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IF YOU WISH TO
PREPARE NEXT SUNDAY'S

READINGS :

14th Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Ez 2:2-5.

Ps 122.

2 Cor 12:7-10.

Mk 6:1-6.

Gospel Reflection for the Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

1st July 2018

Do Not Fear, Only Believe



Most of us struggle to make the most of our lives and often not as successfully as we would like. We worry about finding the right partner, we worry about our children, we worry about illness and we worry about money. We have learned from an early age that it isn't life itself that is important but how we fill our lives.

But even having realised this every important fact, we still strive to live longer lives rather than better lives.

When we read how Jesus cured and even brought people back from the dead, we notice one very important similarity, Jesus doesn't just add years to people's lives he changes lives. He doesn't change their lives in the way winning the lottery might change one's life. He doesn't grant a fairy tale happy ending with the wave of a magic wand, rather he makes his subjects whole and complete and ready to live life with a new outlook.

Both the woman and the family in today's story must have felt that life had slipped through their fingers. The woman who had suffered haemorrhaging for twelve years had reached the depths of despair. Jesus was her last and only hope. The young girl seemed beyond any help, she had already been declared dead. Jesus gave them both their lives back. Is it likely that they would have gone on living exactly as before? Probably not! There's nothing like a second chance, especially at death's door to make us re-evaluate.

The gospel call to change our lives is part and parcel of the call to faith, a faith in a God who saves lives and changes lives. Whether it be the very public faith shown today by Jairus the synagogue leader, or the very private display of faith shown by the destitute woman who touched Jesus' cloak, faith and how we make the best of life goes hand in hand. Today Jesus tells us not to fear, but only to believe.

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

Recent Baptisms

We welcome Lily Celine O'Connor, who was baptised recently. Please keep her, her parents and godparents in your prayers.

Baptism



Last Sunday's Collection

€ 1,945

Thank you for your generous offering

ANNUAL PARISH BARBECUE

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

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).



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

To contact SVP :

Society of St. Vincent de Paul (South East), Unit 3, Six Cross

Roads Business Park, Waterford. 051 350725

Email: info.southeast@svp.ie Website: www.svp.ie/

requesthelp

The monthly collection for SVP is taken up at all Masses

this weekend . Thank you for your continued support

World Meeting of Families: (WMOF) : Phoenix Park Mass

Tickets for the final Mass of the WMOF which will be celebrated by Pope Francis on Sunday 26th August, will be released on the WMOF website on Monday 25th June. You can book your ticket through an online form on the WMOF website. Your ticket will be sent to you by email closer to the event. *The Parish has booked a bus to travel to the event. (Cost €10). This means that we have block-booked 50 tickets for the Papal Mass in the Phoenix Park. If anyone is interested, please contact Anne in the Parish Office. 051 878977*

WMOF : Festival of Families, Sat 25th August : Croke Park

Tickets are only available for people booking to attend 3 days of the Pastoral Congress at the RDS (22nd/23rd/24th August). Booking for the 3 day Congress gives the possibility to book for both the Croke Park and Phoenix Park events. *A limited amount of tickets for the WMOF event in Croke Park will be made available to each Diocese. Each Parish expects to receive approximately 10 tickets.*

BALLYGUNNER CEMETERY MASS

Many thanks to everybody who helped with the annual Cemetery Mass in Ballygunner last Thursday, 24th June.

Waterford to Lough Derg Pilgrimage

Bus leaving Waterford Friday 6th July at 12noon. Staying in Donegal on Fri night, heading to Lough Derg early Saturday morning. Leaving Lough Derg Monday morning, arriving back in Waterford around 6pm/7pm. For further details contact Olive on 0868792265 or Phyllis on 087 6722991

Are you? Struggling with anxiety or depression? Finding life difficult? Feeling isolated? In need of support?

GROW is here to help you. GROW is a community-based mental health organisation which holds weekly meetings in your local community. GROW meetings provide help and support to anyone experiencing mental health difficulties or struggling with any aspect of their mental wellbeing. Meetings are confidential and no referral is necessary, simply come along. GROW promotes breaking social isolation and promoting social connectedness and is centred around the idea that 'I alone can do it, but I cannot do it alone'.

For Waterford/Tipperary Groups Are:

Wednesday @ 7.30pm St Bridget's Centre, Lower Yellow Road, Waterford

IN LOVING MEMORY
PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY DECEASED
BRENDAN O'SULLIVAN
THOSE WHO DIED ABOUT A MONTH AGO
MAISIE MAHER
Those whose birthdays or anniversaries occur :
Ann Carroll

St. Joseph & Benildus Children's Choir
 Pictured at an outing for the Children's Choir in
 Activate on Sunday last, where they had a great
 time, with Bronagh their Choir Director.
 We are so grateful for their contribution to the
 10.00am Liturgy every Sunday.
 Looking forward to their return after the Summer
 break.



**Family Fun Day in Mt. Melleray, 24th June
 2018: an excerpt from Bishop Cullinan's**

Sermon

Pope Francis has often spoken about family life. He has often said that no family is beamed down from heaven—perfect. As he says, sometimes the plates fly although we might not exactly throw plates in Ireland the way they do in Argentina. There may be family arguments, but it is important to make peace before the day ends. He has often spoken about the TV and Internet...what a danger that is to family life. The dad watching sport in one room; the mum watching something else in another, and the children upstairs watching

God knows what in their rooms. Family unity is very difficult. Make time for family activities. Start small. Make time to pray, for example a grace before meals, even the use of phrases like “Thanks be to God”, “God bless you”. God wants to help us. So think of your use of time with your family.

Picture shows some parishioners with the Abbot of Mt.Melleray and Bishop Cullinan.

MASSSES	30th June/1st July 2018	7th / 8th July 2018
	<i>St. Joseph & St. Benildus</i>	
6.30pm Saturday	Susan Whelan	Josephine Connolly
10.00am Sunday	Michael Dowling	
12 Noon Sunday	M.M Peter O'Brien Pádraig Kirwan	Jim & Brendan Phelan
	<i>St. Mary's, Ballygunner</i>	
7.00pm Saturday	Milo Tierney	Carmel Tobin
11.00am: Sunday	Molly Gough Martin Sullivan	Thomas Power (Bell Lake) William Mortell

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Newsletter Notes: This Newsletter welcomes any notices presented for non-profit making events, subject to certain conditions. Items for Inclusion may be handed into the sacristy at St Joseph & St Benildus Church. The deadline, however, is every Tuesday at 10.00 a.m.

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