

# 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 :

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Is 53:10-11.

Ps 32:4-5, 18-20, 22.

Heb 4:14-16.

Mk 10:35-45.

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

14th Oct 2018

Gospel Reflection for the Twenty Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

The Midas Touch



Remember the story of King Midas? He was invited to make a wish, and he wished that everything he touched be turned to gold. At first the king had a whale of a time turning pots, vases, and simple household utensils into valuable objects. It didn't take him long however to work out that his love of gold was about to destroy everything most precious to him, as he turned food, butterflies and finally his beloved daughter into solid lumps of metal.

In many ways we are just as foolish as Midas. How many people do you know who won't go anywhere unless it's safe to park their brand new car? How many of us watch the aid agency adverts and sympathise, yet decide we can't part with any cash right now? How many of us cannot get up and get involved in worthy causes because our work commitments come first? We are just the same as Midas. Our material concerns stand in the way of what is really important.

The man in today's gospel story was not a bad man; he had kept all God's commandments. This makes the story all the sadder, that he couldn't follow Jesus because of the one thing that stood in his way, his wealth. The man turned away, because he had much wealth and couldn't let go. *Today's gospel invites the question, 'Do we own our possessions, or do our possessions own us?'*

### **St. Joseph & St. Benildus**

6.30pm Saturday:

**13th/14th Oct 2018**

Stephen, Agnes Rogers & sons

Jackie & Stephen

**20th/21st Oct 2018**

10.00am Sunday:

Pádraig Dowling



Mary Butler

12 Noon Sunday:

Brenda Dwyer

Anne Cooke

Derek O'Farrell

John Flynn

### **St. Mary's, Ballygunner**

7.00pm Saturday:

Liam Walsh

M.M Peggy Hunt

Pat Currid

11.00am Sunday:

Hugh Sweeney

Willie Mortell

Elizabeth (Betty) Whelan

Pat Flynn

Joe & Helena Cahill



Please pray for those who died recently  
 Noel Schorman  
 Pat Mc Carthy  
 For those whose anniversaries and birthdays occur  
 Máire Gilchrist

**Recent Baptisms**

We welcome **Ella May Drohan** who was baptised recently. Please keep her, her godparents, parents and family in your prayers.



**SOLAS CENTRE**  
**Run & Walk for Life:**  
**Celebrating 10 years of Support.**  
**10K Run, Jog or Walk.**  
**Sunday 14th October, 2.30pm.**  
**Supporting people affected by cancer in the South East. Please give generously.**



Parishioners are invited to contact the Newsletter Team : [jbnews@gmail.com](mailto:jbnews@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.

**Music in the Liturgy**

A liturgical workshop will be held with facilitator Dom Richard Purcell, Abbott Mt.Melleray Abbey, on Saturday 20th October 10.30am to 3.30pm, in Mt.Melleray. Music will be taken from the vast array of compositions that have been composed by our Irish composers. Cost is €15 including lunch. Discounts available to a group of 8 or more from a parish. Booking essential on 051 874199 or email: [pastoralcentre@waterforelismore.ie](mailto:pastoralcentre@waterforelismore.ie)



**Home Visitation Team**

If you are feeling lonely and would like a member of the Parish Visitation Team to call for a chat, or if you know of anyone who might like a visit, please contact the parish office 051 878977.

**Café Theology :**  
**Speaker: Dr.Kirsten Fuller on "Freedom of Conscience in a Secular Ireland".**  
**Granville Hotel, ( Parnell Room, Upstairs ),**  
**Tues October 23rd at 7.30pm.**  
 Feel free to bring a friend. Have a tea or coffee. Lots of time for questions and answers.  
*This is the third year of Café Theology in the city.*

**Social Justice Ireland: Budget 2019: an Analysis**  
 Budget 2019 fails to make any notable impact on Ireland's entrenched inequalities and fails to tackle any of the major challenges the country currently faces. This Budget pays lip service to social investment. Currently Ireland has 780,000 people in poverty, a quarter of a million of whom are children and over 100,000 of whom have jobs. Ireland also has 700,000 people on healthcare waiting lists, 110,000 households waiting for social housing and hundreds of thousands of people without adequate broadband in rural Ireland. Budget 2019 fails to provide resources on the scale required to address any of these challenges effectively. Social Justice Ireland is glad that Ireland's economy is growing, that unemployment is low and that emigrants are returning. But when most economic indicators are on a positive upward trend, Ireland should be looking at how it can relieve the burden on its most vulnerable and improve the quality of life for all. Times of prosperity are the times to build a more equal, and therefore stronger, society. A buoyant economy alone will not deliver a more equal, fairer Ireland. We need to take heed of the shocking social exclusion being experienced by so many Irish people and invest in solutions. Investment requires funding and this will only be delivered by increasing our total tax take. This additional revenue and increased investment can be delivered without risk to the economy, without adding to the national debt and without sacrificing the goal of a budgetary surplus. While politically unpopular, with real political leadership this can be achieved by progressive taxation: which has already been done in some of the most successful and stable economies in the world. Inequality is a disease of society that has many distressing consequences.

**The Addams Family:**  
**A Musical Comedy**  
**De La Salle College,**  
**October 17th—**



**20th.**  
**Tickets available**  
**from college office 051 875294**  
**The DLS School Musical The Addams Family**  
**is on in DLS Hall next week.**  
**It's a brilliant and very funny family show.**  
**Perfect for Halloween.**  
**Tickets can be purchased from De La Salle and Golden Discs. The DLS Musicals were started by Fr Sean Melody in 1978 and this year is their 40th production. They promise great entertainment and would greatly appreciate your support.**

Parishioners are reminded that Live Streaming of Masses in both St.Benildus & St.Mary's is available online, and can be accessed on :  
 www.churchservices.tv/stjosephswaterford  
 or www.churchservices.tv/stmarysballygunner