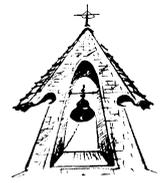




Parish of St. Joseph & St. Benildus and St. Mary's
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NEWSLETTER

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Gospel Reflection for the Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

A Fool and His Money Are Never Parted.

There's an old saying that goes, "A fool and his money are soon parted." If Jesus were to re-write the saying it might read, "A fool and his money are never parted."

In today's gospel, a rich landowner pulls down his barns and builds bigger barns in which to store wealth for his future. "You fool!" God says, "this very night your life is being demanded of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" Yes, it's another of those lessons that target the rich. That's all right then because none of us are particularly rich and so surely this lesson doesn't apply to us. Or does it?

We've all worried about money at some time or another. We worry about university fees, the cost of getting married and the cost of keeping a roof over our heads. We worry about paying our bills and providing for our children. We worry about providing for our old age and the cost of keeping Great Aunt Ethel in a nursing home. We even worry about the cost of dying. Today Jesus warns us that in worrying about money we allow money and material wealth to exert some kind of hold over us. Everything we own possesses a little part of us. If we have a house we are slave to a mortgage. If we own a car we are slaves to maintaining it. Once we have finally struggled our way towards a healthy bank balance we suddenly become afraid to spend it, let alone share it with the needy. Without knowing it, we can become penny pinching and greedy. We don't need to be particularly rich to become as foolish as the landowner in today's parable.

Today's gospel isn't a good excuse to rush out and blow the children's school uniform budget on a palette of beer in a 'let's live for today for tomorrow we die' mentality, but it is a good excuse for liberating ourselves from life's financial burdens and living for a better reason.

MASSES THIS WEEK

St. Joseph & St. Benildus

Mon 10.30 am
Tues 10.30 am
Wed 10.30 am
Thurs 10.30am
Fri 10.30am
Sat 10.30 am &
6.30pm
Sunday 10.00 am & 12pm

St. Mary's Ballygunner

Saturday: 7.00pm
Sunday: 11am

**If you wish to prepare
next Sunday's Readings:**

19th Sunday in Ordinary

Time:

Wis 18:6-9
Ps 32:1 18-20,22
Heb 11:1-2 8-19
Lk12:32-48

Please remember in your prayers those Months Mind occur

Molly Gough

whose anniversaries and birthdays occur

Pat & Ismay O'Hare, John Walsh

MASSES

St. Joseph & St. Benildus Church

6.30 pm (Sat)
10 am (Sun)
12.00 Noon (Sun)

St Mary's Church

7.00pm (Sat)
11.00am (Sun)

30th/31st July

Grace Falconer & Relatives
Mary McGeary

Rita & Michael Quinlan

Michael Troy
Molly Gough (MM)

6th/7th August

Andrew Murtagh
Mary Murphy
Ann Ennis (st Anniversary)

John & Catherine Kennedy

Gemma Phelan (1st Anniversary)

Please Note: 7.30am Mass

The 7.30am morning mass will be discontinued until Monday 29th August 2016

Last Sunday's Collection

€2035

Thank you for your generous offering

Recent Baptisms

A warm welcome to :

*Joshua Thomas Walsh
Hannah Bridget Fitzpatrick
Bobby Geaney
Mikey Noel Power
Zack Nangle Phelan*

who were baptised recently. Please keep them, and their parents and Godparents, in your prayers.

St. Vincent De Paul

The monthly Saint Vincent de Paul collection will be taken up next weekend. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Bitesize

The most valuable things in life are not measured in monetary terms. The really important things are not houses and lands, stocks and bonds, automobiles and real state, but friendships, trust, confidence, empathy, mercy, love and faith.

Bertrand Russell V. DeLong

**Live Streaming,
St. Joseph & St. Benildus &
St. Mary's Church Services**

Live services from these Churches are available on:
<http://jbmparish.com> *and*
www.churchservices.tv/stjosephswaterford
www.churchservices.tv/stmarysballygunner

First Friday

Next Friday, 5th August is the First Friday of the month. Communion will be brought to the sick and housebound. Please contact the Parish office or sacristy if you know somebody who would like to be included.

Recent Marriages

Congratulations to *Marie Fowler & Martin McDonnell, Jennifer Phelan & Niall Dunne, and Louise Kennedy & Patrick Hogan* who were married recently in St. Mary's Church.

Weekly Envelopes

The order for weekly envelopes will be made over the next week. If you wish to contribute to the weekly collection by envelope, please give your name to the Parish Office on 051 878977. Boxes of envelopes will be distributed with the Autumn collection.

Complete Trust in God

Do not look forward to the changes and chances of this life with fear. Rather, look to them with full confidence that, as they arise, God to whom you belong will in his love enable you to profit by them. He has guided you thus far in life. Do you but hold fast to His dear hand, and He will lead you safely through all trials. Whenever you cannot stand, He will carry you lovingly in his arms.

Do not look forward to what may happen tomorrow. The same Eternal Father who takes care of you today will take care of you tomorrow, and every day of your life. Either He will shield you from suffering or He will give you unfailing strength to bear it.

Be at peace then, and put aside all useless thoughts, all vain dreads and all anxious imaginations.

Saint Francis de Sales (1567-1622)

Newsletter Notes: This Newsletter welcomes any notices presented for non-profit making events, subject to certain conditions. Items for inclusion may be handed into the sacristy at St Joseph & St Benildus Church.

The deadline, however, is every Wednesday at 10.00 a.m.

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