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#### IF YOU WISH TO PREPARE NEXT SUNDAY'S **READINGS:**

5th Sunday of Easter Acts 9:26-31. Ps 21:26-28, 30-32. 1 Jn 3:18-24. In 15:1-8.

#### **GOSPEL MEDITATION -ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE** 22nd April, 2018 - 4th Sunday of Easter

Today's Gospel occurs in the middle of Jesus' ministry. At first, Jesus' words seem to be about the value of self-sacrifice in a leader.

"I am the Good Shepherd? I will lay down my life for the sheep." The Apostles likely would have accepted these words easily enough. But then comes something more strange. "I lay down my life in order to take it up again? I have power to lay it down and power to take it up again." Only later, when Jesus opened the Scriptures to them after his resurrection, would the Apostles understand his words. Only then would they understand why such an act was necessary for the salvation of the world.

Even now, we may struggle with the necessity of Holy Week. How often do we hear complaints against the silence of God, as if He is the "hired man" who "runs away" from suffering? Jesus' life, death, and resurrection is our redemption in fact. God himself bears the full weight of sin's consequences.

The Paschal Mystery is also a sign that happens in full view of the human experience. We have seen Jesus lay down his life. We have seen him accompany others. "I know mine and mine know me."

We have seen him reach those outside the traditional flock, "sheep not of this fold." Jesus is the Good Shepherd, not only in Scripture but in our daily lives.

While we can't experience physically walking alongside him like the Apostles did, the grace of our redemption continues through the Church. We are shepherded by the sacraments, by faith formation, by good mentors. At the same time, we are not only the sheep.

In imitating Jesus, we, too, are invited to lay down our lives for others. We can be the hands, feet, and shepherd's crook of Christ.

#### 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 Olivia Murphy and Alex Broderick who were baptised recently. Please keep them and their parents and godparents in your prayers.



Last Sunday's Collection

€ 2,526

Thank you for your generous offering



#### PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOUGH DERG

Join us on a Parish Pilgrimage to Lough Derg.

Dates: June 10th to 12th.

Contact: Frances Doyle 0872067813



### 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.



#### Responding Locally to Pope Francis' Encyclical: 'Laudato Si': 'On Care for our Common Good'

Theme of conference: to identify local, practical and implementable actions that parishes and groups affiliated to Waterford PPN (Public Participation Network)can undertake to help increase awareness of the increasingly disastrous

effects of climate change and damage to our natural eco systems.

**Speakers**: Keynote Address: Fr. Sean McDonagh.

Response: Senator Grace O'Sullivan.

**Venue**: St.Paul's Parish Centre, Lisduggan.

**Date**: Sat 5th May 2018

Time: 9.30am—1.00pm. Registration €5



#### Traditional Latin Mass in Waterford Cathedral

A Traditional Latin Mass with Gregorian Chant will be celebrated on Sunday 29th April at 10AM in Holy Trinity Cathedral, Barronstrand Street, Waterford City. All are most welcome. Celebrant Fr. Andrzej Komorowski FSSP.

#### **Volunteers for Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2018**

Can you help?

Book pilgrimage to work as a helper in Lourdes.

Doctors, nurses, healthcare professionals. Adult helpers (age 18+).

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER





IN LOVING MEMORY PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO DIED RECENTLY KATHLEEN HEINE

THOSE WHO DIED ABOUT A MONTH AGO:

JOHN THOMPSON

Whose birthdays or anniversaries occur:

Nicholas Hamm Bridie Meehan

#### Prayer Meeting every Wednesday at 8.15 pm.

We welcome new members to our very relaxed prayer meeting. Our

prayer meeting has been in the parish for well over 25 years but unfortunately due to illness and sadly death, we have lost some of our

most esteemed members.

If you would like any information contact the following numbers 87222476/087 6992966 or 875574/085 7477841. We meet upstairs in Ss. JOSEPH & BENILDUS Parish Centre.

# BUBLIE

ON THE 8TH AMENDMENT

Professor Fiona de Londras will ask voters to vote "Yes" for repeal of the 8th Amendment and Caroline Simons will ask voters to vote "No"

## WOODLANDS HOTEL WEDNESDAY 2ND MAY

**TIME: 7.30PM** 

This is the only public debate in our area; it will afford people an opportunity to clarify the issues before they come to vote.

#### SPEAKERS

PROF. FIONA DE LONDRAS



Fiona de Londras is Professor of Global Legal Studies at the University of Birmingham. She advocates repeal of the 8th Amendment

CAROLINE SIMONS



Carolins Simons is a solicitor and legal advisor to the Pro-Life campaign. She advocates retention of the 8th

CHAIR SARAH McDONALD



Sarah McDonald is a freelance journalist based in Dublin. She contributes to the Tablet, The Irish Independent and NCR.

#### For more information contact 051-878977

This is the only public debate on the upcoming referendum in the South East. We encourage parishioners to attend and to seek clarification on any outstanding issues surrounding the complex question that will face them as they go to vote on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018. The outcome of the referendum will have a serious impact on our society. Voters should try their best to be as well informed as possible before they vote.

MASSES 21st/22nd April 2018 28th/29th April 2018

6.30pm Saturday

St. Joseph & St. Benildus
Gerry McAllister

11.00am: Sunday

10.00am Sunday Newtown School First Communion Michael & Elizabeth Cusack

12 Noon Sunday M.M.John Thompson John Barron

Tom Sheridan Michael O'Donovan

Fr.Tom Barron
Ted & Philip Barron

Michael & Joan Cummins

St. Mary's, Ballygunner

7.00pm Saturday Helena Kearney Paddy & Maureen Moloney

William, Mary & Rosie Sharpe

Maureen & William Fitzgerald
D.B Cahill & Stephen Ewing

Breda Bennett



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