

# PARISH OF ST. JOSEPH, ST. BENILDUS & ST. MARY'S

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

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Ez 17:22-24.  
Ps 91:2-3, 13-16.  
2 Cor 5:6-10.  
Mk 4:26-34.

## **Gospel Reflection for the Tenth Sunday of Ordinary Time The Winning Side**

**10th June 2018**

Is Satan real, or is Satan a name we give to personify evil? Is sin real, or is sin a name the teachers of yester-year gave to the mistakes and poor choices we make in our weaker moments?



In today's gospel, Jesus asks us to confront Satan and take a long hard look at sin. There is one thing about Satan that is fairly certain. He probably won't ever turn up wearing a red cloak and carrying a pitchfork. Satan will meet us with attractive choices in our weakest moments. Satan will play down our sins and help us justify our poor choices. At our poorest and most desperate it might become easy to steal, especially if we dress it up as 'borrowing'. In our loneliest moments it might become easy to give in to an affair, especially if we dress it up as a 'harmless fling' or an 'open relationship'. In our most insecure moments it becomes

easy to give in to gossip and malice, after all, what harm can words do? We might be able to make excuses for our poor decisions, but that doesn't make those decisions any less sinful.

The consequences of sin are far reaching. Selling one's soul to the devil might be the stuff of Hollywood films, but sin really does change us. Once we have justified a sin, it becomes easier to sin again. Once we have justified a poor decision our conscience grows mute. Before we know it, we are not the people we once were. We really have sold out to the devil.

The good news is, that by being on Jesus' side, we can overcome Satan's power. Sin doesn't have to define us. The past does not have to equal the future. In fact, remembering how low sin made us feel can give us that all important focus in resisting sin in the future. One day Satan's defeat will be final. In the meantime we need to ask forgiveness for our sins and make sure we are firmly on the winning side.

## MASS TIMES

### ST. JOSEPH & ST. BENILDUS

#### *Sunday*

Vigil 6.30pm, Sunday 10.00am & 12 Noon

#### *Monday–Friday*

7.30 am & 10.30am

( no 7.30am Mass on Bank Holidays )

#### *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

### PARISH FRIENDSHIP LUNCH

There will be a Friendship Lunch on Monday 11th June at 12.30pm in Oskar's, Dunmore Road. All are welcome. They will not take place over the summer, but will resume in September. Please keep an eye on the Newsletter for updates.

### Ballygunner Cemetery Mass

The Annual Ballygunner Cemetery Mass will be celebrated on Thursday 21st June, at 7.30pm.

### Waterford Autism:

Friday 22nd June 2018, 6pm .4Km Family Fun Walk.  
Eco Park @ Kingfisher. Registration at 6pm ( donation entry ).  
To donate: [GoFundMe.com/waterfordautism](http://GoFundMe.com/waterfordautism)  
All proceeds will go to WASSA

**Flower Arranging Classes:** Starting 11th June.  
Classes Mon or Tues evenings. Ph 087 9817030

*Last Sunday's Collection*

**€ 2,446**

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### First Light : Supporting Suddenly Bereaved Parents & Families A Mile in Memory

Date: Sunday June 10th

Location: Sacred Heart Church, Dunhill

Time: 2.30pm

Refreshments, Raffle & activities afterwards

at Slí na gCroí,

Chapel Lane, Dunhill.

All Welcome. Please Join Us.

Contact Helena Fitzgerald 085 7798288

### Divine Renovation Conference

Three parishioners, Fr. Liam P.P., Denise Hughes ( Chair of the Parish Pastoral Council ), and Olive Ruane ( Parish Catechist ) will travel to Halifax, Nova Scotia as part of the delegation from the Diocese to the Divine Renovation Conference, which is partly sponsored by Bishop Cullinan. The Divine Renovation 2018 conference will bring together parishioners from around the world to explore principles and tactics of parish renewal.

The conference will be led by Fr James Mallon, who was pastor of St Benedict's Parish in Halifax Nova Scotia. He will be joined by members of the parish team and other speakers to share the amazing story of renewal in St Benedict's Parish in Halifax. The parish was dying but after much effort and

prayer the parish is now thriving with huge lay involvement. Parishioners who had withdrawn from parish life are now actively engaged. Bishop Phonsie believes that we have much to learn from the programme of Divine Renovation. The conference will comprise keynote talks and breakout sessions on a range of topics including hospitality, youth ministry, sacraments, the Alpha Programme, etc. There will be a full report after the conference.

"It is about going to the margins and the marginalized and shattering the "private club" mentality that is present in most parishes, which are for those who believe the same things and act the same way."

Fr James Mallon



**DIVINE  
RENOVATION**

### PARISH WALK / FUN RUN ( 4 Miles )

We are planning to hold a Parish Walk/Fun Run on Friday 27th July 2018, which will begin at St. Mary's Church. The purpose is to encourage the whole community to participate and to highlight the World Meeting of Families ( Dublin, August 2018 ).

### ANNUAL PARISH BARBECUE

Arrangements are being made in preparation for the Annual Parish Barbecue. Details will be in the Newsletter.

### ISHIARA PARISH PARTNERSHIP

The Ishiara Partnership Committee are progressing 2 projects which will have a big impact on the lives of the parishioners in Ishiara. Together with Trócaire, we are exploring the possibility of constructing Sand Dams that will enhance the water supply to the community.

We are also progressing the project which aims to supply computers to one of the parish schools in Ishiara.

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**IN LOVING MEMORY**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO DIED RECENTLY**

**PETER O'BRIEN (EARLSCOURT)**

**Whose birthdays or anniversaries occur :**

*Mary Sniddy,*

*David Power,*

*John Walsh*

**Parents' Baptismal Meeting**

There will be a meeting of Parents Before Baptism of Children on **Wednesday 13th June from 8-9pm**, upstairs in the Parish Centre. This is an opportunity to meet 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.

# Amoris

*Let's talk Family! Let's be Family!*

**A Programme of Preparation for the World Meeting of Families  
for St Lawrence Pastoral Area**



**MONDAY 14th MAY  
SESSION ONE**  
The Reality of Family Life Today



**MONDAY 21st MAY  
SESSION TWO**  
The Christian Vision for the Family



**MONDAY 28th MAY  
SESSION THREE**  
God's Dream for Love



**MONDAY 11th JUNE  
SESSION FOUR**  
Married Love Growing to Maturity



**MONDAY 18th JUNE  
SESSION FIVE**  
God's Mercy - No One Excluded



**MONDAY 25th JUNE  
SESSION SIX**  
A Gospel of Hope for our Families

**SACRED HEART PARISH CENTRE  
14th May - 25th June  
7.30pm - 9.00pm**

**Based on the Pope's Francis' document on  
Love, Marriage and Family  
(The Joy of Love: 'Amoris Laetitia')**

Using engaging short videos, animations and activities to encourage discussion, the programme offers an opportunity to think about our vision and hopes for family and marriage, and a chance to rediscover the gift that family is to the world.

**It takes place over six weeks.**

***We are All part of one Family  
and all are Welcome***

**St. Anthony of Padua , 13th June**

"The man who is filled with the Holy Spirit speaks in different languages. These different languages are different ways of witnessing to Christ, such as humility, poverty, patience, and obedience; we speak in those languages when we reveal in ourselves these virtues to others." -sermon by St. Anthony

**Bitesize :**

**He who doeth evil steals from his own soul.** James Lendall Basford

The **Parish Pastoral Council** will meet on Wednesday 20th June at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

**MASSES**

**9th/10th June 2018**

**16th/17th June 2018**

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

6.30pm Saturday

John & Mary Coade

Miriam O'Kane

10.00am Sunday

Gemma Phelan

Teresa & Martin Barron

12 Noon Sunday

Michael Cashin  
Vivienne Burke

Tom & Dearbhla Clarke

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

7.00pm Saturday

Luke Kenny  
M.M Michael Phelan

John Power  
Thomas Power

11.00am: Sunday

M.M Christopher O'Sullivan  
Maureen & Walter Treadaway

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