

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 :**

3rd Sunday of Advent
Zeph 3:14-18.

Ps 12: 2-6.

Phil 4:4-7.

Lk 3:10-18.

2nd Sunday of Advent

9th Dec 2018

Gospel Reflection for the Second Sunday of Advent : Choose a Better Way.



We are good at digging ourselves into holes. We dig ourselves deep into places from which we cannot climb back out. Suddenly there is no way back from an argument we've had with a relative or a friend. Perhaps we've said things that can't be retracted or we've heard something we can't forgive. Suddenly there is no way back to a simpler way of life because we've somehow managed to over-complicate or over-commit. Suddenly there is no way we can get back to feeling good about ourselves because we have made mistakes that seem impossible to rectify. Today John the Baptist points us in a better direction. He tells us "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made straight."

Preparing a way for God in our lives is no different from any other preparation. Before we go Christmas shopping we make a list of people we are going to buy for. Before we cook the Christmas dinner we make a list of what we are going to need right down from the turkey to the tin foil. So too when we plan to make better paths for God to work in our lives, we need to make a list of holes we need to dig ourselves out of, and how exactly we are going to fill them back in. The holes that were once filled with doubt and worry need to be filled with positive thoughts and fresh determination. The holes that kept us trapped in feelings of guilt and regret need to be filled with belief in God's forgiveness. Where once we struggled with overly burdened lives we now need to stop and refocus on what's important.

Rebuilding our lives might not be something we can do overnight, but we can all begin with the will to be different; the will to climb out of the holes we have dug and choose a better path.

St. Joseph & St. Benildus

8th/9th Dec 2018

15th/16th Dec 2018

6.30pm Saturday:

Marie White

Stephen Rodgers

10.00am Sunday:

Jack Hatton

Peg Power

Anita Curry

12 Noon Sunday:

Ben Wadding
Elizabeth Kirimidis
M.M. Edith Phelan

Frank Rushen

St. Mary's, Ballygunner

7.00pm Saturday:



Eddie Doyle
Anne Shortt
Alice, Mick, & Jack Parle

M.M. John Sharpe
Harry, Maureen, Maria Sharpe
Edward Kelly

11.00am Sunday:

Michael Troy
Kathleen Power
M.M Joan English
Helen Lewsley

Jerry & Evelyn O'Regan



Please pray for those who died recently

Anthea O'Donoghue
Jo White

whose Month's Mind occurs

Joan English
Edith Phelan

For those whose anniversaries and birthdays occur

Mary O'Mara, Christopher Morley,
Noel Noonan, Pat Gahan,
Denis & Sarah Murphy, Edward Nevins,
Bridget & James Griffin, Michael Coffey,
May, Bob, Maeve & Robert Quinn,
Amy Cooke, Kathleen Quinlan,
Michael & Bridget Higgins, Jackie Goode.

Recent Baptisms

We welcome *Tom Gerard Keane* who was baptised recently. Please keep him,, his parents, godparents, and family in your prayers.



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.

Scripture Reflection: Lectio Divina

Please join us this Advent—on Friday mornings—in the Parish Centre after 10.30am Mass. All welcome.

Live Streaming of Masses in both St. Benildus & St. Mary's :

www.churchservices.tv/stjosephswaterford
www.churchservices.tv/stmarysballygunner

Christmas Concert Tickets

Tickets are selling fast !!! Please make sure to buy yours as soon as possible, as we cannot guarantee availability at the door on the night. There is a Door Prize for one lucky winner !!!

A Traditional Latin Mass with Gregorian Chant

will take place will take place at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Barronstrand Street Waterford City on Sunday the 16th December at 10AM (3rd Sunday of the month). Celebrant Fr. Adrian Debow FSSP.

'Do not let the downtrodden retreat in confusion, give the poor and needy cause to praise your name.'

Psalms 74:21.

Millions of people have had to flee conflict in South Sudan and Yemen. In one area alone in northern Uganda 33,000 mainly women and children from South Sudan have taken refuge. They have witnessed and experienced the worst kind of violence and have arrived traumatised and broken. Trocaire's Christmas Appeal will help these people and many others rebuild their lives. Visit www.trocaire.org to find out more.

Ishlara Parish Partnership Committee

The next meeting of the IPPC is on Monday 10th Dec at 8.00pm in the Parish Centre.

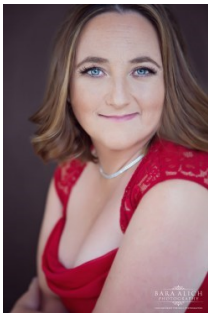
Christmas in Benildus 3

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

Valerie Leahy

Vanessa Whelan

Dominic McGorian



Billy O'Brien

The Trinitones

Jane Hackett



Friendship Lunch: Monday 10th Dec, in the Cove Bar, at 1.00pm. All welcome.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
The weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will not take place on Weds 19th & 26th Dec, and on 3rd January

Reconciliation Service
There will only be one Reconciliation Service in the city of Waterford this Christmas. It will take place in the **Sacred Heart Church, The Folly, on Thursday 20th December at 7.30pm.** This is a combined Service for all the parishes in the city. It will touch all our hearts and help us to prepare for Christmas.

St. Mary's : Voluntary Christmas / New Year Rotas are in the sacristy.

50th Anniversary Celebrations

Many thanks to everybody who helped to prepare the 50th Anniversary celebrations, to commemorate the opening of St. Joseph & Benildus Church in 1968. The event, held last Friday, 30th November in the church and Parish Centre, was attended by a large crowd. As the Mass was recorded, it can be viewed online (www.churchservices.tv/stjosephswaterford).



The Christmas Collection envelopes for the support of the Bishop & Priests of the Parish are ready for collection this weekend. Thanking you for your continued support.

Special Guests: The Parish Choir, Gerry Kane.
Date: Dec 19th, 7.30-9.30pm. St. Joseph & Benildus Church.
Time: Doors open 7.00pm.
Tickets €15. (a percentage of all proceeds goes to the Church).
Tickets available from the Parish Office, Mon—Fri, 11am—1.00pm.
Email: pmmtickets@mail.com
Or call Phyllis on 087 9293553

Project Music