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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

29th Sept 2019

Gospel Reflection on the Twenty Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time :



For the Love of Money.

A man dies and finds himself sentenced to the torments of hell for living a life indifferent to the plight of the poor. He decides to send three ghosts to warn his business partner of the fate that must surely await him too if he doesn't change his ways. Straight from the pen of Charles Dickens? Well kind of, except that Jesus told it first.

Lazarus is a poor man who lies at the gate of a rich man waiting to feed on the rich man's crumbs. Eventually the poor man dies and goes to heaven and the rich man dies and goes to hell. Distraught, the rich man begs for permission to send a ghost to warn his brothers of their possible fate, but Abraham refuses. "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead."

Like Ebenezer Scrooge, the rich man in today's story was a lover of money, and it is his love of money that makes him indifferent to the plight of the poor. We have to ask if he was even aware of the poor, if Lazarus lay at his gate the rich man must have had to step over him on his way in and out! In Dickens' version of the story, Ebenezer Scrooge finally realises that he is accountable.

What would it take for us to feel fully accountable? How can we become more aware of today's 'Lazaruses'? How can we keep in mind the plight of the poor that we see fleetingly on the evening news. The parables were written to change us. The parable of the rich man and Lazarus teaches us that we must love our fellow man more than we love money. Hopefully when we have arrived at the day of reckoning we will have afforded the poor a bit more than a few crumbs.

MASS TIMES

ST. JOSEPH & ST. BENILDUS

Sunday: Vigil 6.30pm,

Sunday: 10.00am & 12 pm

Monday—Friday

7.30am & 10.30am

(except Holy Days of Obligation)

No 7.30am Mass Bank Hols

Holy Day of Obligation

6.30pm 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

IF YOU WISH TO PREPARE NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS :

27th in Ordinary Time

Hab 1:2-3, 2:2-4.

Ps 94:1-2, 6-9.

2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14.

Lk 17:5-10.

St. Joseph & St. Benildus

28th/29th Sept 2019

5th/6th Oct 2019

6.30pm Saturday

Gaye Murphy

Bid Power
Eileen Power

10.00am Sunday:

Agnes Whittle

James & Mary Quinlan

12 Noon Sunday:

Tom, Eileen & Harry Lupton
John B. O'Sullivan

Ned & Statia Leamy
Eileen Kearney

St. Mary's, Ballygunner

7.00pm

(M.M) Helen Cummins
(M.M) Ita Keyes
Matt Holohan

Paddy Walsh
Ned Donegan

11.00am Sunday

Seánie Gough
John, Joan & Pat Pierce

Michael Boland

Please pray for those who died recently



Tom Molloy,
Patricia Ellickson,
Pat Duggan (née Reidy)
whose Month's mind occurs
Helen Cummins, Ita Keyes
Whose anniversary or birthday occurs
Paul Foley, Joan Murphy,
Dan Holden (90th Birthday remembrance).

Autumn Dues Collection

The Autumn Collection for the support of the priests of the parish will be taken up this weekend. Envelopes have been distributed locally, but if you did not receive one they are also available at the back of the church and from the parish office. Thank you for your continued generosity.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

Beginning Experience is a worldwide specially designed support programme for men and women who have suffered the loss of a spouse/partner by death, separation or divorce to work through the grief process, and to discover for themselves that merely "existing" in life can be transformed into "living" a new life, though a different one. The next weekend is being held at the Ennismore Retreat Centre, Cork from Friday 1st to Sunday 3rd November, 2019. Please contact 087 9886480 email:beginningexperiencecork@gmail.com www.beginningexperiencecork.com

Ishiara Golf Classic: Raffle Prizewinners

Congratulations to the following:

1st Prize: Weekend in Woodford Dolmen Hotel; Pamela Quinlan.
2nd Prize: €300 Voucher for Granville Hotel: Mona O'Brien.
3rd Prize: €100 Voucher for Dooley's Hotel : Deirdre Barry.
4th Prize: €75 Voucher for Granville Hotel: Katie Kiely.
5th Prize: Voucher for Fitzgerald's Menswear: Noel....
6th Prize: €50 Voucher for Brooklyn Restaurant: Ashling O'Connell
7th Prize: €30 Plants Voucher: Stephen Frampton
8th Prize: €30 Uluru Voucher: P.J. Mc Intyre
9th Prize: €25 Voucher for Slice Woodfire Pizza: Valerie Durcan
10th Prize: Wdoodlands Lunch for two: James Brennan
11th Prize: 4 winners of Wine: Ann Jephson, Suzy Ryan, Michael White, Vincent Walsh.

Creation Sunday: September 29th

To mark Creation Sunday, we are having a special celebration at the 11.00am and 12noon Masses. We are delighted to welcome Rev. Trevor Sargent, former T.D and leader of the Green Party, who is currently in Church of Ireland Ministry in Tramore. He will speak at the 12noon Mass.

Question Box Sunday: October 6th

Are you puzzled by any Faith-related issues? Have you any questions regarding religious matters? On October 6th, we will have a Question Box at the back of both churches, and you are invited to fill out a form (totally anonymous) form that will be provided. It is envisaged that an informal forum for discussion will be held in the parish centre in the near future, to respond to any topics that may arise. All are welcome to attend.

*Last Sunday's
Collection
€1,923
Thank you*



Live Streaming of Masses

www.churchservices.tv/
stjosephswaterford
AND
www.churchservices.tv/
stmarysballygunner

Recordings of recent concerts are also available to watch on the St. Joseph's site.

Parishioners are invited to submit news items of local interest (of a non-commercial nature) for inclusion in the Newsletter. Please note, the deadline is 11.00a.m on the Tuesday before printing.

Contact : jbmnews@gmail.com

Waterford & Lismore Diocese Family Day Sunday 29th Sep

Fun for the Whole Family!

2pm - 4.30pm

Mount Melleray Abbey
Co. Waterford

Prayer

Music

Arts & Crafts

Bouncy Castle

Fun Activities

Tel 051-874199 pastoralcentre@waterfordlismore.ie

ALPHA IN OUR PARISH! Sept 2019

Our third season of Alpha began this Tuesday Sept 24th, from 7 - 9pm in St. Benildus Parish Centre. All sessions start with a meal, then we watch a dvd on the week's topic. This is followed by shared discussion. All views are welcomed and respected. The sessions are over 11 weeks and last approximately 2 hours. Do think of joining us ! Remember Alpha is for everyone! There is no cost! We extend an invitation to all!

To book your place, contact any of the following :

Denise Hughes 087 1512617 or Frances Doyle 087 2067813 or Parish Sec. 051 878977

Forthcoming Parish Events:

29th Sept, 11.00a.m & 12.00 p.m : Creation Sunday
6th Oct : Question Box Sunday & Mass for Refugees and Migrants
Sat 2nd Nov (6.30p.m) : Remembrance Mass

Mass Bookings:

If you wish to book a Mass please contact the Parish Office on 051 878977 or email parishofficejbm@gmail.com or call into the office which is located in St. Joseph & St Benildus Church. Offerings can be paid on booking or in the Sacristy on the day of the Mass.