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IF YOU WISH TO
PREPARE NEXT SUNDAY'S
READINGS:

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Mal 1:14-2:2, 8-10. Pa 130. 1 Th 2:7-9, 13. Mt 23:1-12. 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

29th October 2017

### Gospel Reflection for the Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary time Love Love

In that inimitable pop song the Beatles tell us, "All you need is love...," but is that just a sentimental ideal? Don't we need other things as well like food, homes, jobs, clothes, education and laws to make a happy and safe society?

In today's gospel a lawyer employed by the Pharisees asks Jesus a question. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" It's another 'loaded' question. The religious leaders had devised six hundred and thirteen commandments. If Jesus were to pick on one commandment as being more important than another then it would be to negate one of the other six hundred and twelve. But Jesus manages not to invalidate any one of the commandments. Rather, he chooses the commandment that underpins all the others. "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. You shall love your neighbour as yourself."

It is difficult to think of a human situation that can't be remedied by a mutual love. Love in this context is not the warm fuzzy feelings that come in a Valentines card, but a deep empathy and compassion for fellow human beings. "It's easy....." sing the Beatles. Well not a first perhaps... It's sometimes difficult to even like the people we meet let alone love them. Love takes practice. Love is seeing the similarities between ourselves and not the differences. Loves sees that everyone wants the same things and needs the same things. Love starts by the little things we do for each other and gradually turns into a permanent state of being. Only then can we really claim to love God. We cannot claim to love God if we dislike or have a deep disdain for those around us.

Love starts in the mind, so start thinking today and every day how best to love and serve our neighbours.

#### **Mass Times:**

#### ST. JOSEPH & ST. BENILDUS

Sunday

Vigil 6.30pm, Sunday 10.00am & 12 Noon

Monday—Friday THIS WEEK PLEASE SEE DETAILS P.2

#### ST. MARY'S, BALLYGUNNER

Sunday

7.00pm Vigil, Sunday 11.00am *Holy Days of Obligation* 7.00pm Vigil & 11.00am *First Friday:* 9.30am

Holy Days of Obligation

6.30 Vigil and 11.00am

**CONFESSIONS** 

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

**Finbar Wright Concert** 

A very special Thank You to all who contributed to the concert with Finbar Wright and his Musicians last Sunday evening. Finbar gave a very professional performance which was enjoyed by all who attended the concert.

We are pleased to announce that we made a profit in excess of €6,000, which will enable us to provide a chairlift for our parish centre.

We would like to mention in particular:

- Tom Murphy, who sponsored the occasion and expended great energy in the organisation;
- Our Hospitality Committee, lead by Anne Geraghty;
- and Deirdre Barry, who did all the graphics and was of great assistance in organising the event.

#### **CHANGE IN MASS TIMES**

Please note that during the Mid Term Break, (Mon 30th Oct to Fri 3rd Nov inclusive, ) there will be no 7.30am Mass in the Church of St.Joseph & St.Benildus.

Wednesday Nov 1st is the Feast of All Saints. Masses for this Feast Day are as follows:

St.Joseph & St.Benildus: Vigil 6.30pm. Tuesday. II. St.Mary's, Ballygunner: Vigil 7pm Tuesday. II.

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Last Sunday's Collection €2,582 Thank you for your generous offering

Final Handcraft Sharing Fair: Helping Women in Third World Countries to sell their Handmade

Goods.

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Waterford. This is our final sale of wonderful goods at

great prices.

St.Paul's Parish Centre, after all Masses on Nov 4/5. Times of Masses: Sat

4th: 6pm.

Sunday 5th: 8.30am &

11.30am.

# Be safe: be seen If you are reading this at Mass on Saturday, please remember that the clocks go back by one hour tonight.

Because of the onset of Autumn and the darker evenings, please Stay Safe, Be Seen...wear Hi Vis jackets outside of daylight hours!! And for all motorists and cyclists, please check that the lights on your vehicle are in working order.

## Annual Mass for those bereaved in the Past Year

The Annual Mass for those bereaved in the past year will be celebrated on Saturday 4th Nov at 6.30pm in the Church of St.Joseph & St.Benildus. All those who have been bereaved in the past year are invited to attend, and to join us afterwards for a cup of tea in the Parish Centre.

Taizé Evening: Friday 3rd November, 8pm. Edmund Rice Centre.

#### **Recent Baptisms**

We welcome Ted John Joyce, Jullien Maurice Daniels,

Alfie Barnaville, Gwen Ann Upton, Daphne East and Jack

East who were baptised recently.
Please keep them, their parents and god-

parents in your prayers.





#### IN LOVING MEMORY

Please pray for those who died recently
Nellie O'Sullivan, (Williamstown),
Liam Walsh (Powerscourt),
Joe Cahill (Earlscourt),
Michael O'Donnell (Ballygunnermore)

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Those who died about a month ago

Martin Carroll

And whose anniversaries & birthdays occur

Anna Jennings, John & Mary Breen, Margaret Peggy Coffey, Gina Burke, John Davis, Richard Mahony, Anna O'Donnell, Canon Frank Hopkins, Lily Kilbride, Derek O'Farrell.

## Relics of Saints Louis & Zélie Martin, and St.Thérese 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.Thérese (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.

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

#### **HOLY SOULS NOVENA**

The Novena for the Holy Souls begins in the Church of St.Joseph & St.Benildus on 4th November, and ends on Sunday 12th Nov.

#### **Autumn/Winter Events at Knock Shrine**

We are delighted to announce a new programme of exciting events for the Autumn/Winter! These events are open to all and we invite you to take a look at all of the wonderful upcoming events below or find out more at www.knockshrine.ie/autumn-winter-events

**Saturday 4 November** - 'Art as a Doorway to the Divine' talk with Artists Imogen Stuart & PJ Lynch (learn more about the making of the Apparition Mosaic and the Holy Water fonts at Knock Shrine from the creators themselves

**Saturday I I November –** Day Retreat 'Quiet Days for Busy People: Shining a Light in the Darkness' with quiet pray-

er and reflection to nourish your heart and soul **Tuesday 21 November** – Information Evening with Martin Kennedy: Parish Conversations on 'Amoris – The Joy of Love' to equip parish volunteers with resources to run the 'Amoris' programme in their own parishes

Free iPad classes: Ardkeen Library, 6th—10th November. Two classes @ day: I I am—I pm, and 2-4pm. Contact Library for Info.

Thank you so much for your contribution to last week's **Mission Sunday** collection. Your prayers and donations will help missionaries across the world to share the Gospel with those in need, and help to build a worldwide Church. Those who have never heard the message of Jesus are given the chance to experience the love of Christ and to know the support of our Church family. Please pray for the work of World Missions Ireland and all those working to offer the love of Jesus, that we may remain strong in our witness to Christ's love for all peoples. To continue supporting mission throughout the year, please go to www.wmi.ie or call +353 (0) I 4972035 for further information.

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St. Joseph & St. Benildus

6.30pm Saturday Raymond O'Donnell Bereavement Mass

10.00am Sunday John B. O'Sullivan Novena Mass

12 Noon Sunday Mary Barry Dr. Tony Lee

St. Mary's, Ballygunner

7.00pm Saturday Maurice Gough Anne Tierney

11.00am Sunday Matt Holahan (M.M) Catherine Connolly

John, Joan & Pat Pierce



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