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Online Mass Times (Week of 15 - 21 Feb)

Saturday Vigil Mass: 7:00 pm
Do This in Memory - St. John of God and Newtown

Sunday Mass: 12:00 noon
Do This in Memory - Gaelscoil Phort Lairge & St. Mary's NS

Weekday Masses: 10:30am.
Stations of the Cross - Fridays in Lent immediately after Mass

Evening Prayer: Weds. 4:45pm

All Masses will take place in Ss. Joseph and Benildus and can be viewed via livestream: www.churchservices.tv/stjosephswaterford

Church Access for Private Prayer
St. Mary's: 10:00am - 4:00 pm.

St. Joseph & Benildus :
1.00pm - 4.00pm.

 If you wish to donate, all payments to the Parish can be made via the donate button on our website **Thank you.**

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

14 February 2021

Gospel Reflection for the Sixth Sunday of Ordinary time

Back From the Brink

'Dysfunctional' is a word we hear a lot nowadays. Parents who drink, gamble or who neglect their children are deemed 'dysfunctional'. Those who take drugs, steal or spend aimless and less than useful lives are labelled dysfunctional. As a society we are often guilty of shunning the dysfunctional, fearing them or even despising them. For those of us who have been labelled as dysfunctional we sink into an abyss of loneliness and desperation.

There are those of us who know what it is like to have sunk so low that there seems no way back.

The leper in today's story knew no way back from the affliction that had ostracised him from society ... no way back that is, until he heard of Jesus. The leper kneels before Jesus and begs for a cure, and moved by pity Jesus makes him well again, commanding him not to rush off and tell everyone. Of course, the leper cannot keep Jesus a secret. The ex-leper has not just been healed of an illness, he has been rescued from an existence where he could not function at any level. Now the ex-leper can return to his home, his community and his loved ones. For the ex-leper his life has been transformed. His life had been restored, but restored with a meaning it didn't have before. The ex-leper has been made whole, emotionally, spiritually and physically. How can he keep his tremendous joy to himself?

Today we are asked to put ourselves in the place of the leper. Jesus asks us to look at our lives and ask ourselves what is missing. What is it that can isolate us? What is it that builds barriers? What makes us live lives of bigotry, fear, anger, jealousy, frustration, insecurity, pain or misunderstanding? What is missing from our lives that could make us function as a whole? Might it be purpose, determination, humility, courage, forgiveness, mission God?

When God brings us back from the brink of isolation, it is hard to feel anything but joy, and if that joy is contagious, is there any better way to promote Jesus' desire for living life in wholeness?



St. Joseph & St. Benildus

13/14 Feb

20/21 Feb

6.30pm. Saturday

Pascal Hartery (MM)

Jack Deegan (MM)

Carmel Clarke (MM)

Agnes Quinn, Larry Quinn Jr.

Dr. Brendan O'Farrell

Mary O'Beirne

10.00am Sunday:

12 noon Sunday

Betty Wadding

Kathleen Byrne

Mary Smith (MM)

William Smith

St. Mary's, Ballygunner

7.00pm Saturday:

11.00a.m Sunday:

Francis O'Keeffe



Pray for those who died recently:

Tommy Cassin, Desmond (Des) Kelly, Ann Collins

Those whose Month's Mind Occurs this week:

Pascal Hartery

And those whose Birthday or Anniversary occur:

Loyola O'Hegarty, Kitty Quinn, Daniel O'Connell, Maeve Twomey, Ernie Breen

This Week in the Parish and the Diocese:

- * **Sunday, 14 Feb - Quo Vadis** - The Catholic Young Adult Lenten Programme begins this Sunday, at 7:00pm and runs through March 28th. More information on www.waterfordlismore.ie
- * **Monday** - Liturgy Committee Meeting at 7:45
- * **Wednesday Morning Coffee Hour** 11:00 am on Zoom
– Join us for a virtual cuppa!
Meeting ID: 750 6591 3461
Passcode: 0qGsFd
- * **Wednesday - Evening Prayer** at 4:45pm.
- * **Wednesday** - Parish Pastoral Council Meeting at 8:00 pm
- * **Thursday - Prayer and Praise** at 9:00 am
Zoom Meeting ID: 899 4117 8783
Passcode: 079339
- * **Thursday - Alpha Online** at 8:00 pm
- * **Fridays in Lent - Stations of the Cross** -
Immediately following morning 10:30am Mass
- * **Friday, 19 Feb - Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse.** Resources available on www.catholicbishops.ie
- * **Friday, 19 Feb - Divine Mercy Conference.** The three-day event will be broadcast, free of charge, through the Divine Mercy website. The theme of this year's conference is *"For Thine is the Kingdom, the Power and The Glory"*.
www.divinemercyconference.com

“Do everything for the glory of God.”

Your vocation is to give glory to God through your very being. Is He choosing you to be a priest or consecrated religious?

Speak to your local priest or email the National Vocations Office on info@vocations.ie

Memorare

Remember, O most gracious
Virgin Mary, that never
was it known that anyone
who fled to thy protection,
implored thy help,
or sought thine intercession
was left unaided.
Inspired by this confidence,
I fly unto thee,
O Virgin of virgins, my mother;
to thee do I come,
before thee I stand,
sinful and sorrowful.
O Mother of the Word Incarnate,
despise not my petitions,
but in thy clemency
hear and answer me.
Amen.

Ash Wednesday Prayer

Lord, on this first day of Lent, we begin a time of preparation for reflection on the meaning of the Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection.

I give myself wholeheartedly to You these Lenten days.
Help me to renew my love for You and to reach out to others who are in need.

I make the sign of the cross on my forehead, as a reminder of the signing with ashes on this day –

**In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.**

I take to heart the words of the Gospel: 'Repent and believe the Gospel' and I acknowledge that

"I am dust, and unto dust I shall return".

I make my own a prayer from today's Mass:
'Come back to the Lord with all your heart; leave the past in ashes, and turn to God with tears and fasting, for He is slow to anger and ready to forgive as I walk in this world with my eyes on eternal life'.

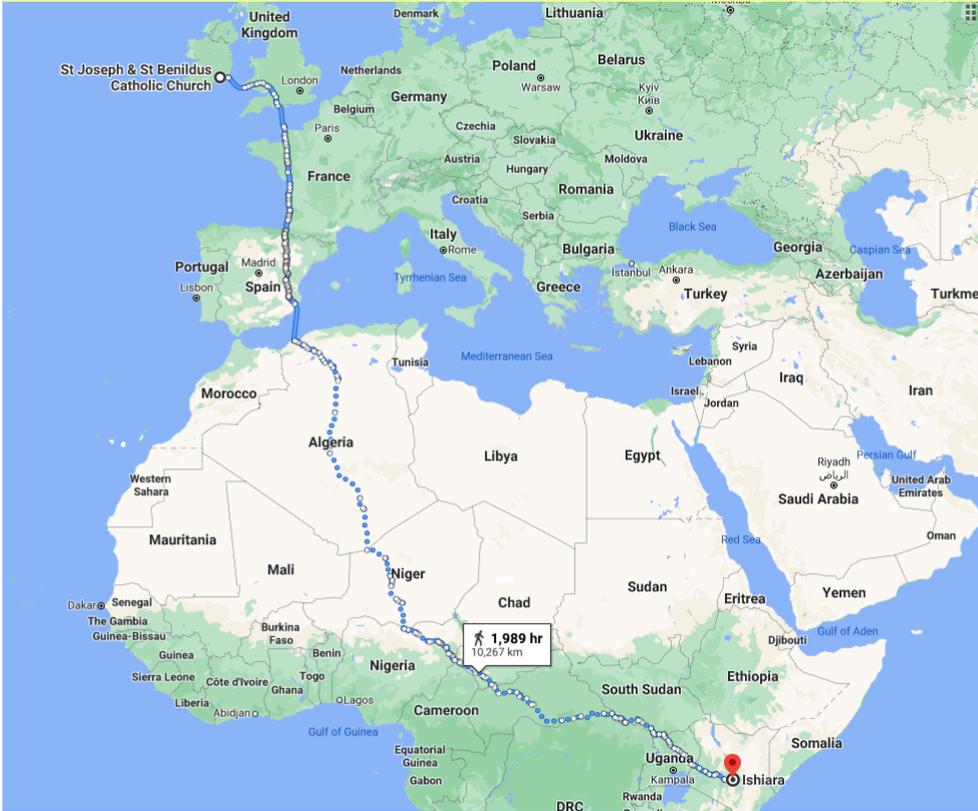
Have mercy on me, O God.

MASS READINGS Mon 15 February — Sun 20 February 6th Week in Ordinary Time/ Lent

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| Mon 15 Feb | Gn 4:1-15, 25. Ps 49:1, 8, 16-17, 20-21, R/v 14. Mk 8:11-13 |
| Tues 16 Feb | Gn 6:5-8, 7:1-5, 10. Ps 28:1-4, 9-10, R/ v11. Mk 8:14-21 |
| Wed 17 Feb | LENT Ash Wednesday |
| | Jl 2:12-18. Ps 50:3-6, 12-14, 17, R/ v3. 2 Cor 5:20 - 6:2. Mt 6:1-6, 16-18 |
| Thurs 18 Feb | Deut 30:15-20. Ps 1:1-4, 6, R/ Ps39:5. Lk 9:22-25 |
| Fri 19 Feb | Is 58:1-9, Ps 50:3-6, 18-19, R/v 19. Mt 9:14-15 |
| Sat 20 Feb | Is 58:9-14. Ps 85:1-6, R/ v11. Lk 5:27-32 |
| Sun 21 Feb | First Sunday of Lent Gen 9:8-15. Ps 24:4-9, R/ v10. 1 Pet 3:18-22. Mk 1:12-15 |

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for February: — **Universal Intention**— **Violence against women- We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.**

Camino from St Joseph & Benildus, Waterford, Ireland to Ishiara, Kenya



Join us on a **virtual camino** from St. Joseph & Benildus to Ishara in Kenya. During Lent, we will run, walk, push, cycle or swim over 10,000 km to Ishiara, Kenya.

Come, let us all share in the journey. The miles will be cumulative.

We are hoping to raise a minimum of 10,000 euros that will go directly towards constructing water harvesting ponds and facilities in Ishiara.

Anyone interested in participating in this fundraiser is asked to give his or her name to Parish Office. Further details in next week's bulletin.



QUO VADIS?

– Where is your life going? –
 – Does it have any meaning? –
Come find out!

CATHOLIC LENTEN PROGRAM FOR THOSE SEEKING PURPOSE

For Young Adults aged 18 - 35
Every Sunday @ 7 - 8pm
 February 14, 21, 28
 March 7, 14, 21, 28

ALLOW GOD TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR LIFE!

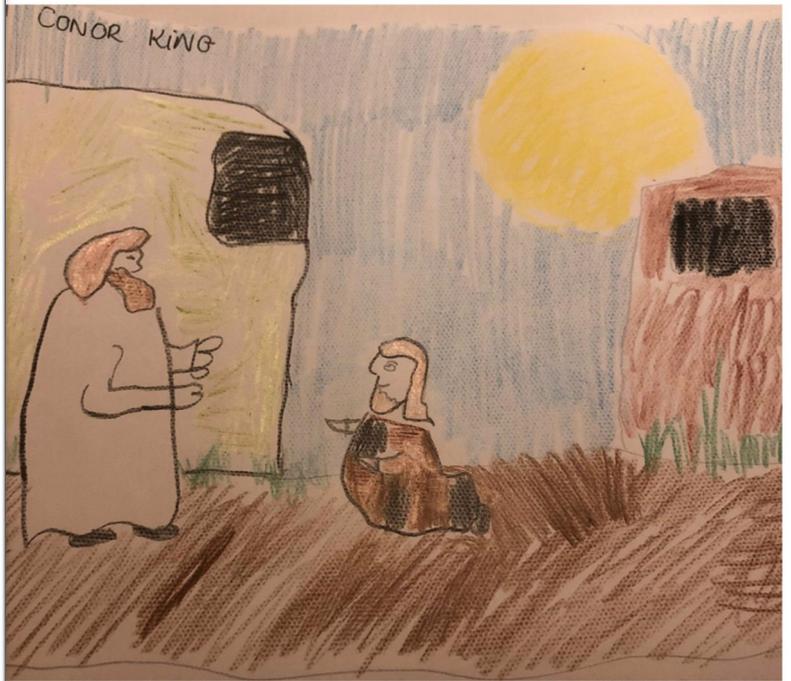
An invitation for young adults in the Diocese of Waterford & Lismore and beyond to get together with other young Catholics for an informal hour-long gathering each week. Guest Speakers, Testimonies, Time for Chat, and Prayer. If you can't make every week, no problem! You are welcome to join whenever you can!

Contact youthministry@waterfordlismore.ie / 085 8623704 for more info / Zoom link

Do This in Memory of Me

Artwork from First Communion class of St. Mary's National School, Ballygunner

Based on the Gospel of Mark, chapter 1, verses 40 through 45



CONOR FLYNN
Jesus helps the lepers



Ethan Walsh.



Jesus can you
heal me



Danie L



