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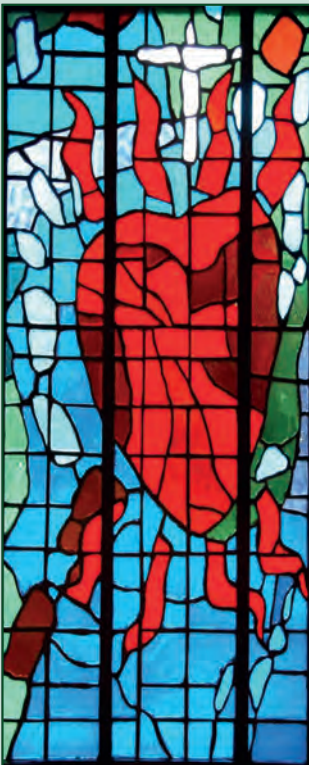
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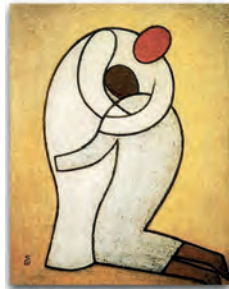
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IF YOU WISH TO
PREPARE NEXT SUNDAY'S
READINGS :
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 55:6-9.
Ps 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18.
Phil 1:20-24, 27.
Mt 20:1-16.

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

17th September 2017



Gospel Reflection for the Twenty Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Our Turn to Forgive

Forgiveness is difficult. We read about the victims of horrendous crimes and wonder how those people could ever begin to forgive - we even question why they should have to. Most of us know how hard it is to forgive even a small grudge once it has been left to fester. Many of us know what it is like to excuse ourselves with "...Well she started it so she should really apologise first," or, "It's his problem not mine." There are limits on our forgiveness. Why should we accept the apology of someone who has let us down repeatedly? Why if we have given someone every last chance should we be expected to forgive yet again? Yet Jesus tells us that we must forgive "...not seven times, but seventy seven times."

If there should be no limits to our forgiveness perhaps we should begin by looking at what makes it so difficult to grant genuine forgiveness. Anger probably comes top of the list. We don't want people to get away with hurting us. Pride often stands in our way too. Forgiving someone often involves an element of 'climbing down'. Also close to the top of the list of obstacles comes a lack of understanding. When we hear of a crime, whether it is small or large, we always ask "Why?" It seems that in order to forgive, we must first understand what has made the other person do what they have done.

Today's readings suggest that in order to make it easier to forgive others, we should look at how often we have asked God to forgive us, often for the same failing. This is the lesson in today's gospel, Jesus is reminding the servant who was unable to forgive that he himself was forgiven. How could the servant expect his master's forgiveness if he could not forgive others? Remembering how we have been forgiven makes us more compassionate when it is our turn to forgive.



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 Days 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 Ministry

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
€2,180

Thank you for your generous offering

A Conference 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

Thursday Morning Prayer Group *Prayers & Praise*

The Thursday Morning Prayer Group takes place after the 10.30am Mass. All are welcome. Tea & Coffee afterwards! For further info contact Fintan on 086 321 5773

Legion of Mary Pilgrimage to Knock

The annual Legion of Mary Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine will take place on Sunday 24th September. Bus fare 25€, meals extra, or bring a packed lunch. Bus departs 6.30am sharp. For more details contact May on 087 7148100 or 086 3100581, or any Legion of Mary member.

Kids Corner

Puzzle

Circle the group in each row that has **more**. Then color in all the pictures.



Autumn Collection

The Autumn Collection for the support of the priests of the Parish will be taken up on Sunday 24th September.



Waterford & Tramore Flower Club

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 20th Sept 2017 at 8pm in the Parish Centre, beside the church of St. Joseph & St. Benildus. Demonstration by Marie Kavanagh. New members welcome. We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of every month.

Munster Pioneer Gathering

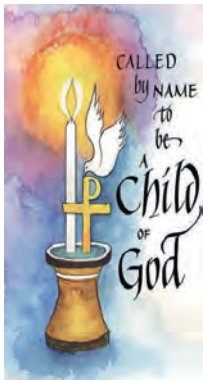
The Munster Pioneer Gathering takes place on 1st October 2017, in the Woodlands House Hotel, Adare, Co. Limerick. Registration is at 10.30am. Tickets cost €30 each. Closing date for purchase of tickets is Monday 25th Sept. Info: sorchaol@gmail.com

IN LOVING MEMORY

*Please pray for those who died recently:
William (Billy) Barron late of Grange Heights*

And those whose anniversaries or birthdays occur:

*Christina Murray,
Maurice Downey,
Kitty Egan,
Brigid Douglas*

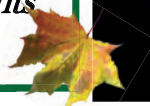


RECENT BAPTISMS

We welcome:

*Saoirse Mary Ryan,
Sadie Julia Lennon,
Fionn Frisby*

*Please keep them, their
parents and godparents
In your prayers*



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Envelopes for the Autumn Collection, which will be taken up on 24th September 2017, are ready for collection in the Sacristy. Many thanks to all distributors for taking on this Ministry.



Training for Ministers of the Word

Following on from the training of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in the spring, evenings for Ministers of the Word were also requested. St. John's Pastoral Centre has arranged training in the Sacred Heart Church for the St. Lawrence Pastoral Area. It will take place on Monday 2nd October at 7.30pm. We would encourage all Ministers of the Word to attend.



MASSES

St. Joseph & St. Benildus

6.30pm Saturday
10.00am Sunday
12 Noon Sunday

16TH /17TH SEPT 2017

Mikie Doyle
Dr. Louis Ryan
Brian McGovern

23RD/24TH SEPT 2017

Anastasia & Phillip Lahert
Olga Bagriy
John Walsh

St. Mary's, Ballygunner

7.00pm Saturday
11.00am Sunday

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