

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

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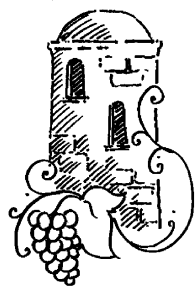
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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4th Oct 2020

Gospel Reflection for the Twenty Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

Cornerstone.



What happens when we forget that our lives are a gift from God? What happens when we forget that human-kind is God's creation? What happens when we forget that the planet we live on belongs to God?

Today's parable describes a land owner who leaves tenants in charge of his vineyard. But at harvest time the tenants refuse to pay their rent, failing to recognise the landowner's authority and killing the servants and even the son who are sent for the rent. The tenants appear to have forgotten that the vineyard belongs to the landowner. The tenants had come to believe that they could make up their own rules. They had forgotten that they were accountable. They had certainly forgotten that

they had been given responsibilities and entrusted with stewardship.

God is still master of the 'vineyard', and we are the new tenants to whom the welfare of the vineyard has been passed on. The parable was originally targeted at the Pharisees, but for us too, the parable demands some degree of self-examination. We might think of ourselves as good people, but like the first tenants, do we constantly fight shy of accountability? Over the years we each develop our own individual code of conduct. Perhaps we begin to feel that as long as we are living by some kind of moral code we no longer need to be accountable. We begin to imagine that 'being accountable', is just for those who go round getting things wrong. Living by self-made standards is all well and good, but if we do this are we in danger of forgetting about the very high standards that God has set for us.

What happens when we forget that Christ is our cornerstone? When we make up our own rules with little thought for Jesus' teachings, the chances are we will fall a long way short of what God expects. Today's invitation is to raise the bar, step up to the mark, and recognise

MASS TIMES

ST. JOSEPH & ST. BENILDUS

**MONDAY TO SATURDAY (EXCEPT
HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION)**

7.30A.M AND 10.30AM

Sun: Vigil 6.30pm

Sun: 10am and 12 pm

**Holy Days: 6.30pm Vigil and
11am.**

No 7.30am Mass Bank Hols

CONFESSIONS

Confessions immediately
after 10.30 Mass Saturdays
and by request via the
parish office.

Mass Times,

St. Mary's, Ballygunner

Sun: Vigil 7pm

Sun: 11am.

Holy Days: 7pm Vigil & 11am.

CHURCH CLEANING AFTER MASS

Please be aware that St. Joseph & St. Benildus church is closed for cleaning after daily Mass. It reopens for private prayer from 1.00 to 4.00pm.

<i>St. Joseph & St. Benildus</i>	<i>3rd/4th Oct 2020</i>	<i>10th/11th Oct 2020</i>
6.30pm. Sat	Bob, Bid & Josephine Power Nancy Doheny	Noel Schorman
10.00am Sunday:	Ann Cooke	
12 noon Sunday	Ned & Statia Leamy John B. O'Sullivan	
<i>St. Mary's, Ballygunner</i>		
7.00pm Sat:	Paddy Walsh	Hugh Nugent Margaret Walsh
11.00a.m Sunday:	Joan, John & Pat Pierce	Pat Mc Carthy Michael Boland
	gEdward Donegan	

NEXT

SUNDAY'S READINGS :

*28th Sunday in Ordinary
Time*

Is 25:6-10.

Ps 22.

Phil 4:12-14, 19-20.

Mt 22:1-14.

**Please pray for those whose
Birthday or Anniversary
occurs:**



Mary O'Hegarty
Patrick, Claire & Niamh O'Dea
Joe Finnerty

*Last Sunday's
Collection*
€1,675

Thank You for
your generosity

PARISH OFFICE

Please note that access to the Parish Office is through the Parish Centre (via the outside door at the rear of the building), and not through the church. Phone 051 878977 or email : parishofficejbm@gmail.com

Stewards Needed : Weekend Masses

We currently have 2 groups of stewards who have been stewarding every second week for the past 14 weeks. We would like to have 4 groups, whereby each group would only have to steward once a month.

In order to do this, we need more volunteers. Please consider volunteering as we need your support. If you can help, please give your name to one of the stewards or contact the parish office



PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS

Monday & Tuesday 9am - 5pm / Lunch 1- 2pm
Wednesday 9am to 3.00pm / Lunch 1-2pm
Thursday 8.30am to 3.00pm / Lunch 1-2pm.
Friday 8.30am to 5.00pm / Lunch 1-2pm.



EVENING PRAYER takes place Wednesday, at 6.30pm. You are welcome to join us in person or via livestreaming at :
www.churchservices.tv/stjosephswaterford

Livestreaming of Masses:

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

ROSARY CRUSADE

Archbishop Eamonn Martin is asking families to pray the Rosary together for the month of October in what is called the Family Rosary Crusade.

On Saturday October 10th, the Hail Holy Queen Conference will be Live & Exclusive on Radio Maria Ireland, beginning with the Rosary from 12.30pm. Guest speakers include Dana, Marino Restrepo, Fr Damian Polly, Fr Ruairi O'Domhnaill, Fr Marius O'Reilly and more.

On Sunday October 11th the Rosary on the Coast for Life & Faith in Ireland will take place. This year we will again join in with many other countries from around the world. We will gather on our coasts, at our grottos, our churches, our river banks, our homes, or wherever we can..... to pray the Rosary safely together, at 2.30pm. Please do remember to observe Covid 19 guidelines.

See www.coastalrosaryireland.ie to see locations near you or to register a location.

Staying at Level 2

As you will be aware from the Media, we have all been asked to do our bit to ensure that Waterford is not put on Level 3 of the Covid table. Here in our parish community, we ask that you would help by:

- Following the directions of the stewards on entering and exiting the church;
- Making sure that you sit in the correct seating-allocation: for example, people on their own should only sit where there is a single Green Tick...people in groups of 2 should only sit where there are 2 Green Ticks, etc. ;
- You are reminded Not to cross from one side of the church to another (stay in the Pod to which the steward directed you);
- Please ensure that you maintain Social Distancing at all times.



Please note: items for inclusion in the Newsletter must be received by Tuesday 11am of the week prior to printing.
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St. Vincent de Paul



The monthly SVP collection is being taken up this weekend. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Gaelscoil Phortlairge is accepting applications for 2021 up to 31st October 2020. forms may be downloaded from : gsphortlairge.com
Or may be obtained by contacting the school office 051 879736

**Solas
Cancer Support Centre
Virtual Run & Walk for
Life**
Oct 9th—11th 2020
Pick your distance
Pick your route
Pick your day
Supported by UPMC
and Beat

