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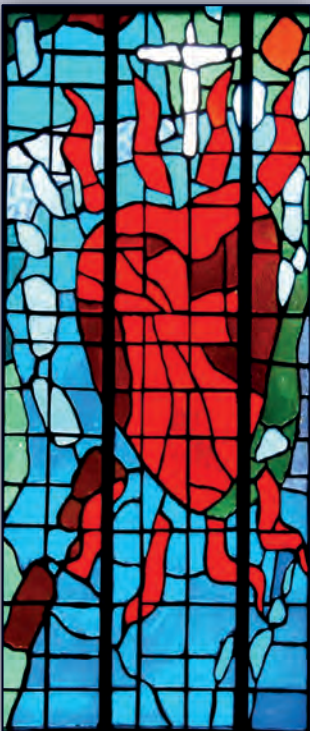
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IF YOU WISH TO
PREPARE NEXT SUNDAY'S
READINGS :

3rd Sunday of Lent
Ex 20:1-17.
Ps 18:8-11.
1 Cor 1:22-25.
Jn 2:13-25.

Gospel Reflection for the Second Sunday of Lent 25TH Feb 2018 Quick Fix Remedy?

Do you bound out of bed each morning eager to get to work enthusiastic about all the challenges that lie ahead. Well probably not! Life is a series of highs and lows, but we all know that the 'highs' are few and far between. For most of us life is a series of chores and we can often feel burdened by drudgery and frustration.

In today's gospel reading, Peter James and John are feeling demoralised and fearful about talk of Jesus' imminent death. Perhaps the disciples felt that the goal they had been working towards was not the goal of which Jesus is now talking. We have all felt like this at some time. Even the most motivated amongst us will slump from time to time. We might all have felt at some point debilitated by fear and anxiety, or overwhelmed by tiredness. At times like these, a life mentor might advise us to re-visualise our goals. We might be advised to find inspiration and get excited. We might be advised to focus on our most important priorities and not set too many goals which will eventually sap all our energy.

Funnily enough, two thousand years before the terms 'life mentor' or 'life coach' were coined, these were exactly the strategies that Jesus used to motivate Peter James and John in this difficult period of their discipleship. Jesus leads them up a high mountain where they see a vision of a transfigured Jesus in dazzling white accompanied by Moses and Elijah.

Peter, James and John had a moment of revelation that day on the mountain top, and although they could not capture that moment by erecting tents as Peter proposes, they had that glimpse of glory to remember and keep with them forever through the testing times ahead.

Christians do not have a quick fix remedy for making problems in life go away, but we share the same motivating vision of God's kingdom as we struggle with life's 'lows'.

MASS TIMES

ST. JOSEPH & ST. BENILDUS

Sunday

Vigil 6.30pm, Sunday 10.00am & 12 Noon

Monday-Friday

7.30 am & 10.30am

Saturday 10.30am

Holy Days of Obligation

6.30 Vigil and 11.00am

CONFESSIONS

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

ST. MARY'S, BALLYGUNNER

Sunday

7.00pm Vigil, Sunday 11.00am

Holy Days of Obligation

7.00pm Vigil & 11.00am

First Friday:

9.30am

BAPTISMS

We welcome Holly Mary Everett who was baptised recently. Please keep her, and her parents and godparents in your prayers.



Last Sunday's Collection

€2,388

Thank you for your generous offering

We extend our deepest sympathy to Fr. Liam, whose father passed away this week. May he rest in peace. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

OUR JOURNEY THROUGH LENT. SPRING 2018. TUESDAY AFTERNOONS, 3-4.30PM.

ST. JOSEPH & BENILDUS PARISH CENTRE.

DISCOVER THE FIGURES WHO SHAPED THE CHURCH & CHANGED THE WORLD

PIVOTAL PLAYERS

Tuesday 20th February

Tuesday 27th February



ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA

Missionary and Saint

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BL. JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

The Convert

He used his intellectual gifts to help the Church better understand its identity and mission and engage the challenges of a secular age.



Tuesday 6th March

Tuesday 13th March



G.K. CHESTERTON

The Evangelist

His life shows that the fundamental disposition of effective evangelization is joy, and life in Christ is a day-to-day encounter with an abundant and surprising offer of grace.

MICHELANGELO

The Artist

Through humanity's creative artistry we glimpse the power and glory of the Lord.



Tuesday 20th March

Tuesday 27th March



DIETRICH BONHOEFFER

Theologian/Martyr

He was arrested and executed in a concentration camp at the end of World War 2.

OSCAR ROMERO

Theologian/Martyr

He spoke out against poverty, social injustice, assassinations, and torture. In 1980, Romero was assassinated while offering Mass



Be there!
2pm
Saturday
March
10th
Parnell Sq.,
Dublin



Conference: Responding Locally to "Laudato Si" : Pope Francis' Encyclical "On Care For Our Common Home".

Speakers: Fr. Sean McDonagh, Senator Grace O' Sullivan.
Venue: St. Paul's Parish Centre. **Date:** Sat 3rd March
Time: 9.30am—1.00pm. **Registration** €5.

Booking : 874199

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St. Mary's Church, Dungarvan @ 8.30am



Home Visitation Group meets Monday 26th Feb in the Parish Centre, after 10.30am Mass

DON'T LET 2018 BE THE YEAR ABORTION CLINICS OPEN IN IRELAND..

At 12 weeks, she's tiny and helpless. And now her life is in danger... Say NO to Abortion

A Taizé evening of Song, Silence & Contemplation.
Fri 2 March, 8pm. Edmund Rice Chapel.

IN LOVING MEMORY

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO DIED RECENTLY:

SHEILA HEFFERNAN

BREDA BENNETT

MICHAEL MULLAN

MICHAEL WHYTE

Whose birthdays or anniversaries occur :

Thomas Walsh ,

Paddy & Gertrude Roche,

Agnes O'Brien

Diocesan Listening Process

A Listening Process for the development of the new Pastoral Plan for the diocese will take place during the months of February and March. Each session will begin at 7p.m. and finish at 9.30p.m.

To facilitate participation, parishes are grouped in 6 Pastoral Areas.

For this parish (St. Lawrence Pastoral Area), the date is Monday 26th Feb, in the Woodlands Hotel.

If you are reading this on Saturday, please note that a **Traditional Latin Mass with Gregorian Chant** will be celebrated on *Sunday 25th February at 10am* in Holy Trinity Cathedral, Barronstrand Street, Waterford City.

Newsletter Articles

Parishioners are invited to submit articles which may be of interest to readers of the Parish Newsletter, for example, notification of forthcoming events of a non-commercial nature. Please note that, due to printing time-constraints, the deadline for receiving any such articles is Tuesday at 11.00am. **Items can be handed in to the Sacristy, the Parish Office or emailed to jbmnews@gmail.com**

ISHIARA PARISH PARTNERSHIP

The next meeting of our Ishiara, Kenya Parish Partnership Committee will take place on Monday March 5th at 8.00 pm at the Parish Centre. All are very welcome to attend. We are currently negotiating with CAMARA, a charity which recycles computers to support education in Third World Countries. It is hoped that the CAMARA office based in Kenya will supply computers to one of the schools in Ishiara. Camara Education has enabled more than two million young people to achieve better educational outcomes and to improve their life opportunities.

Graveyard Maintenance Assistant, Ballygunner Graveyard, Waterford. CE Scheme. Ref: #CES-2064310

This is a developmental opportunity, no experience necessary. Accredited training will be provided to support your career.

Please contact your local DSP Employment Services / Intreo Office to check your eligibility and to apply for this vacancy. Vacancy Reference Number will be required. Eligibility to participate on CE is generally linked to those who are 21 years of age or over. Applicants must also be in receipt of a qualifying Irish social welfare payment for 1 year or more.

Duties: grass cutting, litter control, hedge cutting, weed control and spraying. Maintenance of church areas.

MASSES	24th/25th Feb 2018	3rd/4th Mar 2018
	<i>St. Joseph & St. Benildus</i>	
6.30pm Saturday	Pre Confirmation	
10.00am Sunday	Anna Maher	Breda O'Hanlon Paddy O'Neill
12 Noon Sunday	Joe McGrath William Smith	M.M Frank O'Callaghan Aidan McAvinue
	<i>St. Mary's, Ballygunner</i>	
7.00pm Saturday	Alice, Mick & Jackie Parle	Breda Gormley
11.00am Sunday	Jim Carroll	Tim & Mary Power Maeve Farrell



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