

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

PARISH CONTACTS

Fr. Liam Power PP

051-873073

Fr. John Treacy CC

051-843207

Fr. R. Liddane AP

051-874284

Parish Office & Sacristy

051-878977

Newsletter Team

jbmnews@gmail.com

MASS TIMES

ST. JOSEPH & ST. BENILDUS

Sunday: Vigil 6.30pm,

Sunday: 10.00am & 12 Noon

Monday—Friday

7.30am & 10.30am

(except Holy Days of Obligation)

Holy Day 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

IF YOU WISH TO
PREPARE NEXT SUNDAY'S
READINGS :

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kg 19:4-8.

Ps 33:2-9.

Eph 4:30-5:2.

Jn 6:41-51

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5th August 2018

Gospel Reading for the Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Enough Is Never Enough



It's tempting for us to think of God as some kind of sugar daddy who might grant us all our materialistic wishes if we just ask nicely enough. Too often we are in danger of praying for a long list of things that we are convinced will make us happy. That money doesn't bring happiness is just a tired old cliché, we remain firmly convinced that a bigger house, a better car and a foreign holiday will make us content. Yet even if God could be persuaded to answer this sort of prayer we would probably still ask for more. It seems a sad truth that we are always striving for something beyond our reach. Enough it seems is never enough. We only have to look at the lives of the rich and famous, in some cases very tragic lives, to know that material pursuits don't bring happiness.

However hard we strive, if material pursuits are our only goal, there will always be a void in our lives. Jesus tells us that only God can fill this void. "Do not work for food that perishes," he tells the Galileans, "but for the food that endures for eternal life."

In today's gospel reading we hear how the crowd followed Jesus because they were impressed that he had fed five thousand with only five loaves and two fishes. They followed him because they wanted more. But Jesus knew that they had missed the point. "You are looking for me not because you saw signs," he says, "but because you ate the loaves and were filled." The true bread, he tells them, is the bread of God, which comes down from heaven and gives life to the word. Then Jesus takes the crowd one step further, he tells them that to share in the bread of eternal life they must believe in the one that God sent.

This must have been hard for the Galileans to take in, but in retrospect easier for us. We look around at those who live by Jesus' teaching, and observe that these people seem content with their lives. ... happy even. In what ways are the rest of us working for the food that endures for eternal life?

MASSES:

St. Joseph & St. Benildus

6.30pm Saturday:

5TH AUG 2018

Jimmy O'Leary

10.00am Sunday:

Mary & Eddie Roles

12 Noon Sunday:

Mary Murphy

12TH AUG 2018

Seán Maher

Gemma Phelan

Claire Carroll



St. Mary's, Ballygunner

7.00pm Saturday:

Bridie & Pierce Caulfield

Fr. Martin Crowe

Frank Kearney

11.00am Sunday:

Carmel Browne

(M.M) Una White

Kathleen Keane

Kathleen Leahy

World Meeting of Families:

(WMOF) : Phoenix Park Mass

A special bus has been booked for those who have acquired their own tickets for the final Mass in the Phoenix Park. This means that we have some seats available for the original bus that was booked. If interested in travelling, please contact the Parish Office.

Parish Office.



Please pray for those who died recently

Billy Murphy

John Walsh

whose anniversaries or birthdays occur:

Andrew Murtagh

James P. Mulhern, Terry Lynch,

Kathleen Keane, John Gill, Jim Quinn



*Last Sunday's
Collection*

€2,307

*Thank you for your
generous offering*



WMOF : Festival of Families, Sat 25th August : Croke Park

Each parish has been allocated ten tickets for the Festival of Families in Croke Park. A draw will take place to allocate the tickets. Please contact the Parish Office if interested.

PARISH WALK / FUN RUN

Pictured below are some of the organisers and participants of the Parish Walk/Fun Run, which was held last Friday, 27th July 2018.

We would like to congratulate everyone who took part, those who helped organize the event, and of course our very generous sponsors.

In spite of the adverse weather, the occasion was enjoyed by all.

Further photos and a list of winners can be seen on the parish website.



PARENTS BAPTISMAL MEETING

NEXT MEETING ON WEDS AUG 15TH - MEETING OF PARENTS BEFORE BAPTISM OF CHILDREN. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH OTHER PARENTS AND TO DEEPEN OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE WONDERFUL SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM. MEETING FACILITATED BY FR. LIAM, OR FR. JOHN AND MEMBERS OF BAPTISM TEAM. ST BENILDUS PARISH CENTRE UPSTAIRS 8PM – 9PM. INCLUSIVE OF TEA/ BISCUITS!

SVP Collection

The monthly collection for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be taken up after all Masses this weekend.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

DOWN SYNDROME IRELAND :

COFFEE MORNING

Many thanks to all who helped organize the Coffee Morning in aid of the Tour of Munster for Down Syndrome Ireland. The coffee morning raised €833. The Tour takes place next week, and we wish Fr. John a safe and enjoyable trip.



REMINDER: CHANGE IN MASS TIMES

There will be no 7.30am Mass from Mon Aug 6th to Monday 3rd September, inclusive. It has been discontinued for the summer holidays.