** Cork County launched its Age Friendly strategy in April 2016, which aims to make Cork a more Age Friendly County. Older People themselves are an important part of the strategy and we would like to invite you to join our Older Peoples Council to ensure your voice continues to be heard and represented. Nominations are now being sought for the 2nd Cork County Older Peoples Council (OPC) Executive. If you are interested in joining please contact Mairead on 021 428 5900 or email [Mairead.mccarthy@corkcoco.ie](mailto:Mairead.mccarthy@corkcoco.ie) for information.  
*We encourage community involvement in this project as much as possible.*

### Vatican releases online survey for young people

The Vatican has released an online questionnaire for young people in preparation for the Synod of Bishops on youth in 2018.

The survey aims to better understand the lives, attitudes and concerns of young men and women aged 16-29 around the world.

The answers to the questionnaire will provide the basis for a working document for the assembly, according to synod officials.

The questionnaire is available in English, Spanish, French and Italian and can be found on the synod's official site: [youth.synod2018.va/content/synod2018/it.html](http://youth.synod2018.va/content/synod2018/it.html).

It is open to any young person, regardless of faith or religious belief.

The general secretariat of the synod launched the website last week, to share information about the October 2018 synod on 'Young people, faith and vocational discernment'.

The 53 mostly multiple-choice questions is divided into seven sections: general personal information; attitudes and opinions about oneself and the world; influences and relationships; life choices; religion, faith and the Church; internet use; and finally two open-ended questions.

The write-in questions are an invitation to describe a positive example of how the Catholic Church can 'accompany young people in their choices, which give value and fulfilment in life'.