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IF YOU WISH TO
PREPARE NEXT SUNDAY'S
READINGS :

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 5: 1-7.

Ps 79:9, 12-16, 19-20.

Phil 4:6-9.

Mt 21: 33-43.

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st October 2017

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"Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you." Ouch. If Jesus weren't speaking the truth, this would seem like a nasty insult. To the ears of the chief priests and elders to whom he was speaking, it was as good as saying, "You're bigger sinners than the biggest sinners around." Jesus had a way of cutting to the heart of matters. In this case, he was calling out these religious leaders for their stubborn resistance to the revelation of God. At least the "sinners" heard and heeded John the Baptist's message of repentance. But those who considered themselves too righteous to repent were missing the opportunity to experience the healing power of mercy.

As we know, God the Father wants to extend mercy to his children. Just as any good parents want what's best for their children, God wants us to see the truth and follow it. But he won't force our hand. God always respects our freedom. He invites, encourages, assists, and persists in drawing us in, but ultimately the choice is ours. One way God invites us to spiritual healing is through the sacrament of reconciliation. This is a perfect example of God's desire to extend forgiveness. But if we don't take advantage of this gift, we miss the grace that it offers us.

Let us beware of thinking that we aren't the kinds of sinners that really need to repent. If we don't acknowledge our need for God's forgiveness we, become like the chief priests who closed themselves off to God's healing. It doesn't matter how far we may have fallen-this is why Jesus specifies that even "big" sinners can enter the kingdom of God-rather, what matters is that we have hearts open to recognizing and responding to God's love.

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 Day 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 Ministries: Training Oct 2017

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*

Tickets for the Finbar Wright concert are now on sale.
They can be purchased after Mass and from the Theatre
Royal, and Parish Office.

**Thursday Morning Prayer Group :
Prayers & Praise**

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

Taizé Prayer

A service of song, silence and contemplation.

Friday 6th October, at 8pm. Edmund Rice Chapel.

26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Cnoc Buí ARA

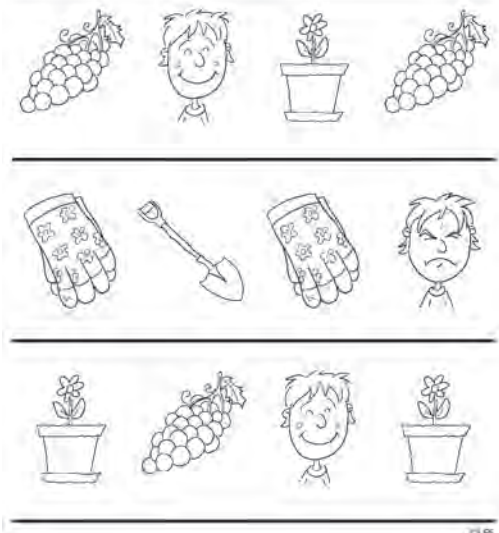
The October meeting will take place on 4th Oct at 2pm in the
Woodlands Hotel.

Please have €32 for Christmas Lunch, Dec 6th, in an envelope
with your name & contact details.

Kids Corner

Puzzle

Circle the picture that is the **same** as the **first**
one. Then color in all the pictures.



Day For Life 2017

Fostering a Culture that Protects Life and Respects Women

There is currently a campaign to remove Article 40.3.3 (the pro-life article) from the Constitution of Ireland. It is exactly 50 years since the 1967 Abortion Act was passed in England, Scotland and Wales. Abortion, though less available in Ireland than in the UK, is lawful under certain circumstances on both sides of the border.

As we face the immediate challenge here in Ireland, and mark the 50 years since the passing of the 1967 Act on the neighbouring island, we are drawn to reflect, to pray and to offer practical and emotional support to those in need. We pray especially for those who have lost a child and for those who are concerned about their pregnancy. For 40 years, Cura has been providing free support services for women and for men, during pregnancy, after the birth and after abortion. For information on its location and services, please see www.cura.ie or locall 1850622626

Day for Life is celebrated yearly by the Catholic Church in Ireland, Scotland & Wales. It is a day dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition.

"The gift of a new child, entrusted by the Lord to a father and a mother, begins with acceptance, continues with lifelong protection and has as its final goal the joy of eternal life. By serenely contemplating the ultimate fulfilment of each human person, parents will be even more aware of the precious gift entrusted to them. For God allows parents to choose the name by which he himself will call their child for all eternity".

(Pope Francis, Amoris Laetitia).

IN LOVING MEMORY

Please pray for those who died recently

Bernadette Balfe

Matt Houlihan (The Moorings)

And whose anniversaries & birthdays occur

Tommy McDonagh,

John B.O'Sullivan, Patricia McGuinness,

Joan Murphy, Joe Finnerty,

Paul Foley.

Sunday 1st October 2017: Mission Month of October 2017

Today marks the first day of the Mission Month of October. World Mission Ireland is the Holy Father's official charity for overseas mission and is responsible for coordinating Mission Sunday in Ireland. A calendar of events has been put in place by World Missions Ireland throughout the month of October, Details of which can be found on our website www.wmi.ie

Recent Baptisms

We welcome

Rian Patrick Cunningham

who was baptised recently.

Please keep him, his parents and godparents in your prayers.



Life After Loss

An opportunity to explore, understand and find ways of coping with the loss of a loved one. Talk in confidence to a trained listener/counsellor in a safe and confidential setting. 051 858 772

Family Ministry, Diocese of Waterford & Lismore.

AN EVENING WITH

Finbar Wright

AND HIS MUSICIANS

Sunday 22 October

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Lectio Divina

Wednesday nights, 7.30pm. St John's Pastoral Centre, John's Hill, Waterford. Facilitated by the Sisters of the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

The Little Sisters of the Poor, St. Joseph's Home, Ferrybank, need more Volunteers to help in our work of Caring for the Elderly. If you have time to spare, please contact Sr. Rosaline 833 006

MASSES

St. Joseph & St. Benildus

6.30pm Saturday

10.00am Sunday

12 Noon Sunday

St. Mary's, Ballygunner

7.00pm Saturday

11.00am Sunday

30TH SEPT/1ST OCT 2017

Gay Murphy

Eileen, Tom & Harry Lupton

Bridget Flynn

Anthony Bolger

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7TH/8TH OCT 2017

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