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Gospel Reflection for the Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

13 June 2021

Small Beginnings

Seeds are amazing! We plant them, provide the right environment and then wait. Miraculously, the seeds flower into an array of fabulous plants. We can help the plants to grow, but we cannot make them grow, this power is out of our hands. Ultimately we cannot predict the harvest. The seeds of faith work in the same way. We can teach someone else about God but ultimately that is all we can do. People react to God's word in countless different ways, ways we cannot predict. Jesus' first disciples were to take comfort in the knowledge that although they were entrusted to plant the seeds of faith, they were not responsible for the harvest God would take care of that.

The task of planting the seeds of faith in the twenty first century can seem as daunting as it must have seemed to those early disciples. Can we really make any difference to a world that allows daily atrocities? Today's gospel offers yet more consolation. Jesus speaks of the tiny mustard seed. Despite its insignificant appearance it grows into an impressive shrub substantial enough to provide shade. It's thought provoking that such a humble seed should provide so impressive a result. Jesus teaches us that we mustn't be overwhelmed when faced with a seemingly overwhelming task. We must simply implement Christ's teaching with whatever humble means we have, and leave God to do the rest.



Service Times

St. Joseph & Benildus

Weekday Masses:

7:30 am & 10:30 am

Saturdays 10:30 am only

Holy Days

6:30 vigil & 10:30 am

Evening Prayer of the Church

Wednesdays 4:45

Saturday Vigil Mass: 6:30 pm

Sunday Mass:

10:00 am & 12:00 noon

St. Mary's:

Weekday Masses:

First Fridays 9:30 am

Holy Days

11:00 am

Saturday Vigil Mass: 7:00 pm

Sunday Mass:

11:00 am

Upcoming Masses

12/13 June

19/20 June

St. Joseph & St. Benildus

6:30 pm Vigil Tom & Dearbhla Clarke (A)
John Caulfield (1st A)
Kevin Kavanagh

10:00 am Diarmuid O'Hegarty (A)

12 noon Jim Phelan & son Brendan

St. Mary's, Ballygunner

7.00 pm:

11.00am: Miriam O'Kane (10th A)

Margaret Byrne

Patrick Keyes
Betty & John Mullane

Ingrid Walsh

Brian Cully & Hannah Coffey
Gerry O'Carroll
Luke Kenny
John Cunningham (4th A)

Pray for those who died recently:

Those whose Month's Mind Occurs this week:

And those whose Birthday or Anniversary occurs this week:
David Power, Kevin Kenneally



This Week at a glance in the Parish and in the Diocese:

Week of Sunday June 13th - Saturday June 19th

[For the full texts of Daily Mass Readings, click here](#)

Sun 13th	7:00 - 8:00 pm	
Mon 14th	7:30 am Mass	
	10:30 am Mass	Mass Intention: David Power
Tues 15th	7:30 am Mass	
	10:30 am Mass	
Weds 16th	7:30 am Mass	
	10:30 am Mass	
	11:15 am	Wednesday Morning Coffee Hour
	4:45 pm	Evening Prayer of the Church
	8:00 pm	Pastoral Council Planning Session
Thurs 17th	7:30 am Mass	
	10:30 am Mass	
	9:00 am	Prayer and Praise Prayer & Praise Zoom Link Meeting ID: 899 4117 8783 Passcode: 079339
	8:00 pm	Pastoral Council Planning Session
Fri 18th	7:30 am Mass	
	10:30 am Mass	
Sat 19th	10:30 am Mass	Mass Intention: Kevin Kenneally
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"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel" (Mark 1:15)

"The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed."

Has Christ sown the seed of your vocation within you? Might it be to grow in holiness as a priest or in the consecrated life?

If you think God may be offering you this grace, Speak to your local priest or email : info@vocations.ie

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

12th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Job 38:1, 8-11

Psalms 106:23-26, 28-31 R/ v1

2 Corinthians 5:14-17

Mark 4:35-41

***Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for June: Intention for Evangelisation — The beauty of marriage—
Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community:
may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.***