



Parish of St. Joseph & St. Benildus and St. Mary's
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NEWSLETTER

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASSES THIS WEEK

St. Joseph & St. Benildus

Mon 7.30am & 10.30am
Tues 7.30am & 10.30am
Wed 7.30am & 10.30 am
Thurs 7.30am & 10.30am
Fri 7.30am & 10.30am
Sat 10.30 am &
6.30pm (vigil)

Sunday 10.00 am & 12pm

St. Mary's Ballygunner

Saturday: 7.00pm
Sunday: 11am

If you wish to prepare next Sunday's Readings:

31st Sun in Ordinary Time

Wis 11:22-112:2.

Ps 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14.

2 Th 1:11-2:2.

Lk 19:1-10.

Reflection for the Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Exam Result Mentality

Can you remember the thrill of a good exam result? The trouble with exam results is, that despite the knowledge that exams are about measuring our own potential, we still like to compare our marks against those of our classmates. Our success is made all the more meaningful by the fact that others have done less well.

If this mentality stopped at exams this wouldn't be so bad, but what happens when the same attitude spills over into the rest of our lives? Do we look down on others because they have more menial jobs, because they're on benefits, because they don't go to church or haven't given as much to charity as we have? Do we look down on those who have made mistakes in life, who drink too much, take drugs or end up in prison? Do we measure our own righteousness against the poor decisions of others? When this mentality afflicts us, we are in danger of becoming smug, unfeeling and self-righteous.

There's a big difference between being righteous and self-righteous. The Pharisee in today's parable is a good man, but his mistake is in thinking that he is a better person than the sinner who prays next to him. The Pharisee fails to see the sinner's worth and he completely fails to see his own shortcomings. It comes as no surprise that it's the sinner's humble prayer that God hears and not the Pharisee's proud boasts. Is God going to love us more because we are getting things right? Is God going to love the vagrant or the criminal less because they have made mistakes or enjoyed fewer privileges?

As we forge our individual relationships with God we are asked to do it not by comparing our progress with those around us, but by keeping one eye on our own failings.

MASSES

St. Joseph & St. Benildus Church

6.30 pm (Sat)

10 am (Sun)

12.00 Noon (Sun)

St Mary's Church

7.00pm (Sat)

11.00am (Sun)

22nd/23rd Oct 2016

Billy McLoughlin

Mary Butler

Elizabeth Whelan

Ellen Boyce (M.M)
& Joan, John & Pat Pierce

29th/30th Oct 2016

John Walsh

David Raymond O'Donnell

Mary Barry

Gina Burke

Paddy & Nora Nolan

Last Sunday's Collection

€3,071
Thank you for your generous offering

Recent Baptisms

We welcome *Pierce O'Beirne* who was baptised recently. Please keep him, his parents and godparents in your prayers.

Disarmament Week**24th-30th October**

Many people believe that the world would be a more peaceful place if there were fewer weapons. For this reason, an important component of even the earliest peace movements was to advocate for disarmament -- convincing nations to keep only the weapons they need for an adequate police force. Disarmament Week is an important occasion to raise awareness in the public and among governments, about the crucial need to recognize disarmament as a key element in creating a more peaceful, just and sustainable world.

DO ONE THING for a Better World

1. Find out more about nuclear disarmament and gun control.
2. Talk about nuclear disarmament and gun control with family and friends.
3. Support organizations working to stop the proliferation of weapons.

***Certificate in Theological Studies,
 St.Kieran's College, Kilkenny.***
Aims of the Course:

To provide the theological background needed for lay involvement and leadership roles at parish & diocesan level.

Further information:

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Bitesize

If thou desire the love of God and man, be humble, for the proud heart, as it loves none but itself, is beloved of none but itself. Humility enforces where neither virtue, nor strength, nor reason can prevail. h
Francis Quarles

**Live Streaming,
 St. Joseph & St. Benildus &
 St. Mary's Church Services**

Live services from these Churches are available on:

<http://jbmparish.com> *and*
www.churchservices.tv/stjosephswaterford
www.churchservices.tv/stmarysballygunner

Exploring the Christian Faith

Series of Ten Sessions : Ten DVDs, each exploring different aspects of faith. Includes discussion & reflective sharing.

Next Session 4 : 26th Oct: *The Mystery of God / The Problem of Evil*

ALL ARE WELCOME, ESPECIALLY PEOPLE WISHING TO
 EXPLORE THEIR RELIGIOUS FAITH AND THOSE STRUGGLING WITH
 THEIR FAITH.

7.30pm—9.00pm. St.Joseph & St.Benildus Parish Centre.

Oct 26th; Nov 2nd, 9th, 23rd and 30th; Dec 7th and 14th.

World Mission Sunday, 23rd October

October is mission month and bishops have welcomed this year's mission message from Pope Francis: *Missionary Church, Witness of Mercy*. There are almost 1,200 Irish missionaries serving throughout the world. The theme for Mission month, and for World Mission Sunday on 23 October, is 'Every Christian is a missionary'. This Jubilee Year of Mercy marks the 90th anniversary of the first World Missionary Day which was approved by Pope Pius XI in 1926 and organised by the Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith. On Saturday 22 October, on behalf of World Missions Ireland, Archbishop Kieran O'Reilly of Cashel & Emly will lead the inaugural 'Miles for Mission' walk in Phoenix Park, Dublin, to raise funds for the Love and Hope Centre for people living with HIV/Aids in Nakuru, Kenya.

On this World Mission Sunday, all of us are invited to "go out" as missionary disciples, each generously offering their talents, creativity, wisdom and experience in order to bring the message of God's tenderness and compassion to the entire human family. By virtue of the missionary mandate, the Church cares for those who do not know the Gospel, because she wants everyone to be saved and to experience the Lord's love. She "is commissioned to announce the mercy of God, the beating heart of the Gospel" (*Misericordiae Vultus*, 12) and to proclaim mercy in every corner of the world, reaching every person, young or old.

Home Visitation Team Meeting

There will be a meeting of all involved in the Home Visitation Team on Wednesday 26th Oct at 12noon, in the Parish Centre.

Please remember in your prayers those who died recently
Pat Flynn (husband of Betty, Sacristan, St.Mary's)

Those who died about a month ago

Ellen Boyce

and those whose anniversaries and birthdays occur:

Tom & Bridget Heraghty, Paddy Prenderville

Rosa A. Brady, Michael Hearne,

John & Mary Breen.

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 Wednesday 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.