



# ***Bandon Parish Bulletin***

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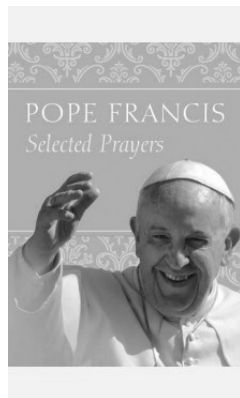
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## ***Twenty Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time***

### **PRAYERS & REFLECTIONS**

#### ***Five Finger Prayer (From Pope Francis Selected Prayers, Veritas 2017)***

*This method of prayer championed by Pope Francis, has been widely adopted in classrooms and parishes across the globe, and has resonated particularly with children and young people.*



**The Thumb** - The closest finger to you reminds you to pray for those who are closest to us, like our family and friends.

**The Index Finger** - The pointing finger reminds you to pray for wisdom and support for those who teach us and show us the way.

**The Middle Finger** - The tallest finger reminds you to pray for guidance for our leaders and those in positions of authority.

**The Ring Finger** - Our weakest finger, reminds you to pray for the weakest in society, like those who are sick, poor or having problems.

**The Little Finger** - The smallest finger reminds you to pray for yourself. When you have prayed for the other four groups, you will be able to see your own needs, but from the proper perspective.

**FIRST READING**

Si 27:30-28:7

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus.

*Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.*

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

*The word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Ps 102: 1-4.9-12

**R. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.**

1. My soul, gives thanks to the Lord,  
all my being, bless his holy name.  
My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
and never forget all his blessings. *R.*
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,  
who heals everyone of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns you with love and compassion. *R.*
3. His wrath will come to an end;  
he will not be angry for ever.  
He does not treat us according to our sins  
nor repay us according to our faults. *R.*
4. For as the heavens are high above the earth  
so strong is his love for those who fear him.  
As far as the east is from the west  
so far does he remove our sins. *R.*

**SECOND READING**

Rom 14:7-9

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

*Alive or dead we belong to the Lord.*

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live

for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be the Lord both of the dead and of the living.

*The word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*1 Sam 3:9; Jn 6:68*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:  
you have the message of eternal life.**

**Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL**

*Mt 18:21-35*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

*I do not tell you to forgive seven times, but seventy-seven times.*

Peter went up to Jesus and said, ‘Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?’ Jesus answered, ‘Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.

‘And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master’s feet. “Give me time”, he said, “and I will pay the whole sum.” And the servant’s master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. “Pay what you owe me,” he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, “Give me time and I will pay you.” But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. “You wicked servant,” he said, “I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?” And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.’

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

The Parish Preparation Programme for First Holy Communion will start again very shortly. An initial introductory meeting will take place on Monday September 18th at 7.30pm in St Patrick's Church. Parents of children who will receive the sacraments of First Confession and First Holy Communion are asked to attend this meeting.

## SECOND COLLECTION

The annual collection for the Education of Students for the Priesthood will be taken up at all masses in the Diocese next weekend.

**RECENT BAPTISM** *Kelly Elizabeth Mary Thompson*, Fox's Hill.

**PILGRIMAGE TO GOUGANE BARRA** Final Reminder to book your seat as the Annual Pilgrimage to Gougane Bara will take place on Sunday 24th September. For further details please contact Julia at 023 88 39331.

**ST MICHAEL'S CENTRE AUTUMN PROGRAMME** Starts Tuesday September 12th. Drop into the centre on South Main St or call us on 023 88 41681 (Tuesday to Friday) to find out about activities including crafts, music, yoga, computers, genealogy and more.

**BANDON CULTURE TRAIL** Great free events, Friday September 22nd 5pm-9.30pm. Launch in St Michael's Centre and concludes in the Town Hall. Includes light refreshments, historical talk, music, singing (High Hopes Choir) storytelling and Art. Free bus available contact Raymond for more information on 023 88 42870.

**GRAMOPHONE CIRCLE** Monday September 18th at 8pm in Gateway Hall. All welcome.

**BANDON FLOWER CLUB** Presents a flower arranging demonstration by DJ Murphy on Monday 18th September in The Munster Arms Hotel at 8pm. Visitors welcome.

**BANDON AC/FIT4LIFE** New beginners starting Tuesday September 19th all levels of Joggers/Runners welcome. Telephone Linda 087 434 0860.

**JUNIOR TENNIS COACHING** Junior tennis coaching lessons start on Saturday September 23rd and run for 8 weeks at Bandon Grammar School. The course is open to all over 5+. To enrol on the course or for any enquiries please contact Alan on 087 975 7444.

**BEGINNING EXPERIENCE** Is a specially designed Support Programme for men and women who have suffered the loss of a spouse by death, separation or divorce move through the grief process, and to discover for themselves that merely 'existing' in life can be transformed into 'living' a new life, though a different one. The next weekend is being held in the Ennismore Retreat Centre, Cork from Friday October 6th-Sunday 8th. For Application forms or further information contact 087 988 6480 or email [beginningexperience@gmail.com](mailto:beginningexperience@gmail.com)

**GAGGIN ICA** Meetings resume Thursday September 21st at 8.30pm. New members are most welcome.

## LECTIO DIVINA

Meetings take place on Monday evenings from 8-9pm in the Presentation Convent.

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