

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

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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
6.30pm 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 :

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 50:5-9.
Ps 114:1-6, 8-9.
Jas 2:14-18.
Mk 8:27-35.

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9th Sept 2018

Gospel Reflection for the Twenty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time



Opening New Possibilities

It seems the older we get, the more we learn to keep our mouths shut! Over the years we have learned that speaking from the heart can get us into trouble. Perhaps saying what is on our minds might not earn us the reputation we would like. It might not fit in with our sophisticated image to admit that we are afraid, or neurotic, or in need of help. We tend to avoid issues that we've learned to keep private... money, relationships, and religion are possibly the top three subjects we have learned to keep to ourselves.

Today's gospel reading gives us at first impression a straightforward account of the healing of a deaf man. After a few more readings however, we realise that the point of the miracle is a sign that Jesus was the Messiah. It was a sign that the Jews of that time would have expected of a Messiah. It had long been prophesied that the ears of the deaf would be unsealed, and that the tongues of the dumb would sing for joy. More than this, by choosing a Gentile as the subject of his miracle, Jesus is telling us that there is no discrimination when it comes to God's salvation.

When it comes to matters of faith, many of us have a bit of a speech impediment. Sadly, in this day and age, people who talk openly about their religious beliefs can be viewed as odd, and so we keep our mouths shut. Today's gospel points out the wrong in keeping our beliefs private. Time and time again, Jesus shows us that God's love is available to everyone without prejudice. Time and time again Jesus shows us that love and acceptance can open up whole new possibilities in broken lives. Our faith cannot be limited to one hour on a Sunday morning. We are invited to 'open up' and share the possibilities God offers with everyone we meet.

St. Joseph & St. Benildus

	Sept 8th/9th 2018	Sept 15th/16th 2018
6.30pm Saturday:	Billy McLoughlin Cathy Bell Howlett Michael Christopher Howlett	Michael Smyth
10.00am Sunday:	Tim Daly	
12 Noon Sunday:	M.M Maureen Quinn John Sheridan	Brian McGovern

St. Mary's, Ballygunner

7.00pm Saturday:	Jim Tobin Margaret Moloughney Rosie & Paddy Morrissey	Garry O'Keeffe
11.00am Sunday:	M.M Agnes Devins Jimmy O'Neill Anna Doyle	M.M Tess Mulcahy Anthony Bolger Brian & John Sheridan





Please pray for those

who died recently

Federico Perugganan

Those who died about a month ago

Maureen Quinn

Agnes Devins

For those whose anniversaries and birthdays

occur

Kevin O'Brien



Meeting of Parents of Children before Baptism.

The next meeting of the group will meet on Weds 12th September at 8pm in the Parish Centre. 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 the Baptism Team.



Last Sunday's Collection

€2,002

Thank you

The Irish Cancer Society's national conference is being held in the Clayton Hotel, Silver Springs, Cork on Saturday, September 22nd from 10am – 4pm. The aim of the conference is to provide information and support to cancer survivors, those who care for them, health care professional and staff / volunteers from cancer support services. Topics include exercise, diet, mindfulness, employment and more. For more information call Breda on 01 2310 533, email bcuddihy@irishcancer.ie or go to www.cancer.ie to register. The conference is free of charge but registration is essential.

POOR CLARES, GALWAY: CLOISTER DAY : Saturday 22nd Sept . 10am-5pm.

To book a place, contact:

poorclaresgalwayvacations@gmail.com

The Poor Clares in Galway are hosting a Cloister Day on Saturday, Sept 22nd from 10am to 5pm.

The day is designed to help young women between the ages of 21 and 40 to find out more about the Poor Clare way of life with a view to vocation discernment.

Parkinson's Talks : Every Tuesday from 2pm to 4pm . Until 18th September. Carrickpherish Library, Gracedieu, Waterford, 085 8525766

PRAYER & PRAISE: Resuming Thursday 13th Sept at 11.00am. The group meets every Thursday morning in the Parish Centre. All are welcome.

Remember the Charity Shops

As Summer draws to a close and you pack away your Summer wardrobe, remember that the children's clothes which probably not fit them this time next year. An ideal time to make up a bag for your local charity shop.

Invitation to Young Adults (18-35 years)
Whom do you seek?
Come and see



Glenstal Abbey
Saturday
15 September
2.30 pm - 5.30 pm

Taking Time
Pádraig McIntyre OSB

Love, Friendship & Life
Luke Macnamara OSB

Quiet time in the Garden / Icon Chapel / Music Room

Prayer & Meditation
Pádraig McIntyre OSB

Further details:
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WHY DINE ALONE? FRIENDSHIP LUNCHESES RESUME !!

The monthly Friendship Lunches will resume on Monday at 1.00pm in Oskar's on the Dunmore Road. For details 087 2554760

Bitesize

Read, every day, something no one else is reading. Think, every day, something no one else is thinking. Do, every day, something no one else would be silly enough to do. It is bad for the mind to continually be part of unanimity. *Christopher Morley*

Parishioners are invited to contact the Newsletter Team : jbmnews@gmail.com with items of interest—of a non-commercial nature—for inclusion in the bulletin. Please note that the deadline is 11.00am on the Tuesday before printing.

Ishiara Kenya Parish Partnership - Progress To Date

Our parish partnership with the parish of The Good Shepherd, Ishiara, Kenya, is well underway with events occurring as envisaged across the various spiritual, social and developmental strands of the partnership. First and foremost each parish continues to pray for the other as we continue our journey with and ultimately to God, and we share our spiritual goodwill for each other at special times of the year sharing our ideas and our experiences of contributing towards parish life in the service of The Lord. Social initiatives are also well underway with the children of Gaelscoil Phort Láirge having written to children in Ishiara and having received return correspondence. It is also hoped to establish a Skype connection between the two classes. First year students from De La Salle College have also written to their counterparts in Ishiara and the new first year students will do likewise. A Facebook page has also been established for general communication between the two parishes.

Much of the work of our Parish Partnership Committee (PPC) has centred on progressing developmental projects in Ishiara. The most pressing issue is assisting with access to water as well as enhancing its efficient use. We have identified creating sand dams as being the best achievable initiative for the area and, in conjunction with Trócaire and the Rotary movement, we have been establishing the technical details and associated costs as well as initiating fundraising. Well done to the boys of De La Salle College who raised €3,000 for the project. Rotary will match what is raised to double the effect and initiatives from the wider parish community are warmly received. We have also been progressing our computers for reuse in Ishiara schools initiative with enough computers for a new computer room already sourced and we are liaising with the charity Camara who have a base in Nairobi. The costs of the proposed room and the computers' transportation have been established and an anonymous donor from our parish has contributed €1,000 to start the fundraising as we continue to talk with Sr. Judith from Ishiara in order to ensure that the facility is optimised for the benefit of the children and to enhance communication between our two parishes. **if you would like to help with any of these initiatives, either through fundraising or with other ideas, our Parish Partnership Committee will warmly welcome your involvement. The next meeting of the PPC will take place on Thursday September 13th at the Parish Centre at 8.00 pm.**