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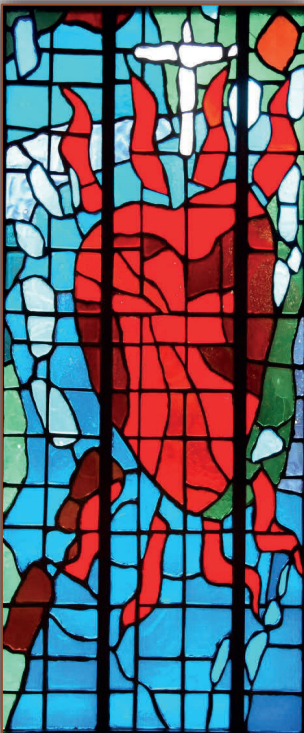
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IF YOU WISH TO
PREPARE NEXT SUNDAY'S

READINGS :

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Eccles 27:30-28:7.

Ps 102:1-4, 9-12.

Rm 14:7-9.

Mt 18:21-35.

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10th September 2017

Gospel Reflection

No Man Is An Island. To give correction occasionally is an unpleasant duty, and to receive it is an equally unpleasant duty. Which is harder? An honest answer tells us a lot about our personality.

Every one of us has experienced confrontation over our behaviour at one time or another. How did we respond? More than likely we didn't respond well. None of us like to have our faults pointed out. At worst it can send us into a spiral of heated indignation and stubborn denial, protesting our innocence and hurling accusations back in retaliation. Ultimately, whether the criticism was taken on board or not depends on the spirit in which it was given. Was the criticism dealt by a friend with our best interests at heart, or was it dealt in a spirit of anger and come-uppance? How the criticism was dealt and how we responded is key in our dealings when it's our turn to correct someone else.

Most of us dislike having to correct someone else; we procrastinate and beat about the bush. Mightn't it be easier all round if we pretended the problem didn't exist? The main flaw with that strategy is that the papers are full of serious examples of what can happen when problems are side stepped and left to fester. How many people have allowed abuse, deception, injustice and even holocaust because they have kept quiet and avoided confrontation? There's no getting round it, there will come a time when we need to meet confrontation head on.

Today's gospel tells us how to confront someone we know to be in the wrong. We should make the confrontation on a one to one basis in a spirit of love and empathy. If our attempts at putting things straight fail, we should attempt to involve a third party. An extra pair of objective ears can often take the heat out of a situation; this is why people often take their problems to a counsellor.

When Jesus says "Where there are two or three gathered in my name....." he is making it clear how important we are to one another. No man is an island; we all need each other's support. We all need each other's empathy, and there will come a time, when we all need a good honest dose of tough love.



Mass Times:

ST. JOSEPH & ST. BENILDUS

Sunday

Vigil 6.30pm, Sunday 10.00am & 12 Noon

Monday–Friday

7.30am & 10.30am

(except Holy Days of Obligation)

Holy Day of Obligation

6.30 Vigil and 11.00am

ST. MARY'S, BALLYGUNNER

Sunday

7.00pm Vigil, Sunday 11.00am

Holy Days of Obligation

7.00pm Vigil & 11.00am

First Friday:

9.30am

CONFESSIONS

Confessions immediately following the 10.30am on Saturday and at the parish office by request

Visitation Ministries: Training Sept/Oct 2017

Weds Sept 27th, 7.30-9pm.

Parish Centre. Compassionate listening skills/ do we really listen?

Ms Ann O'Farrell, Family Ministry.

Weds Oct 4th, 7.30-9pm,

Parish Centre. Confidentiality /knowing our story remains private.

Dr. Patricia Smyth



Last Sunday's Collection

€2,376

Thank you for your generous offering

JUST Married!

Congratulations

to *Laura Higgins & Seán McLoughlin* who were married recently.

Parishioners are invited to submit news for inclusion in the Newsletter.

Deadline Tuesday 10.00am.

Kids Corner

Puzzle

Find the two that are the same.



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Rotas for St. Mary's are available in the Sacristy

An Evening with

Finbar Wright

And his musicians

Sunday **22**
October

8.00pm

Tickets €25

Cheese and Wine Reception at 7.00pm

ST. JOSEPH & ST. BENILDUS CHURCH

This is a fund raising event to provide a chair-lift in the parish centre

Tom Murphy Car Sales



Tickets available from the Parish Office – 051-873977
or from the Theatre Royal Box Office – 051-874402

AN EVENING WITH FINBAR WRIGHT

St. Joseph, St. Benildus and St. Mary's Parish present an Evening with Finbar Wright and his Musicians. The much acclaimed Tenor will present an evening of well known and popular tunes, accompanied by top class musicians, making this a night not to be missed. The evening will start with Wine and Cheese in the Parish Centre at 7.00 pm, and proceed to the concert in the church at 8.00 pm. Finbar is an Irish and international sensation, and leaves his audiences spellbound by his sound and charisma. His infectious nature brings another element to the evening, leaving all wanting more. The evening is a fundraising one for the Church, and tickets are priced at €25. Tickets can be reserved at the church office, or at the Theatre Royal Box Office. Reserve early, as this will sell out. A very special thanks to Tom



IN LOVING MEMORY

*Please pray for those
whose anniversaries or birthdays occur:*

**Mary Atkins,
Gary O’Keeffe,
Anne Carmody,
Maurice Downey**



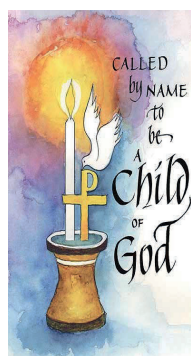
**LECTIO
DIVINA**

**Wednesday nights
From 13th September
7.00.pm**

*St. John’s Pastoral Centre
John’s Hill
Waterford*

Facilitated by the Sisters of
The Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

*All are welcome
(€5 including light refreshments)*



RECENT BAPTISMS

We welcome:

Adam James Halpin

*Please keep him, his parents
and godparents
in your prayers*



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

takes place every Wednesday after the 10.30am Mass until 7pm.
All are welcome to attend during this time of quiet personal prayer and reflection.



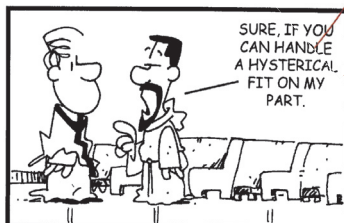
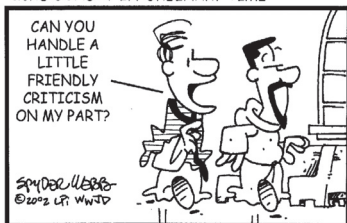
Grandparents’ National Annual Pilgrimage

The Grandparents’ National Annual Pilgrimage takes place on September 10th 2017, at Knock Shrine, at 2.30pm. Everybody is welcome to honour and thank grandparents—alive & dead—for all they have done for us down through the ages. Chief Celebrant : Archbishop Eamon Martin, Ballina School Choir. Dana will sing “ Our Lady of Knock”.

An event for anyone interested in exploring the area of Parish Catechesis, will be held on September 25th from 10am—4pm, in the Emmaus Retreat Centre, Swords, Co. Dublin.

Cost €40 including lunch.
Info 01 505 3025

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Parents’ Baptism Meeting

On Weds 13th Sept there will be a meeting of Parents Before Baptism of Children in the Parish Centre beside the church of St. Joseph & St. Benildus, from 8-9pm.

MASSES

St. Joseph & St. Benildus

6.30pm Saturday
10.00am Sunday
12 Noon Sunday

9TH & 10TH SEPTEMBER

Billy McLoughlin
Timothy Daly
Cathy Bell Howlett
& son Michael Christopher

16TH /17TH SEPT 2017

Mikie Doyle
Dr. Louis Ryan
Brian McGovern

St. Mary’s, Ballygunner

7.00pm Saturday
11.00am Sunday

Michael & Margaret O’Sullivan
Nicholas & Joan Power

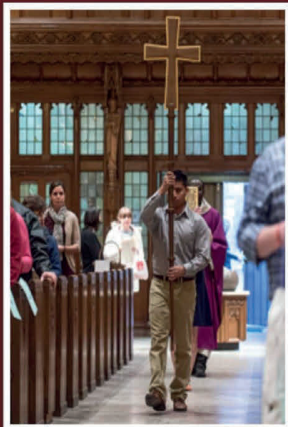
Brian Sheridan
Anna Doyle



Introduction to the Liturgy

4 Week Course

Commencing
Monday 2nd October 2017



A course designed for parishioners who would like to deepen their appreciation of the liturgy and perhaps also to assist with the preparation of the different liturgies throughout the year.

The course covers liturgical principles, the basic structure of the Mass, tools for planning liturgies and liturgical seasons, and strategies for working together as a committee

Monday 2nd Oct: Introductory Week

Monday 9th Oct: Liturgical Principles

Monday 16th Oct: Structure of the Mass

Monday 23rd Oct: Special Considerations for Planning and Strategies for Working Together as a Committee

The course will include a video presentation each week by a renowned expert in Liturgy. A study guide will be provided by the one of the lecturers in Boston College to guide participants in their reflections. Participants will meet each Monday evening beginning on Monday October 2nd at 7.30pm in St Joseph and St Benildus Parish centre to view the DVD presentation together and to reflect on it afterwards.

The fee for the four week course is €25.00.

The book for the course will cost approx.. €10.00.

For more information contact: 051-878977

Welcome to the new full colour Parish Newsletter for St Joseph & Benildus and St. Mary's Church. With this new format the back page has been set aside for local businesses and services to advertise.

Please contact Christine on 086 8137924 if you would like to advertise your local business here.

Parishioners are requested and encouraged to actively support advertisers in order to support the publication of the Parish Newsletter.

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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 Tuesday at 10.00 a.m.

We are particularly grateful to Intercom for resources used in this publication.

All details included in this issue were correct at time of going to print.