

PARISH DRAW WINNERS JUNE 2017

Prize Place	Prize	Name	No	Promotor
1 st	£1000	Bronagh O'Rawe		Bronagh O'Rawe
2 nd	£1000	Diana Reid		Simon Reid
3 rd	£500	Geraldine McCormick		Jim McCormick
4 th	£500	Cathy McGuigan		Cathy McGuigan
5 th	£250	Lisa & Ashleen Mulholland		Mark Mulholland
6 th	£150	Teresa O'Neill		Mary Peyton
7 th	£100	Patricia Roberts		Angela McGowan
8 th	£100	Sally Kearns		Rose Rogan
9 th	£50	Paul McMullan		Claire Buchanan
10 th	£50	Pat McMahan		Rose Rogan
11 th	£50	Freda Brady		Jim McCormick
12 th	£50	Paul Jordan		Vera Brennan
13 th	£50	Colm Jordan		Stephen Mulligan

Collectors Prize £25 Johnny McQuillan

THE WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018 – The launch of a special year of preparation for the World Meeting of Families will take place in Knock, Co Mayo, on Monday 21st August. Each diocese in Ireland has been asked to nominate one family to take part in the entrance procession of a Mass that will begin at 3pm in the Basilica. If you wish to have the opportunity to represent our Diocese, please contact the Parish Priest/Administrator before 8th July. Your family name and address will be forwarded to the Diocesan Office. During the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (10th – 17th July) all the family names that have been sent in will be placed in a hat. At a gathering of pilgrims, one of them will then be asked to draw out the name of a family who will represent the Diocese in Knock. The family will be contacted as soon as possible. All the families of the Diocese are invited to attend this special day of family activities in Knock. More details will follow in due course.

Parish of Hannahstown - St Joseph's & St Peter's
2nd July 2017 – 13th SUNDAY of the YEAR

A REFLECTION FOR THIS SUNDAY'S GOSPEL

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.

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?

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