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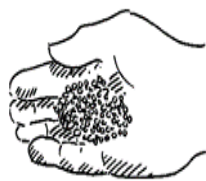
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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

6th Oct 2019

Gospel Reflection for Twenty Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time



Having Faith In Faith

In the face of the seemingly impossible demands of discipleship, it is easy for our faith to falter. This is probably how the apostles felt when they approached Jesus and made the plea, "Increase our faith!" Now if we were hearing this story for the first time, how would we expect Jesus to respond? We'd expect Jesus to work a miracle of course. A miracle would certainly have increased the faith of those who could have witnessed it first hand, but would it have had the same impact for the rest of us? Jesus refrains from working a miracle to increase the faith of his apostles, instead he gives a piece of wisdom which is as inspirational and as motivational for us today as it must have been all those years ago.

Jesus tells us that if we only have faith the size of a tiny mustard seed we have enough. In other words, faith is so powerful that we don't need very much of it to do great things. This is good news for all of us who have long felt our faith is flagging. Suddenly the challenge is not to strengthen or develop our faith, but to have faith in the little faith we've already got.

So how can we use our mustard seed of faith to do great things? Jesus tells us that all we have to do is take our mustard seed of faith and act. We should stop worrying about how little or how much faith we have, and get on with God's work. Like the tireless servant who comes in from the field and prepares his masters' evening meal before his own, so we must live our lives faithful to Jesus' teachings. When we live our lives faithful to God how can we fail to see results, and once we begin to see results how can our seeds of faith fail to grow?

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 :

28th in Ordinary Time

2 Kg5: 14-17.

Ps 97:1-4.

2 Tm 2:8-13.

Lk 17:11-19.

St. Joseph & St. Benildus

5th/6th Oct 2019

12th/13th Oct 2019

6.30pm Saturday

Bid Power
Eileen Power

Noel Schoman

10.00am Sunday:

James & Mary Quinlan

Jerry Lynch
Pádraig Dowling

12 Noon Sunday:

Ned & Statia Leamy
Eileen Kearney

Ann Cooke
Mary & Donal Barrett

St. Mary's, Ballygunner

7.00pm

Paddy Walsh
Ned Donegan

Hugh Sweeney
Elizabeth Whelan

11.00am Sunday

Michael Boland

Pat McCarthy
Willie Mortell

Please pray for those who died recently

Edward (Teddy) O'Mahoney



Whose anniversary or birthday occurs

Cáit Morrissey O'Neill,

Bill Nolan,

Harry Cotter,

Joe Finnerty

CREATION SUNDAY: SEPT 29TH 2019

Many thanks to everybody who volunteered to help with our special Masses to celebrate Creation Sunday last weekend. A special word of thanks to Rev. Trevor Sargent who spoke at the 12 Noon Mass.

The choir in St. Joseph & Benildus church, under the direction of Joe O'Beirne, would welcome more male singers, particularly Basses. Please contact the Parish Office 051 878977



Forthcoming Parish Events:

6th Oct : Question Box Sunday & Mass for Refugees and Migrants

Sat 2nd Nov (6.30p.m) : Remembrance Mass

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE 2019

Anointing Fire Catholic Ministry invites all young adults (16-35 years) to the 2nd International Conference.

Holy Mass/Praise and Worship/Teaching/Eucharistic Adoration / Healing and Deliverance Prayers from 2pm Friday 27th December to Monday 30th December 4pm.

At Clongowes Wood College, Kildare W91,

Cost 150 euro inclusive. Register online at afcmteamireland.org

Pontifical Mission Society

Launch of October Extraordinary Mission Month, by

Archbishop OKOLO, Papal Nuncio to Ireland, concelebrating Mass with Bishop Cullinan, Bishop of Waterford and Lismore, and Very Rev. Edmund Cannon Cullinan, Diocesan Ecumenism Director at 12noon on Sunday 6th October 2019 in the Cathedral of the Most Holy Trinity, Barronstrand Street, Waterford. All are welcome.

WHY DINE ALONE??? Join us for a Friendship Lunch, Cove Bar, Monday October 14th at 12.30pm.

Please be there by 12.30, in order to facilitate the Cove Bar Staff. All are welcome.

ANAM CARA : BEREAVEMENT INFORMATION

Anam Cara the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a **Bereavement Information Evening** on **Tuesday 15th October at 7:00pm in the Park Hotel, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford.** This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents. Anam Cara will need to confirm numbers for teas, coffees, etc, please RSVP to info@anamcara.ie before Monday 14th October or call the Information Line on 085 2888 888.

*Last Sunday's
Collection
€2,697
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

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.

Question Box Sunday: October 6th

Are you puzzled by any Faith-related issues? Have you any questions regarding religious matters? This weekend we will have a Question Box at the back of both churches, and you are invited to fill out a (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.

ALPHA IN OUR PARISH! 2019

The third session in this programme of

Alpha takes place on Tuesday 8th Oct.

To book contact any of the following:

Denise Hughes 087 1512617 or

Frances Doyle 087 2067813 or

Parish Sec. 051 878977



World Day of Refugees and Migrants

To honour World Day of Migrants & Refugees, this year's special Mass will be celebrated on **Sun 6th Oct at 10.00am.** This has been a colourful and joyous event in recent years. All are welcome.

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.

I.T. Help Wanted:

Are there any young people out there who would like to put their I.T skills to a practical use from time to time in Church? For example, setting up POWERPOINT displays...etc etc ?? If so, your help would be greatly appreciated. Please leave your contact details with the Parish Office.

A Catholic Conference for Men: Men For Christ 11.

Saturday Oct 12th from 9.30am at Bru Columbanus, Wilton, Cork. Call 021 437 6732. Speakers: Nathaniel Benversie, Fr. Patrick Cahill, Michael Kinsella, John Carlin.