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IF YOU WISH TO
PREPARE NEXT SUNDAY'S
READINGS :

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 25:6-10.

Ps 22.

Phil 4:12-14, 19-20.

Mt 22:1-14.h

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8th October 2017

Gospel Reflection for the Twenty Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

The Cornerstone

What happens when we forget that our lives are a gift from God? What happens when we forget that human-kind is God's creation? What happens when we forget that the planet we live on belongs to God?

Today's parable describes a land owner who leaves tenants in charge of his vineyard. But at harvest time the tenants refuse to pay their rent, failing to recognise the landowner's authority and killing the servants and even the son who are sent for the rent. The tenants appear to have forgotten that the vineyard belongs to the landowner. The tenants had come to believe that they could make up their own rules. They had forgotten that they were accountable. They had certainly forgotten that they had been given responsibilities and entrusted with stewardship.

God is still master of the 'vineyard', and we are the new tenants to whom the welfare of the vineyard has been passed on. The parable was originally targeted at the Pharisees, but for us too, the parable demands some degree of self-examination. We might think of ourselves as good people, but like the first tenants, do we constantly fight shy of accountability? Over the years we each develop our own individual code of conduct. Perhaps we begin to feel that as long as we are living by some kind of moral code we no longer need to be accountable. We begin to imagine that 'being accountable', is just for those who go round getting things wrong. Living by self-made standards is all well and good, but if we do this are we in danger of forgetting about the very high standards that God has set for us.

What happens when we forget that Christ is our cornerstone? When we make up our own rules with little thought for Jesus' teachings, the chances are we will fall a long way short of what God expects. Today's invitation is to raise the bar, step up to the mark, and recognise Christ as our cornerstone.

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

World Mission Sunday:

Please remember that in two weeks' time, the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection, the Mission Sunday collection. World Missions Ireland is the Holy Father's official charity for overseas mission and is responsible for coordinating Mission Sunday in Ireland.



Last Sunday's Collection

€2,022

*Thank you for your
generous offering*

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

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

WEDNESDAY PRAYER MEETING

St. Joseph & St. Benildus Parish Centre
Prayer & Praise & Readings.
8.15pm.

The Parish Liturgy Group will meet on Monday 9th October at 6.30pm in the Parish Centre.

**Eucharistic Adoration Retreat,
Sunday 8th October 2017,
Glencomeragh House of Prayer, Kilsheelan.**

2pm: Rosary/Confessions
2.15pm: Retreat Talk (Fr.Patrick Cahill)
2.45pm: Tea/Coffee
3.15pm: Silent Adoration
4pm: Celebration of Holy Mass
Cost 10€

**PARENTS' BAPTISMAL MEETING**

NEXT WEDS OCT 11TH - MEETING OF PARENTS BEFORE BAPTISM OF CHILDREN. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH OTHER PARENTS AND TO DEEPEN OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE WONDERFUL SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM. MEETING FACILITATED BY FR. LIAM OR FR. JOHN AND MEMBERS OF BAPTISM TEAM. ST BENILDUS PARISH CENTRE, UPSTAIRS, 8PM – 9PM INCLUSIVE OF TEA/ BISCUITS!

Peace Actions for October

Pray the Rosary for peace especially during the 'Week of Prayer for World Peace' 8th-16th October. One of the themes for October is stewardship of the planet and respect for God's creation. This month, consider how your lifestyle impacts the planet. 17th October is 'International Day for the Eradication of Poverty'. Look to support the fight against poverty, especially child poverty. 'Disarmament Week' begins on October 24th.

October: the Month of the Rosary

Pope Benedict XVI in an address at the Basilica of St. Mary Major where he prayed the rosary with the faithful said: "Today, together we confirm that the Holy Rosary is not a pious practice banished to the past, like prayers of other times thought of with nostalgia. Instead, the Rosary is experiencing a new Springtime. Without a doubt, this is one of the most eloquent signs of love that the young generation nourish for Jesus and his Mother, Mary. In the current world, so dispersive, this prayer helps to put Christ at the centre, as the Virgin did, who meditated within all that was said about her Son, and also what he did and said."



IN LOVING MEMORY

Please pray for those who died about a month ago

Jason Coll

And those whose anniversaries & birthdays occur

Joe Finnerty, Joan Murphy,

Harry Cotter, Bill Nolan

Elizabeth (Betty) Whelan

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

Recent Baptisms

We welcome *Elle Frisby* and *Saoirse Edith Moull* who were baptised recently. Please keep them, their parents and godparents in your prayers.



The Joy of Love in Marriage

A Marriage Encounter Weekend offers married couples (of all age ranges) private time to rediscover the joy of their love. The next Residential Weekend will be from 17-19 Nov 2017 at the Lake Hotel, Killarney. For info & to book, visit www.marriageencounter.ie or call 086 6095168

Congratulations

Congratulations to *Lorraine Coughlan* and *John Fitzpatrick* who were married recently.



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MASSES

St. Joseph & St. Benildus

6.30pm Saturday

7TH/8TH OCT 2017

Eileen Kearney

10.00am Sunday

Jim & Mary Quinlan

12 Noon Sunday

Alan Leahy

St. Mary's, Ballygunner

7.00pm Saturday

Paddy Walsh

11.00am Sunday

Michael Boland

14TH/15TH OCT 2017

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& Ned & Stasia Leamy

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