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Gospel Reflection for the Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time Words of Wisdom

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We readily accept words of wisdom if we hear them from the pulpit, from Radio Four's Moral Maze or from a learned lecturer in theology. We are less likely to accept words of wisdom if we hear them from a TV soap, the man in the corner shop, or from our own children. We need to trust our source of information before we trust the information itself. At the end of the day, in our eyes some people are qualified to dish out words of wisdom and others are not. The danger of this outlook is that we can end up believing absolutely everything from the mouth of someone highly qualified, and nothing from the mouths of those who haven't a qualification to their name. This is sad, because anyone can have an insight to share, and by closing our minds we do not hear the wisdom and an opportunity is lost.

When Jesus returned to his hometown to preach, he was treated with similar disregard. When the Nazarenes heard him speaking they could not take him seriously because they could remember all too well his humble origins. Wasn't he just a carpenter ... Mary's son? They closed their minds against Jesus, and because their minds were closed, Jesus could not work any great deed that day.

Of course, there is more to this story than Jesus being rejected in his hometown. This is a story about how we too can ignore or reject God. This is a story about the stumbling blocks we encounter in our faith. Perhaps our pet stumbling block might be our unwillingness to listen to others in the belief that we know best. Our stumbling block might be a reluctance to ask for help, fearing that this might be a sign of weakness. Our stumbling block might be the inability to recognise the voice of God in our day-to-day surroundings. Could God be talking to us through a partner, through our children, parents or friends? Where will the next prophet come from, the other side of the globe or the other side of the street? The trick is, not to rule anything out. God is more likely to work wonders in an open mind than a closed one.

Service Times

St. Joseph & Benildus

Weekday Masses:

7:30 am & 10:30am

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 (Sep-Jun)

Holy Days

11:00 am

Saturday Vigil Mass: 7:00 pm

Sunday Mass:

11:00 am

Upcoming Masses **3/4 July**

St. Joseph & St. Benildus

6:30 pm Vigil

10:00 am

12 noon

Michael Dowling

Patricia Corcoran (MM)

John & Anne Daniels

Declan Grogan (A)

St. Mary's, Ballygunner

7.00 pm:

David Flynn (MM)

11.00am:

Willie Mortell (A)

10/11 July

Edward Grant (1st A)

Don Kennedy (A)

Peter Foskin (A)

Brendan Murray (A)

Gerald Stack (A)



Pray for those who died recently:

Those whose Month's Mind Occurs this week:

David Flynn, Patricia (Pat) Corcoran, Ann Kearney (Ballygunnertemple)

And those whose Birthday or Anniversary occurs this week:

Mary Kenny, Elizabeth Ware, Rosalind Walsh

Pope Francis' Universal Intention for July: Social Friendship

We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship

This Week at a glance in the Parish and in the Diocese:
Week of Sunday July 4th - Saturday July 10th
[For the full texts of Daily Mass Readings, click here](#)

Sun 4th	12:30 pm Mass	St. Gregorios (St. Mary's Ballygunner)
Mon 5th	7:30 am Mass	
	10:30 am Mass	
Tues 6th	7:30 am Mass	
	10:30 am Mass	Mass Intentions: Elizabeth Ware (A)
Weds 7th	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	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting - Parish Centre & Via Zoom
Thurs 8th	7:30 am Mass	
	10:30 am Mass	
Fri 9th	7:30 am Mass	
	10:30am Mass	
Sat 10th	10:30am Mass	Mass Intentions: Rosalind Walsh (A)
	4:00 pm Mass	Syro-Malalabar Catholic Church (SMCC) (St. Joseph & Benildus)
	Priests are available to hear confessions every Saturday morning after Mass in St. Benildus Church	



This weekend (July 3rd & 4th) St. Vincent de Paul will take up its monthly collections at all Masses in both churches. The Society needs and appreciates any donations received.



Lough Derg Pilgrimage

For a 2nd year, Lough Derg is sadly closed to pilgrims due to Covid.

From July 23rd to July 25th A small group will be completing the pilgrimage in St Joseph & St. Benildus Church.

The pilgrimage involves:

- three days of fasting,
- walking barefoot in the church,
- repeating 'station prayers' and ,
- maintaining a 24 hour vigil.

Please phone Frances Doyle 087 2067813

If you would like to join us or for further details.

"My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness."

If you think you may be called to serve Jesus as a priest or in the consecrated life, trust in His grace working in you.

Speak to your local priest
or email: info@vocations.ie

**Your priest is someone's son...
Your son could be someone's priest.
Pray for vocations!**

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:
15th Sunday of Ordinary Time
 Amos 7:12-15
 Psalm 84:9-14, R/v8
 Ephesians 1:3-14
 Mark 6:7-13



APPEAL FOR STEWARDS

ST. MARY'S BALLYGUNNER

Please see Martha Flood or Betty Flynn
after Mass if you are able to assist with this duty.

THANKYOU!

Many hands make light work