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IF YOU WISH TO
PREPARE NEXT SUNDAY'S
READINGS :
Acts 3:13-15, 17-19.
Ps 4:2,4,7,9.
1 Jn 2:1-5.
Lk 24:35-48.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

April 8, 2018 2nd Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday

Should we be a little easier on Thomas? The last few days have been a whirlwind. On Thursday, a Passover celebration went horribly awry as Jesus was betrayed and taken into custody for unstated crimes. Less than 24 hours later, the simple arrest has turned into a death sentence to be carried out that very afternoon. Most of the disciples fled, including Thomas. He would have heard of the events of Good Friday secondhand, in shock over the death of his Lord and Master. Then Sunday morning arrives with joy from a few Disciples—Jesus is risen! But there is no persistent sight of him, only Mary Magdalene's quick moment in the garden and an empty tomb. Another day passes. The Apostles are gathered that Monday night, but Thomas is absent. He returns to a jubilant report of the risen Lord. Again, Thomas has seen nothing.

The experience must have been surreal. Did Jesus really appear raised from the dead? Did he really suffer and die? Has all of this been some strange hoax? Desperate for an answer, Thomas insists, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

After his resurrection, Jesus' body—mangled and bloody from the crucifixion—is restored. Did it need the scars? A perfected body would have taught us one lesson: everything is renewed as it once was, the past erased. Jesus chooses another lesson, however. He retains his scars that we might know him. In the whirlwind of our lives, we make our own mistakes, our own betrayals and compromises. In the resurrected Jesus, we see a God who does not forget his own sorrow. We are invited to meet him—wound for wound—and place our hand on his own nail-scarred palm, the eternal sign of his everlasting mercy.

MASS TIMES

ST. JOSEPH & ST. BENILDUS

Sunday

Vigil 6.30pm, Sunday 10.00am & 12 Noon

Monday—Friday

7.30 am & 10.30am

Saturday 10.30am

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

ST. MARY'S, BALLYGUNNER

Sunday

7.00pm Vigil, Sunday 11.00am

Holy Days of Obligation

7.00pm Vigil & 11.00am

First Friday:

9.30am

Recent Baptisms

We welcome *Elise Patti Merrigan, Fionn O'Riordan and Farrah Elizabeth Gooney* who were baptised recently. Please keep them and their parents and godparents in your prayers.

Baptism



Last Sunday's Collection

€ 3,411

Thank you for your generous offering

Liturgy Group Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Liturgy Committee on Monday 9th April 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

THANK YOU

Fr. Treacy would like to thank all who offered expressions of sympathy and sent Mass cards and condolences on the death of his mother, Mary. Your kindness is appreciated. Mass will be offered for your intentions.

IN LOVING MEMORY

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO DIED RECENTLY

EAMON O'MAHONY

THOSE WHO DIED ABOUT A MONTH AGO:

BREDA BENNETT, PAULA FOGARTY, MARY TREACY

Whose birthdays or anniversaries occur :

Gregory Walsh, Christopher Campbell, Sr. Catherine Hopkins, Michael & Tess Rose.

Parents' Baptismal Meeting

Weds April 11th, from 8-9pm. 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 the Baptism team. St. Benildus Parish Centre, upstairs, 8-9pm.

We are saying Good Luck prayers for all our Leaving Cert exam students who are doing their Irish Orals this week...and Orals in other language subjects the following week. Go n'éirí an t-ádh libh go léir.

Day of Retreat for Those in Parish Ministry: Saturday 21st April, 2018.

"I can do all this through Him who gives me strength".

Facilitator: Dom Richard Purcell (Abbot of Mount Melleray Abbey).

Day of input and reflection from Fr. Richard, with quiet prayer as we reflect on our individual ministries in our parish life.

Mount Melleray Abbey, Sat 21st April, from 11.00am—4.00pm.

Cost: €10, includes light refreshments.

Booking Essential: 051 874199

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOUGH DERG

Join us on a Parish Pilgrimage to Lough Derg,
From June 10th to 12th.

Contact: Frances Doyle 0872067813

Coffee Morning

A Coffee Morning will be held in Room 1 in the Parish Centre on Tuesday 17th April 2018, from 11 am to 1pm for the Pro Life Campaign.

EASTER CEREMONIES : THANK YOU

Many thanks to everybody who helped to organize the Easter Services, starting with the Penitential Service on Monday, and culminating with Easter Sunday Mass.

PARISH DAY-TRIP TO WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

We plan to run a bus from the parish to the World Meeting of Families on Thursday 23rd August, 2018.

The full programme for the day can be viewed on the parish website: jmbparish.com. If you are interested in travelling on the bus, please complete the expression of interest form (on the website), and return it to the parish office or sacristy OR simply contact the parish office.

Why Dine Alone?

Friendship Lunch, Oskar's, Dunmore Road, Monday April 9th, 12.30pm.

This is a new monthly venture in the parish, taking place on the first Monday of every month.

Everybody is welcome !

Saint Vincent de Paul Collection

The monthly St. Vincent de Paul Collection will be taken up at all Masses this weekend.

Thank you for your continued support.



"In the Mood"

In aid of St. Mary's Abbey, Glencairn.

Saturday 14th April, 7.30pm.

Lawlor's Hotel, Dungarvan.

Featuring: Llandeilo Town Band.

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Raffle & Special Door Prize.

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"If the Eighth Amendment is repealed it will have an impact, not only on the general public, but those of us working in the health sector whose duty is always to save lives."

Eilish Butler, 27, is a nurse from Innishannon, Co. Cork >



Eilish's Story "The possibility of unrestricted abortion access up to 12 weeks is a major concern for me and many other nurses on the wards. We are shocked, and nervous, that abortion could be available in Ireland up to full term of pregnancy in some instances.

"Science shows us the humanity of the unborn child. A unique human life begins at conception. Our gender, fingerprints, freckles, eye colour and blood type are determined at that moment.

"The heartbeat is detectable just 21 days after conception. At five weeks, a baby's eyes, ears and nose are forming. The brain is dividing into distinct segments and the buds that will become the legs and arms are growing. At seven weeks the baby moves for the first time. Fingers, toes and eyelids are almost completely formed. By week 12, all vital organs are formed and the baby can clearly be seen kicking and leaping about on 12-week ultrasound scans.

"On April 27, it will be 51 years since the 1967 UK Abortion Act was introduced. Today, in England and Wales 185,000 abortions happen every year, with one in five pregnancies now ending in abortion. If the Eighth Amendment is repealed, Ireland will go from a country that cherishes and protects the lives of mothers and babies equally in pregnancy, to a country where unborn babies have no legal protection at all.

"At present doctors, nurses and other healthcare professionals work to protect the lives and health of their two patients, mother and baby. If the Eighth Amendment is repealed it will have an impact on both the general public and those of us working in the health sector."

What can I do?

Why not express your views on Ireland's culture of life on social media in a compassionate way? Don't forget to use #ChooseLife as the hashtag!

Your Questions

What happens if a pregnant woman's life is at risk?

If a seriously ill pregnant woman needs life-saving medical treatment which may, as a secondary effect, put the life of her baby at risk, such treatments are always ethically permissible provided every effort has been made to save the life of both mother and baby. Abortion is the *direct* and *intentional* ending of the life of an unborn baby. The Catholic Church upholds that necessary medical intervention to save the life of a pregnant woman, which results in the unintended death of her unborn baby, is never considered an abortion.

What if the baby dies?

If a baby dies as a result of life-saving medical treatment to save the life of a pregnant woman, it is extremely sad and a tragic outcome. If the intention of the doctor is not to directly and intentionally end the baby's life, then this is not an abortion.

MASSSES

7th/8th Apr 2018

St. Joseph & St. Benildus

6.30pm Saturday

John Corcoran

10.00am Sunday

Sr. Rebecca Ellickson
Pauline & Rita Ellickson

12 Noon Sunday

Michael Moynihan

St. Mary's, Ballygunner

7.00pm Saturday

(M.M) Paula Fogarty

11.00am: Sunday

(M.M) Breda Bennett
Michael Whelan
Daniel Douglas
Maeve Farrell

14th/15th April 2018

Paddy & Eileen Foley

Geraldine Walsh

Philip O'Keeffe

Eileen Whitty
Dave Cotter

(M.M) Mary Lyons
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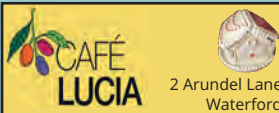


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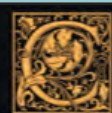


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