

# PARISH OF ST. JOSEPH, ST. BENILDUS & ST. MARY'S

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Gospel Reflection for the Third Sunday of Lent

4th Mar 2018

Living Temples



Once a year at Passover, Jews visited the Temple and offered a sacrifice to God. At this time of year the number of visitors to Jerusalem swelled and the moneylenders, with their eye to business, took to operating a scam. When visitors came to the Temple they were able to purchase animals or doves to offer as sacrifices. Because the Jews considered Roman coinage bearing Caesar's head as idolatrous, they were given the opportunity to exchange their Roman coins for Temple coinage. The idea was originally a good one, but the moneylenders were operating an unfair exchange rate for over priced animals. What had started out as a good idea had turned into an abuse. .... and this in God's name! Was it any wonder that Jesus was so angry?

To see Jesus angry enough to take a whip and drive out the villainous traders might surprise us. We are brought up with a vision of a Jesus as both meek and mild. In our modern times, where disputes have to be settled over a table and those who display temper are sent off for anger management counselling, the story might even make us raise a disapproving eyebrow. But what this story makes us realise is that there are situations that warrant our righteous anger. Jesus simply could not tolerate injustice, and neither should we.

What injustices do we need to drive out of our society today? We don't have to look far. How can we claim to be Christians yet settle for injustices that Jesus would not have settled for? Can we really sit back and allow rich countries to profit greedily at the expense of poor countries? Can we really condone the unfair distribution of our planet's resources just for our own convenience? Can we continue to let governments ride roughshod over those who cannot speak up for themselves?

What has to be driven out of our lives and communities because instead of bringing us closer to God they prevent us from meeting him? Today's story is not about protecting a sacred building. God after all does not live in a building. Each of us is a living temple. God lives through us.

## 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*

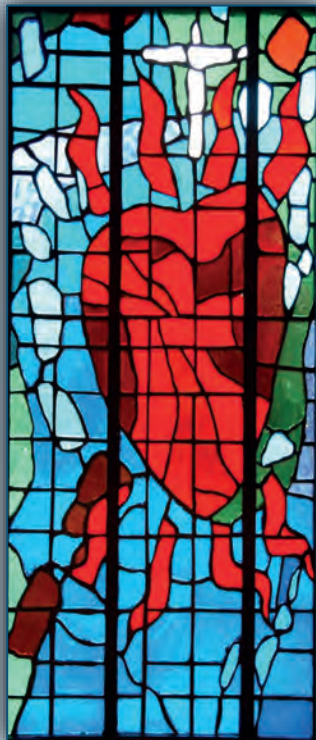
7.00pm Vigil, Sunday 11.00am

*Holy Days of Obligation*

7.00pm Vigil & 11.00am

*First Friday:*

9.30am



IF YOU WISH TO  
PREPARE NEXT SUNDAY'S  
READINGS :

4TH SUNDAY IN LENT

2 CHRON 36:14-16, 19-23

Ps 136.

Eph 2:4-10.

Jn 3: 14-21.

## BAPTISMS

We welcome *Millie Ann Hogan* who was baptised recently.

Please keep her, and her parents and godparents in your prayers.



*Last Sunday's Collection*

€2,420

*Thank you for your generous offering*

### 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.

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 20<sup>th</sup> February

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February



### ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA

*Missionary and Saint*

A controversial figure during her life and after her death, Teresa was admired by many for her charitable work

### 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 6<sup>th</sup> March

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> March

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> 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



### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention, March 2018

Each of us is a living temple and God lives through us. Letting God steer our lives isn't easy though. It's difficult to be discerning, yet if we want faith to form us and give us wisdom, we have to be open to Jesus' teaching in all of our day to day decisions. When we allow our faith to form us, we are a shining example to others. This month we are invited to join Pope Francis' prayer intention, "... That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels."

### Conference: "Pilgrimage and the Evolution of Spiritual Tourism"

The inaugural conference will take place on Friday 9th March 2018 in the W.I.T. Pre-booking / Registration essential. Contact WIT for details.

### Fairtrade Fortnight 26th Feb - 11th March

The Great Fairtrade Bake Off :- If you're the baking type, then you can use Fairtrade ingredients in plenty of recipes. There's a Fairtrade choice for everything from cocoa to sugar paste, from vanilla to icing sugar. So whatever style of cake you create you can make sure it does good as well as tastes good. Keep a look out for the Fairtrade logo.

## IN LOVING MEMORY

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO DIED RECENTLY

EDDIE WYMBERRY

PAT HENNESSY

ABOUT A MONTH AGO:

FRANK O'CALLAGHAN

Whose birthdays or anniversaries occur :

Fr. Billy Lyons, O.S.A

## Rally to Save the 8th

#save8rally

Save the Date: 10.03.18

2.00pm, Parnell Square, Dublin

**Don't let 2018 be the year abortion clinics**

**open in Ireland.**

Waterford Bus: Leaves St.Paul's Church

Carpark, Lisduggan at 10.15am.

Contact Antoinette: 083 3099 218

## The Passion & Resurrection of Jesus

Facilitator: Fr. Michael Mullins DD LSS

Over two evenings Fr. Michael will reflect on the scripture readings for the Passion & Resurrection of Jesus Thursdays, 15th & 22nd March

St. John's Pastoral Centre

John's Hill, Waterford

7.30pm (€5 including light refreshments)

## Irish Wheelchair Association

Irish Wheelchair Association will be holding their church gate collection on

church gate collection on

Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th March 2018.

Your support would be gratefully appreciated.

## Ishiara Parish Partnership

The next meeting of our Ishiara Kenya Parish Partnership, will take place on Monday March 5th at 8.00pm at the Parish Centre.

## Save Lives...Save the 8th

**You are invited to a Pro-Life information meeting in Hotel Minella, Clonmel, on Wednesday 7th March at 7.30pm.**

Hear Vicky Wall from EVERY LIFE COUNTS explain why unrestricted abortion should be rejected and outline how the pro-life 8th amendment protected both her and her baby girl Liadán who was diagnosed with Edwards Syndrome, a life-limiting condition.

Joe Walsh will be on hand to answer questions on how to promote ProLife.

Becky Kealy of Youth Defence will also give 8 reasons to Save the 8th.

Come to be informed, ask questions, and get involved. With a referendum expected in May, it's important to be informed on this crucial issue and to ensure that both mother and baby remain fully protected in Ireland.

All Welcome. #voteforlife

## Waterford Garden Plant Society

On Wednesday 7th March 2018, Jimi Blake, master gardener from Huntingbrook Gardens will speak on "Exciting long blooming perennials sourced from best nurseries in Europe". Plants for sale. Lecture held in St.Benildus Parish Hall at 7.30pm. Visitors €5. Membership for year: €25 per person, Family €40. Contact Tom O'Brien 051 873937 for any further information.

## Legion of Mary

Annual Legion of Mary Retreat, Saturday Mar 10th. Will be held in St.Saviour's Church, Parish Rooms, Ballybeg, Waterford from 10.00am—5.00pm. Donation €10. Tea and sandwiches provided. Facilitator: Fr. Robert Grant. 086 3100581. All welcome.

## MASSES

3rd/4th Mar 2018

*St. Joseph & St. Benildus*

10th/11th Mar 2018

6.30pm Saturday

Teresa & Martin Barron

Sophie Hopkins

10.00am Sunday

Breda O'Hanlon

Patrick White

Paddy O'Neill

12 Noon Sunday

M.M Frank O'Callaghan

Patrick O'Shea

Aidan McAvinue

Dick Power

*St. Mary's, Ballygunner*

7.00pm Saturday

Breda Gormley

Mary & Nicholas Barry,  
son Nicholas,  
daughters Margaret Aspel  
& Noeleen Anthony

11.00am Sunday

Tim & Mary Power

Jim & Eileen Jackman

Maeve Farrell

John Lyons



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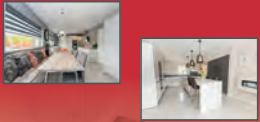


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