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**IF YOU WISH TO
PREPARE NEXT SUNDAY'S
READINGS :**

10th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Gn 3:9-15.

Ps 129.

2 Cor 4:13-5:1.

Mk 3:20-35.

GOSPEL MEDITATION— ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

3rd June 2018

June 3, 2018 The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ



In our modern times, symbol can seem to have lost its value. The most recognizable "signs" are ones we see on the road or the branding in advertisements. The logos for major companies don't do much more than perk our interest or disdain. They surely don't deliver on their promises for our lives to be happier, healthier, and easier.

On this feast of Corpus Christi, we hear the account of the Last Supper. This was Passover, an ancient sign of the covenant of Moses. The Hebrew people celebrated God's providential care for His people. To the listening disciples, Jesus makes a very bold claim. "This is my blood of the covenant." At the time of the first Passover -- the redemption of the Hebrew people from slavery to the Egyptians -- the blood of the sacrificial lamb was spread on the lintels of the doorpost. Tomorrow, some of the disciples would witness the blood of the new covenant spread across the wood of the cross.

Christ's Body and Blood are more than a sign. They are a sacrament. In the sacrament, the sign makes real what it signifies. More than ritual, a sacrament enacts truth of the covenantal love of God and His promise of fidelity. It's a promise God keeps. The same bread and wine of that first Holy Thursday liturgy becomes -- throughout the centuries and until the end of time -- the very Body and Blood of Christ. On this feast, we celebrate the unfailing covenantal love of our God. As you partake in the Eucharist today, and next Sunday, and the Sunday after that, remember that you receive neither a meaningless sign nor an empty offer. You receive God Himself, as He fulfills His promise to remain with us always.

MASS TIMES

ST. JOSEPH & ST. BENILDUS

Sunday

Vigil 6.30pm, Sunday 10.00am & 12 Noon

Monday–Friday

7.30 am & 10.30am

(no 7.30am Mass on Bank Holidays)

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

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to our young parishioners who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion in St. Mary's and in the church of St. Joseph & Benildus on Saturday 26th May. Many thanks to their parents and teachers who helped prepare them.

There will be no 7.30am Mass on Bank Holiday Monday, 4th June

Last Sunday's Collection

€ 2,157

Thank you for your generous offering

Waterford Autism:

Friday 22nd June 2018, 6pm .4Km Family Fun Walk. Eco Park @ Kingfisher. Registration at 6pm (donation entry)
To donate: GoFundMe.com/waterfordautism
All proceeds will go to WASSA

CNOC BUÍ ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Cnoc Bui ARA next meeting Wed June 6 @ 2 pm in Woodlands.
Final payment for Mystery Tour on June 20 due & will only be accepted in an envelope with name & contact details. Bus leaving

Lasallian Projects 2018

A sincere thanks to everyone in the parish for their wonderful support of the Lasallian Project to India this year. The parish contributed €4568 towards the projects. A sincere thanks to the Wednesday Coffee Morning group. May the Good Lord bless you all. *Br Thomas and Mr Tom O Neill.*

PARISH FRIENDSHIP LUNCH

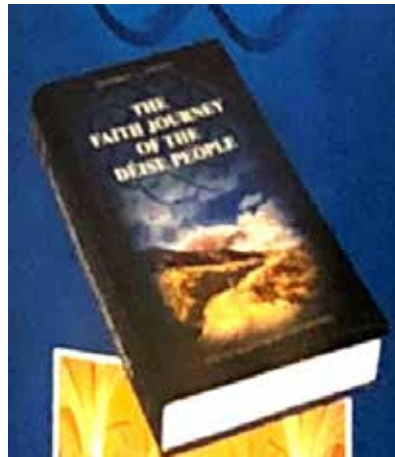
There will be a Friendship Lunch on Monday 11th June at 1pm in Oskar's, Dunmore Road. All are welcome. They will not take place over the summer, but will resume in September. Please keep an eye on the Newsletter for updates.

The Faith Journey of the Déise People by Monsignor Michael G. Olden

**Book Launch in Dungarvan, Lawlors Hotel,
Friday, 8th June 2018 at 7.30pm**

This A4 hard cover book of 422 pages with exceptional photography will be launched on the 8th June 2018 in the Pearse Room, Lawlors Hotel, Dungarvan at 7.30pm. A comprehensive work in two parts, it tells the journey of the Déise People (Part I) and a history of the parishes where faith is lived. (Part II). Mgr. Olden will be present on the night. He will give a short talk on his book and be available to sign copies of it. For such a monumental work, it is most reasonably priced at €40. As a Déise People, it is a book of which we can be rightly proud.

All are Welcome



First Light : Supporting Suddenly Bereaved Parents

& Families

A Mile in Memory

Date: Sunday June 10th

Location: Sacred heart Church,

Dunhill Time: 2.30pm

Refreshments, Raffle & activities

afterwards at Slí na gCroí,

Chapel Lane, Dunhill.

All Welcome. Please Join Us.

Contact Helena Fitzgerald 085

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EXCERPT FROM HOMILY BY ARCHBISHOP EAMON MARTIN, IN KNOCK ON SUNDAY , 27TH MAY 2018

Like many others who advocated a NO vote in the referendum, I am deeply saddened that we appear to have obliterated the right to life of all unborn children from our constitution and that this country is now on the brink of legislating for a liberal abortion regime.

I am very concerned about the implications for society of interfering with the fundamental principle that the value of all human life is equal and that all human beings, born and unborn, have inherent worth and dignity. At a time when scientific and medical evidence is clearer than ever about the beginning of life, we have effectively decided that some human lives - in this case the lives of the unborn - are less significant and deserving of protection than others.

We have elevated the right to personal choice above the fundamental right to life itself.

In January I called upon Catholics to be "missionaries for life" in their families and communities. As a bishop I have been overwhelmed by the witness of so many people who made such a huge effort to remind us that in pregnancy we are dealing with two lives - both in need of love, respect and protection. In particular I have been humbled by the witness of lay women and men, many of them mothers and fathers themselves, who became the voice for voiceless unborn children. The pro-life cause in Ireland is now more important than ever as we endeavour to touch the hearts of women who will continue to face crisis in their pregnancy and find new ways of supporting them and their unborn children. The increased prevalence of violent death on our streets reminds us that striving to build a culture of life in Ireland is more relevant and pressing than ever.

We are told that people voted Yes for many reasons. Like many others I too found myself challenged by the personal stories of so many women in Ireland both on the Yes and the No sides. I have realised how little I know personally about the pressures these women can be under and how so many of them feel isolated, neglected and alone in their distress. Tragic, and sometimes desperate, situations like these will not go away just because, as is now expected, abortion is made widely available in Ireland. The question remains: How can we channel the obvious care and concern of so many good people in Ireland to genuinely and practically help vulnerable women who feel that the only way out of crisis is to end the life of their unborn child? How can we together show genuine "compassion" in the literal sense of "suffering with" women in their vulnerability? What new supports, apart from the option of abortion, will be in place for mothers and fathers at the point of crisis? And will our compassion extend to the life of the unborn child? These questions remain for the whole of Irish society, including the Church.

IN LOVING MEMORY
PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO DIED RECENTLY
JENNY WALSH
Whose birthdays or anniversaries occur :
Fr. Paddy Cooney,
Nora & Joseph Lyons,
Pat Hearne, Frederick Chestnutt,
Mary Broderick

Corpus Christi Procession : Sunday 3rd June 2018
with Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan
 Assemble at Ballybricken at 2.45pm, to John Roberts Square for
 Benediction at 3pm. All welcome.

Ballygunner Cemetery Mass
 The Annual Ballygunner Cemetery Mass will be celebrated on Thursday 21st
 June, at 7.30pm.

St. Vincent de Paul: The monthly SVP collection will be
 taken up after all Masses this weekend. Thanks for your continued support.

Amoris

Let's talk Family! Let's be Family!

**A Programme of Preparation for the World Meeting of Families
 for St Lawrence Pastoral Area**



MONDAY 14th MAY
SESSION ONE
 The Reality of Family Life Today



MONDAY 21st MAY
SESSION TWO
 The Christian Vision for the Family



MONDAY 28th MAY
SESSION THREE
 God's Dream for Love



MONDAY 11th JUNE
SESSION FOUR
 Married Love Growing to Maturity



MONDAY 18th JUNE
SESSION FIVE
 God's Mercy - No One Excluded



MONDAY 25th JUNE
SESSION SIX
 A Gospel of Hope for our Families

SACRED HEART PARISH CENTRE
14th May - 25th June
7.30pm - 9.00pm

**Based on the Pope's Francis' document on
 Love, Marriage and Family
 (The Joy of Love: 'Amoris Laetitia')**

Using engaging short videos, animations and
 activities to encourage discussion, the programme offers
 an opportunity to think about our vision and hopes for
 family and marriage, and a chance to rediscover the gift
 that family is to the world.

It takes place over six weeks.

***We are All part of one Family
 and all are Welcome***

**FRIENDS OF UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL
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Jack Meade's:
Weds June 6th, 10am—12noon.
**Admission €5 to include: Strawberries & Cream,
 Coffee & Biscuits, RAFFLE,
 Bric-a-Brac, Cakes, Plants.**
All welcome.



Good Luck to all our young
 parishioners who are sitting their
 State Exams in the coming days.

The Junior Cert and Leaving Cert
 exams begin on Wednesday June
 6th. *Go n'éiri libh go léir.*

MASSES	2nd/3rd June 2018	9th/10th June 2018
	<i>St. Joseph & St. Benildus</i>	
6.30pm Saturday	Paddy Holden	John & Mary Coade
10.00am Sunday	Fr. Paddy Cooney	Gemma Phelan
12 Noon Sunday	Kathleen Phelan Nicola Doheny	Michael Cashin Vivienne Burke
	<i>St. Mary's, Ballygunner</i>	
7.00pm Saturday	Colm Long	Luke Kenny M.M Michael Phelan
11.00am: Sunday	Mary Broderick Christopher (Jim) Flanagan	M.M Christopher O'Sullivan Maureen & Walter Treadaway



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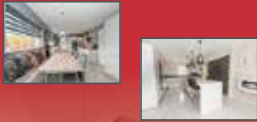
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