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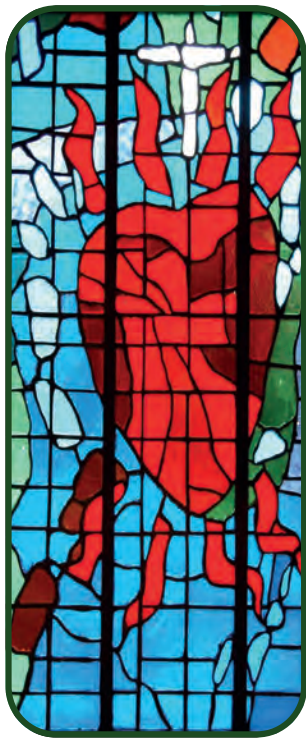
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IF YOU WISH TO
PREPARE NEXT SUNDAY'S
READINGS :
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ez 18:25-28.
Ps 24:4-9.
Phil 2:1-11.
Mt 21:28-32.

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

24th September 2017

Gospel Reflection for the Twenty Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

What Sort of Union Must God Be In?

Born in 1750, the story goes that Italian composer Antonio Salieri studied harpsichord and violin from an early age. Music was his passion, but not possessing much in the way of natural talent, he had to work extremely hard to achieve success. Imagine his feelings of joy and great privilege to reach the prestigious rank of chief composer at the Viennese Court. Then along came the much younger Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart with ten times more in the way of talent. The young newcomer waltzed in and won favour with seemingly little effort. Suddenly Salieri could no longer see himself as lucky or privileged, he could only see God as unfair for granting this younger, and in his eyes, undeserving man so much more than he. There must be times in all of our lives where we have felt God to be unjust.

In today's parable, the workers who were employed in the vineyard all day are aggrieved to discover that the workers employed late in the afternoon are paid exactly the same generous amount. In our capitalistic twenty first century society in which we expect our rewards to match our efforts, we can easily understand this seeming injustice. What sort of union would sanction this? If this parable is meant to illustrate the Kingdom of God, what sort of union must God be in? The parable of course is nothing to do with employment rights; it's a clue as to how salvation will be dealt at the end of time. God's justice will not be dealt in strict mathematical judgement or apportioned by effort or merit. How could it be, when we are all dealt a different hand to begin with? We have to remember that the workers who worked from early morning were not treated unfairly; in fact to begin with they felt themselves to be lucky and privileged. It was misguided of the workers to resent the latecomers sharing in the same reward, just as it is wrong for us to resent those who live lives of sin and become Christians late in life. That we have lived as Christians from the outset makes us the lucky ones, and we mustn't resent God's generosity in welcoming the latecomers.

This parable isn't a justification for living sloppy lives then becoming more Godly as we approach death. However, the parable is a strong reminder that we are all capable of change, and that at whatever point in our lives we wake up to who we are and what we are about, God is ready to welcome us.



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 Ministry

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



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The Autumn Collection for the support of the priests of the Parish will be taken up on Sunday 24th September.

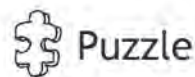
AUTUMN DAYS AT GLENSTAL:

Slow down, Reflect and Renew your Spirit over a series of days at Glenstal Abbey. We begin on Sat Sept 30th - 'The Benedict Option, and why we need it now'. Why in the modernity of the 21st Century are people finding a relevance in this 5thc man and his rule? Information on www.glenstal.org or call us at 061 621005.

NEWSLETTER: NEW FORMAT

We hope that you enjoy the colour format of the new newsletter. As always, it is typed & edited by the parish newsletter team. There is zero financial cost to the parish for its production. It is printed by Liturgical Publications of Ireland, Limited, and that company is remunerated by revenue from ads on the back page. Parishioners can support the newsletter by supporting the companies that advertise.

Kids Corner



Puzzle

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Our parish is hosting the **Bell** to herald the **World Meeting of Families** in August next. The Bell will travel from parish to parish, to remind us of this great event, and to ask us to pray for it. We will have a variety of events during the year to help us to celebrate the importance of family, and to prepare for the visit of Pope Francis to Ireland.



Traditional Latin Mass in Waterford Cathedral

A Traditional Latin Mass with Gregorian Chant will be celebrated on Sunday 24th September at 10am in Holy Trinity Cathedral, Barronstrand Street, Waterford City.

All are most welcome.



IN LOVING MEMORY

Please pray for those who died recently

Jason Coll, Cyril O'Regan, Michael Smyth,
William Barron

And whose anniversaries & birthdays occur

Kathleen Shine,
James & Elizabeth Long,
Brigid Doyle, Agnes Whittle,
Bernadette Balfe, Paul Foley, Carmel Hetherington,
Patrick & Nora Nolan, Elizabeth Whelan



MUNSTER PIONEER GATHERING

The Munster Pioneer Gathering takes place on 1st October 2017, in the Woodlands House Hotel, Adare, Co. Limerick. Registration is at 10.30am. Tickets cost €30 each. Closing date for purchase of tickets is Monday 25th Sept. Info: sorchaol@gmail.com

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

A Conference for anyone interested in exploring the area of Parish Catechesis will be held on September 25th from 10am—4pm, in the Emmaus Retreat Centre, Swords, Co. Dublin.
Cost €40 including lunch. Info 01 505 3025

AN EVENING WITH
Finbar Wright
AND HIS MUSICIANS

Sunday 22 October

8.00pm

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WORLDWIDE WINES

HOLY GHOST MISSIONARY FATHERS
There will be a mission appeal on behalf of the Holy Ghost Missionary Fathers at all Masses next weekend, Sept 30th/Oct 1st.



EVENING OF TRAINING & REFLECTION FOR MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Following on from the training of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in the spring, evenings for Ministers of the Word were also requested. St. John's Pastoral Centre has arranged training in the Sacred Heart Church for the St. Laurence Pastoral Area. It will take place on Monday 2nd October at 7.30pm.
We would encourage all Ministers of the Word to attend.

THURSDAY MORNING PRAYER GROUP : PRAYERS & PRAISE

The Thursday Morning Prayer Group takes place after the 10.30am Mass.
All are welcome.



MASSES

St. Joseph & St. Benildus

6.30pm Saturday

10.00am Sunday

12 Noon Sunday

23RD/24TH SEPT 2017

Anastasia & Phillip Lahert

Olga Bagriy

John Walsh

30TH SEPT/1ST OCT 2017

Gay Murphy

Eileen, Tom & Harry Lupton

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St. Mary's, Ballygunner

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11.00am Sunday

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