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IF YOU WISH TO
PREPARE NEXT SUNDAY'S
READINGS:

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezek: 33: 7-9 Ps: 94:1-2,6-9 Rom: 13: 8-10 Mt 18: 15-20 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

3rd September 2017



Gospel Reflection for the Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Accepting Our Crosses

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering and death at the hands of the elders, chief priests and scribes. Peter took Jesus aside, "This must never happen to you," he said. Surely Peter only had Jesus' best interests at heart. Imagine how mortified he must have felt to hear Jesus reply, "Get behind me Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

What kind of deal is it to get everything you want in life but lose your soul? So often when we finally get what we want in life, the euphoria is short lived. We might feel elated for a few days at achieving one of our closest held ambitions, but then we are left with that hollow, 'what next?' kind of feeling. Today Jesus is talking about the necessity for suffering and dying. But why does Jesus see accepting the cross as a necessity? Why does he not stop to consider the alternative that Peter suggests?

As Christians we are asked to live life differently from those who struggle to fill life with pleasure and enjoyment. There is a well-known saying that goes, 'It is better to die a meaningful death, than live a meaningless life.' As Christians we have to transcend, self-interest, self-preservation and ego trips. The person who tries to indulge in every enjoyment may find him or herself chasing impossible rainbows. Could this be Satan's favourite trick? By trying to make life perfect by our own human agendas, are we in danger of reaching the end of life only to realise we have not lived life at all?

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

 $7.00 \mathrm{pm}$ Vigil, Sunday $11.00 \mathrm{am}$

Holy Days of Obligation

7.00pm Vigil & 11.00am *First Friday:*

9.30am

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CONFESSIONS

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

PARISH BARBECUE

The parish barbecue took place in glorious sunshine on Friday 11th August. A great evening was had by all that attended. The wonderful food was provided by Mary Grimes catering (accompanied by the odd glass of wine!!) burgers were donated by Dawn Meats and everyone enjoyed dancing to the great music provided by Mary Prendergast and Paul Molloy. A raffle on the

evening for two tickets to the Finbar Wright concert (which will take place on 22nd October in St. Joseph & St. Benildus Church) was won by Yvonne O'Brien.



Last Sunday's Collection €2.227

Thank you for your generous offering

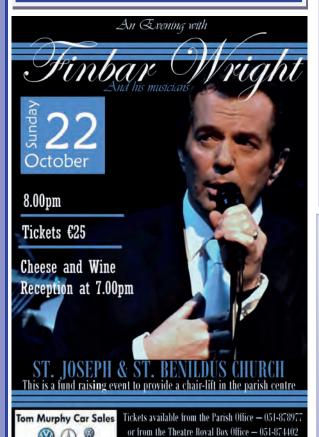
Would you like to volunteer? The **Brothers of Charity Services South East** are looking for volunteers to assist the people who use our services with a variety of activities and personal interests. If you or someone you know is interested in meeting new people and getting involved, please join us at our Volunteer Information Evening on Wednesday 6th September between 18:30pm – 20:00pm. This will take place in Killean Resource Centre, Lacken Road Retail Park, Waterford. If you would like to attend or would like to find out more about volunteering please get in touch. Contact Sarah Mears, Volunteer Coordinator. Email: sarahmears@waterford.brothersofcharity.ie or phone: 087-6143110 / 051-595680

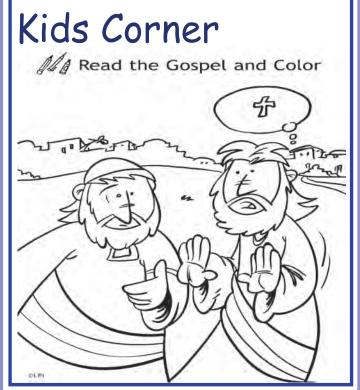
UP THE DEISE! Best of luck to the Waterford Hurlers



SATURDAY NIGHT CARDS!

Cards (30s) are back on Saturday 2nd Sept, upstairs in the Parish Centre, from 7.30-10.00pm. Contact Larry 087 215 4540 or Peter 087 902 1955.





AN EVENING WITH FINBAR WRIGHT

St. Joseph, St. Benildus and St. Mary's Parish present an Evening with Finbar Wright and his Musicians. The much acclaimed Tenor will present an evening of well known and popular tunes, accompanied by top class musicians, making this a night not to be missed. The evening will start with Wine and Cheese in the Parish Centre at 7.00 pm, and proceed to the concert in the church at 8.00 pm. Finbar is an Irish and international sensation, and leaves his audiences spellbound by his sound and charisma. His infectious nature brings another element to the evening, leaving all wanting more. The evening is a fundraising one for the Church, and tickets are priced at €25. Tickets can be reserved at the church office, or at the Theatre Royal Box Office. Reserve early, as this will sell out. A very special thanks to Tom Murphy Car Sales for sponsoring this event.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Please pray for those who died recently Maya Kuznetsova

And those whose anniversaries or birthdays occur:

Mary Mescall, Tony Mescall, Frank Grogan, Anne Carmody, Margaret Moloughney, Jim Tobin, Gary O'Keeffe



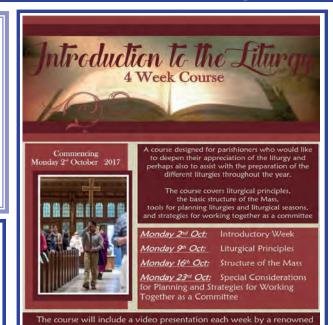
RECENT BAPTISMS

We welcome: Jaxon Gavin Walsh, Chloe May Thompson, and Clara Dunne who were baptised recently. Please keep them, their parents and godparents in your prayers

WATERFORD/S.E REGION CHARISMATIC CONFERENCE 2017 Sat 9th & Sun 10th Sept, Rhu Glenn Hotel Info: Síle 086 8590394 or Mossy: 087 2136812

Cnoc Buí ARA meets Weds 6th Sept in Woodlands Hotel at 2pm. Please bring 25€ in envelope with your name & contact details for trip on Weds 27th Sept. Money will only be collected

All welcome to attend Coffee Morning and Monster Raffle and Cake Sale in Riverside Cottage(formally Becketts) on Thursday the 7th Sept 2017 10.30 am to 12 noon. All proceeds to Waterford Hospice Movement



The course will include a video presentation each week by a renowned expert in Liturgy. A study guide will be provided by the one of the lecturers in Boston College to guide participants in their reflections. Participants will meet each Monday evening beginning on Monday October 2nd at 7.30pm in St Joseph and St Benildus Parish centre to view the DVD presentation together and to reflect on it afterwards.

The fee for the four week course is €25.00.

The book for the course will cost approx.. €10.00.

For more information contact: 051-878977

Rosary Procession

The Annual Diocesan Rosary Procession in honour of Our Lady's Birthday will take place on Friday 8th Sept at 7pm, leaving Ballybricken Green to the Cathedral, Barronstrand Street.

Visitation Ministries: Training Sept/Oct 2017

Weds Sept 27th, 7.30-9pm. Parish Centre. Compassionate listening skills/ do we really listen? Ms Ann O'Farrell, Family Ministry.

Weds Oct 4th, 7.30-9pm, Parish Centre. Confidentiality / knowing our story remains private. Dr. Patricia Smyth

Rotas for St. Mary's are available in the Sacristy





2ND & 3RD SEPTEMBER

Training for new members for Baptism team

Final Night: Weds Sept 6th, 8-9pm. Parish Centre.

Fr. Liam, Fr. John, Denise: Baptism Team

MASSES

St. Joseph & St. Benildus

6.30pm Saturday Michael O'Hanlon

10.00am Sunday Joe Reville

12 Noon Sunday Reginald & Constance Nolan

St. Mary's, Ballygunner

7.00pm Saturday Kathleen Keane (MM)

& John Sheridan

11.00am Sunday Anthony Barden

9TH & 10TH SEPTEMBER

Billy McLoughlin

Timothy Daly

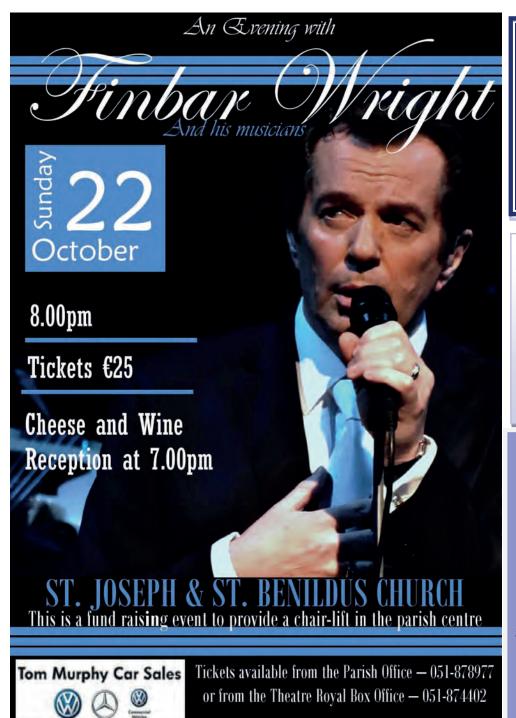
Cathy Bell Howlett

& son Michael Christopher

Nicholas & Joan Power

Michael & Margaret O'Sullivan





Welcome to the new full colour Parish Newsletter for St Joseph & Benildus and St. Mary's Church. With this new format the back page has been set aside for local businesses and services to advertise.

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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 Tuesday at 10.00 a.m.

We are particularly grateful to Intercom for resources used in this publication.

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