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IF YOU WISH TO
PREPARE NEXT SUNDAY'S
READINGS :

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 22:20-26.

Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51.

1 Th 1:5-10.

Mt 22:34-40.

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

22nd October 2017

Gospel Reflection for the Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time?

Torn?

We live our lives torn in many directions. From the moment we wake up there are a hundred and one claims on our time. We have to look after our homes and our families. We have to go to work and deal with a whole range of tasks from the very important to the totally banal. We have to fill in forms, pay bills, make calls, answer emails, maintain the car, and pick up the shopping. If we're very lucky we might just squeeze in a bit of leisure time.

The Pharisees and the Herodians in today's gospel decided to set a trap for Jesus. "Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor," they asked, "or not?" They were confident that they had put Jesus in a 'no win' situation. If Jesus said "taxes should be paid to Caesar", then this was something akin to treason. If however Jesus said that the taxes should be paid, he would be denounced to the strict Jews. Jesus replied, "Give to the emperor, the things that are the emperor's and to God the things that are God's."

It is tempting to imagine that Jesus might have been talking about compartments. We imagine a compartment for things belonging to Caesar, and a compartment for things belonging to God. Of course there could be no such compartments, because as we know everything comes from God, so everything must belong to God. So had Jesus really answered the question, or merely sidestepped it?

Perhaps today we struggle with Jesus' answer as much as the Pharisees and Herodians must have done. Perhaps we see life as a conflict between God's claim on us and all life's other claims in just the way God's enemies were suggesting. Perhaps we try to put God into a Sunday morning compartment and even that will conflict with the children's football and the D.I.Y.

What Jesus tells us today is liberating. Once we learn to allow God into every corner of our lives, our lives become whole instead of torn and fragmented. Once we know that our only loyalty is to God there can be no conflict.

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

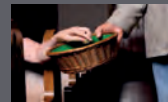
CONFESSIONS

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

World Mission Sunday: October 22nd

This weekend October 21st/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.

Congratulations to
Niamh Cummins and Damien Corcoran,
who were married recently.



Last Sunday's Collection

€2,347

*Thank you for your
generous offering*

Bitesize

Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there.

~Will Rogers

Partnership Mass

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.

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

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 or call 086 6095168

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Sunday 22 October

8.00pm

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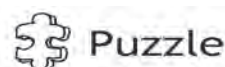
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And those who died about a month ago

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Matt Holahan

And whose anniversaries & birthdays occur

Gina Burke, Derek O'Farrell,

Donal & Mary Barrett,

John & Mary Breen

The Parish Home Visitation Group will meet on Monday 30th October at 11.30am in the Parish Centre.

Relics of Saints Louis & Zélie Martin, and St. Thérèse of Lisieux

As part of the preparation for the World Meeting of Families, the Relics of Saints Louis & Zélie Martin (Patrons of the 2018 Meeting) and their daughter St. Thérèse (The Little Flower), will be present for the celebration of the Eucharist at 12.00 noon on Sunday, October 29th, in Holy Cross Church, Tramore. All are welcome.

Recent Baptisms

We welcome Eimear Hannah Kennedy, Jaxon Gavin Walsh, and Conor James Barron who were baptised recently. Please keep them, their parents and godparents in your prayers.



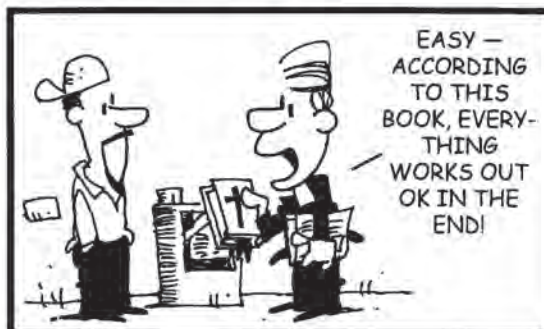
We Will Rock You

The DLS musical for 2017 is We Will Rock You. It will open in the DLS College Hall next Tuesday October 17th. It's going to be a brilliant show and this is the first time it has been put on in the South East.

There is a special performance for Transition Years on Tuesday 17th (€10), and a special Student night on Wednesday 18th (€8).. There are performances on Thursday 19th - Saturday 21st. Tickets €15 and €12 can be purchased from DLS Office 875294 and Golden Discs City Square 853853.

You can't afford to miss it!!

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



MASSES

St. Joseph & St. Benildus

6.30pm Saturday

21ST/22ND OCT2017

Michael Smyth (M.M)
Stephen & Agnes Rogers
& sons Jackie & Stephen

22ND/23RD OCT 2017

Raymond O'Donnell

10.00am Sunday

Mary Butler

John B. O'Sullivan

12 Noon Sunday

Madeline, Ken &
Gerald Dickenson

Mary Barry

St. Mary's, Ballygunner

7.00pm Saturday

Tom & Bridget Heraghty

Maurice Gough

11.00am Sunday

Pat Flynn

Matt Holahan (M.M)
John, Joan & Pat Pierce



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