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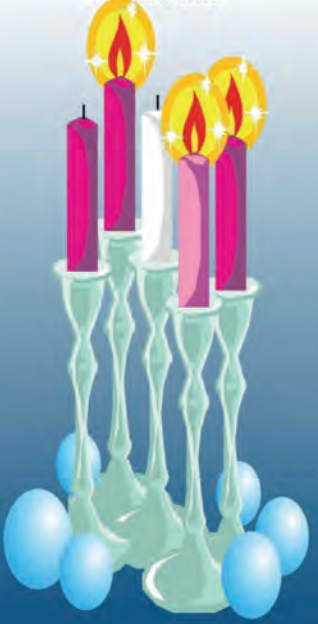
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See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.

Matthew 11.10



IF YOU WISH TO PREPARE NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS :

4th Sunday of Advent
2 Sm 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16.
Ps 88:2-5, 27, 29.
Rm 16:25-27.
Lk 1:26-38.

3rd Sunday of Advent

17th Dec 2017

Gospel Reflection for the Third Sunday of Advent

Recognising Jesus In Our Lives

If we were still using the Latin Mass, one of the first words we would have heard this Sunday would have been 'Gaudete' meaning 'rejoice'. The third Sunday of Advent, otherwise known as 'Gaudete Sunday' is a day upon which we are invited to rejoice. But what if we don't feel as though there is much to rejoice about? Should we pretend? Should we put on a smile and thank God for our blessings with a joy that we don't honestly feel in our hearts?

There's a well know saying that goes "Every cloud has a silver lining." The old adage is telling us to look for good in every circumstance, but in truth it's not always easy to believe in silver linings or know how to find them. Our lives can sometimes feel like a pointless spiral of problems, and finding joy can be elusive.

In the days of John the Baptist, the Jewish people had been praying for a messiah who would come in great power like a regal warrior to restore Israel. They were unable to recognise Jesus as the answer to their problems, because he was just the humble son of a poor carpenter. They didn't recognise him because he wasn't what they were expecting. They were unable to embrace their 'silver lining'.

Today it is easy to recognise Jesus in our lives when things are going well, but in our suffering Jesus' presence can be harder to recognise. God's agenda is hardly ever our own agenda. The solutions we yearn for and pray for are probably not God's solutions. Today's challenge is to rejoice in God's presence in all of life's circumstances both good and bad. We need to recognise God when he comes to us in ways we do not expect.

Mass Times:

ST. JOSEPH & ST. BENILDUS

Sunday

Vigil 6.30pm, Sunday 10.00am & 12 Noon

Monday-Friday

7.30 am & 10.30am

Saturday 10.30am

Holy Days of Obligation

6.30 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

First Friday:

9.30am

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CHRISTMAS IN BENILDUS 2

An Evening of Music, Poetry and
Readings on a Christmas Theme

FEATURING

SOLOISTS

Niamh Murray Soprano
Valerie Leahy Soprano
Vannesa Whelan Soprano
Dominic Mc Gorian Tenor

CHOIRS

Parish Choirs
Edmund Rice Choral Society
SOSPIRO Male Voice Choir

MUSICIANS

Jacob Shaw Cello
David Lau Magnussen
Piano and Organ
Anna Eoghain Violin

GUEST PRESENTER

Gerry Kane

DETAILS

15 EURO

Wednesday 20th
December

St. Joseph and Benildus
Church

Doors Open at 7.30 pm
Concert Begins at 8.00 pm

GRAND FINALE

Massed Group
Hark the Herald, Adeste Fidelies
O Holy Night

RESERVATIONS

Monday to Friday
Parish Office
11am to 1pm

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Carols For Our Times:

Edmund Rice Chapel,
Barrack Street. Friday 22nd Dec,
8pm.

If you are reading this on
Saturday, here is a reminder that
there will be a

Traditional Latin Mass with
Gregorian Chant on
Sunday 17th December at 10am in
Holy Trinity Cathedral,
Barronstrand Street, Waterford
City.

Celebrant Fr. Andrzej
Komorowski FSSP.

CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS 2017

CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH & ST. BENILDUS

Thursday	14th December	Penitential Service	7.30pm
Monday	18th December	Masses	7.30 am & 10.30am
Tuesday	19th December	Masses	7.30am & 10.30am
Wednesday	20th December	Masses	7.30am & 10.30am
Thursday	21st December	Masses	7.30am & 10.30am
Friday	22nd December	Masses	7.30am & 10.30am
Saturday	23rd December	Masses	10.30am & 6.30pm Vigil
Confessions Monday to Saturday after 10.30am Mass			

CHRISTMAS EVE

Sunday	24th December	Children's Mass	10am
		Mass	12 noon
		Confessions	1pm to 2pm

CHRISTMAS DAY – Liturgy of the Nativity of Our Lord

Sunday	24th December	Carol Service	8.30pm
		Christmas Vigil Mass	9.00pm

Monday	25th December	Children's Christmas Mass	10am
		Parish Mass	12 noon
<u>No evening Mass Christmas Day</u>			

St. Stephen's Day Tuesday 26th December Mass 10.30am

Feast of the Epiphany : Saturday 6th January : Masses 6.30pm Fri (Vigil); 11.00am Sat

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, BALLYGUNNER

CHRISTMAS EVE	SUNDAY 24TH	Mass	11.00am
		Carol Service	8.30pm
		Vigil Mass	9.00pm

Monday	25th December	Mass	11am
Saturday	6th January	Masses	7pm Vigil (Friday)
		11am	

We wish all our parishioners a Happy and Blessed Christmas

Nollaig faoi mhaise do gach éinne



IN LOVING MEMORY
PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO DIED
RECENTLY

PATTY FANNING

LELIA COLLINS (NÉE MORONEY)

Whose birthdays or anniversaries occur

*Edward Nevins, Mary Cummins,
 John Bradley, Frank Hutchinson,
 Breda Brady, Anne Brady Jones, Philip Brady,
 Jackie Goode, Amy Cooke, Bridget Kennedy,
 Brian Fitzgerald, Anthony Coakley,
 Brendan Lea, Claire & Jack O'Brien.*

We have been asked to include the following notice in the Newsletter: **“ALONE OR IN NEED THIS CHRISTMAS?”**
 Please come and join us for Christmas Dinner at 12.15pm on Christmas Day at St Joseph’s School, Parnell Street.
 All are welcome. If you need a lift, please call 087 6889047.

The **7.30am Mass** on **Wednesday 20th January 2018** will be for a **special intention** on behalf of **Carmel and Emma Lahert and family.**

The **10.30am Mass** that day will be for a **special intention** on behalf of **Nancy Morrison and family.**

The Irish Catholic Bishops’ Conference has provided its online Advent 2017 Calendar which can be enjoyed by people of all ages. It is online at catholicbishops.ie

Voluntary Christmas Rotas for Ministers of the Word and Ministers of the Eucharist are available in the Sacristy in St.Mary’s



Catholicism: the Pivotal Players :

DVD Presentation by Bishop Robert Barron.

All are invited to the Parish Centre on Monday 18th Dec, where we will explore the life of St.Catherine of Siena, who shaped the Church and changed the world.

7.30—9.00pm.

Parish Centre.

Monday 18th Dec: St. Catherine of Siena



Ishiara Kenya- Parish Partnership

We are in the process of installing a permanent dedicated space in the church of St.Joseph & St.Benildus, to highlight our parish partnership with Ishiara Parish, Kenya. We invite you to view the display, which will be located inside the front door of the church.



MASSES

St. Joseph & St. Benildus

6.30pm Saturday

16TH/17TH DEC 2017

Joan & Tom Foskin

Joel & Ita Sloan

23RD/24TH DEC 2017

10.00am Sunday

Margaret (Peg) Power

12 Noon Sunday

Mary Kennedy

Noeleen Lonergan

St. Mary’s, Ballygunner

7.00pm Saturday

Gary Murphy

William, Mary, Nancy
& Rose Sharpe

11.00am Sunday

Charles Murray

Martin Sullivan





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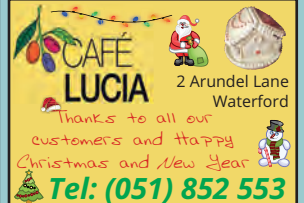
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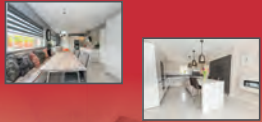
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