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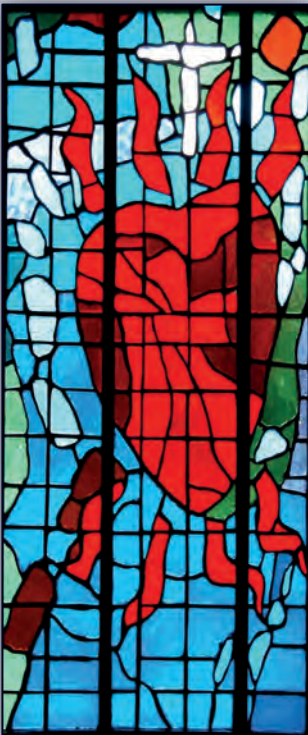
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IF YOU WISH TO  
PREPARE NEXT SUNDAY'S  
READINGS :

*29th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Is 45:1, 4-6.

Ps 95:1, 3-5, 7-10.

1 Th 1:1-5.

Mt 22:15-21.

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

15th October 2017

## Reflection for the Twenty Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Must Try Harder!

Do we fondly imagine that people ought to love us just the way we are? We are told often enough that God loves us warts and all. But do we carry this belief through life with not much thought of betterment?

In today's parable a king invites guests to his son's wedding. When the guests refuse to turn up, the king extends the invitation to a different set of guests, both good and bad. The guests fill the wedding hall, but as they do so, the king notices one man not wearing a wedding robe and he has him bound hand and foot and thrown out into the darkness! The consequences for not wearing the right outfit seem overly harsh as far as this poor guest is concerned, but of course the parable has not really very much to do with wedding receptions and even less to do with wearing the right tie. The overriding theme in this story is to do with standards.

Jesus explains that the Kingdom of God is open to all but that doesn't mean that anyone and everyone can stroll into heaven. Just as guests make an effort to be correctly dressed for a wedding, so too must we put in the preparation and effort to be accepted into God's Kingdom.

The guest who was thrown out of the wedding feast for his cavalier 'accept me just the way I am' attitude presents a warning for us all. Too often we go about our daily routines not feeling any need to live life better. Far too often we look on our Christianity as making choices between good and evil, and we are confident that we rarely choose evil.

But Jesus is asking more of us than simply choosing between right and wrong, he is asking us to choose between good and an even greater good. What we imagine is our 'best' very rarely is.

Just as the guest in today's parable did little more than turn up to the wedding, so we live life going through the motions but not much more. Accepting God's invitation to join him is only the first step, it's how we live out that acceptance that really matters.

## 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: October 22nd**

Please remember that in one week's time, October 22nd, 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*

**€2,301**

*Thank you for your  
generous offering*

**Upcoming Parish Events:**

A special Mass to inaugurate our planned partnership with Ishiara Parish in Kenya will be celebrated on Sat 21st Oct at 7.00pm in St. Mary's, and on Sunday 22nd October at 12.00am in St. Joseph & St. Benildus. It will incorporate thanksgiving for this year's Harvest.

Further info to follow in next week's newsletter.

Tickets for the Finbar Wright concert can be purchased after Mass and from the Theatre Royal, and Parish Office.

Bishop Cullinan has granted permission to the Spiritan Fathers to conduct a Mission Appeal in the Diocese this year. Fr. Michael Casey, CSSP, will speak at all Masses in the Parish this weekend.

**Talk by Elma Walsh, mother of the late  
Donal Walsh,**

**on Mary as our Spiritual Mother**

As we prepare for the World Meeting of Families in 2018, Elma Walsh, mother of Donal Walsh RIP, from the Donal Walsh Foundation, Kerry, will present to us her thoughts on Mary our Spiritual Mother, on being a Mother today, and having to bear the cross of losing her son Donal to Cancer. Donal touched so many lives when he came to prominence through his writings and subsequent appearance on Brendan O'Connor's "The Saturday Night Show".

The Donal Walsh #Livelife Foundation was set up by his family primarily in order to promote his anti-suicide #Livelife message.

**Please join us in: Cathedral of the Most Holy Trinity, on Thursday 19th October @ 7.30pm.  
All are welcome.**

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### IN LOVING MEMORY

*Please pray for those who died recently*

*Bridget ( Bid ) Power*

*(Lower Newtown )*

*And those who died about a month ago*

*Cyril O'Regan*

*Jason Coll*

*And whose anniversaries & birthdays occur*

*Elizabeth ( Betty ) Whelan*

### Conference: THE CRISIS OF DEMOCRACY IN IRELAND

When: 28th October 2017

Where: Theatre Royal, Waterford

Time: 10.00am—3.00pm

To register: email: [irelandconstitution@gmail.com](mailto:irelandconstitution@gmail.com)

The conference will explore the nature of democracy

and the looming constitutional crisis posed by the proposed changes to the constitution.

Principal speakers to address these questions and more are: Most Rev Bishop Phonsie Cullinan, DD, Bishop of

Waterford & Lismore

John Waters, author & columnist.

Lila Rose, founder and president of Live Action.

### 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](http://www.marriageencounter.ie) or call 086 6095168

### Be safe: be seen

Because of the onset of Autumn and the darker evenings, please Stay Safe, Be Seen...

Reminding everybody to wrap up well against the cold, and wear Hi Vis jackets outside of daylight hours !!

### 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JESUS HAS EVERY GOOD THING READY AND WAITING FOR US!



### MASSES

#### *St. Joseph & St. Benildus*

6.30pm Saturday

14TH/15TH OCT 2017

Jason Coll (M.M)

& Brenda Dwyer & Ann Cooke

21ST/22ND OCT2017

Michael Smyth (M.M)

Stephen & Agnes Rogers  
& sons Jackie & Stephen

10.00am Sunday

Pádraig Dowling & Jerry Lynch

Mary Butler

12 Noon Sunday

John Flynn

& Ned & Stasia Leamy

Madeline, Ken &  
Gerald Dickenson

#### *St. Mary's, Ballygunner*

7.00pm Saturday

Willie Mortell

Tom & Bridget  
Heraghty



11.00am Sunday

Hugh Sweeney

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