

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

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IF YOU WISH TO
PREPARE NEXT SUNDAY'S
READINGS :

33rd Sunday in Ordinary
Time

Prov 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-
31.

Ps 127:1-5.

1 Th 5:1-6.

Mt 25:14-30

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

12th November 2017

Gospel Reflection for the Thirty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow

We 'know not the hour nor the day', and when death finally catches us out we can all too often be filled with regrets and 'if-onlys'. "If only," we say after the death of a loved one if only we'd spared our ageing parents more time. If only we'd made up that old family rift. If only we'd told our children that we loved them. And what of the deceased themselves? Every day people die unexpectedly. Every day people die in road accidents, as the result of violent crime, sudden illness or as the result of natural disaster. Thousands of people wake up every morning not suspecting that this day might be their last. Death is the final curtain by which time we must be prepared to meet our maker. It's a message we've heard over and over so why don't we heed it?

Life is full of deadlines. We have deadlines by which we must finish essays, complete projects, submit job applications, apply for loans or make payments. Life is always demanding we make preparations Preparations for work, for exams, for holidays, for visitors, for weddings, birthdays and a hundred and one other occasions. But for the greatest test of all, that of meeting our maker we are curiously unprepared. Deep down we all know that we could be better Christians. Deep down we know there are things that we should be getting round to, but somehow we never do. Those great deeds we are planning can always wait until tomorrow, after all, unexpected death is only something that happens to other people isn't it?

The five foolish virgins in today's gospel were caught wanting. When the bridegroom they were awaiting arrived unexcitedly in the middle of the night, they were caught unprepared their lamps empty. In a panic they tried to borrow oil from the five wise virgins, but the five wise virgins were unable to help. The message here is that we cannot borrow our way into heaven; we can only enter the kingdom by our own merits. Not to be caught out in the same way, today's gospel promotes urgency. We must not put off until tomorrow what we can do today. If we are making the most of opportunities to do good as and when they arise if we are making the right choices and living our lives conscientiously on a daily basis if we are living every day as though it were our last, then we have no need to fear the unexpected.

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

The Annual Mass for all those interred in St. Mary's Cemetery will take place on Thursday 16th November 2017 at 11.00am.

Prayer Meeting:

Wednesdays, at 8.15pm, in St. Joseph & St. Benildus Parish Centre. Prayer & Praise & Readings. All welcome.

Fr. Liam, celebrating Mass during the recent Pilgrimage to the Holy Land



The Cuckoo's Late This Year:

An evening with Michael Winkle.

Directed by Tom Kennedy.

November 22nd 2017, 8.00pm, Garter Lane.

An evening of nostalgia, with excerpts from plays, poetry, comedy, song and chat.

Prayer & Praise

Prayer group meets every Thursday after 10.30am Mass in the Parish Centre at the Church of St. Joseph & St. Benildus. All welcome.



Last Sunday's Collection

€2,591

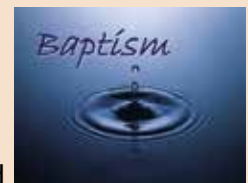
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Knock Shrine

Tuesday 21 November – Information Evening with Martin Kennedy: Parish Conversations on 'Amoris – The Joy of Love' to equip parish volunteers with resources to run the 'Amoris' programme in their own parishes

Baptisms

We welcome Katarina Olvecka and Stacy Maaliw who were baptised recently. Please keep them, their parents and godparents in your prayers.



Many thanks to all who helped to organise the annual Mass for the Bereaved in the Church of St. Joseph & St. Benildus on Saturday last.

University Hospital Waterford Theatre Group present:

A Christmas Carol on Craggy Island

Written and directed by Bridie Hodge

Musical Director : Ann Cody

Theatre Royal, Waterford: Friday 24th & Saturday 25th November at 8.00pm.

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IN LOVING MEMORY

*Please pray for those who died about a
month ago*

Ellen O'Sullivan

Whose birthdays or anniversaries occur

*Delia Lyons, David Lyons, Daniel Mulcahy,
May Barriscale, Andrew & Margaret McCarthy,
Phillip Brady, Bernie & Dick Doyle,
Teddy, May & Michael Cullinan,
Dick Mahony*

Transformed Parish Conference: Bringing your parish from maintenance to mission.

Keynote speaker: Fr. James Mallon
Weds 29th November, Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth,
Co. Kildare.
Thursday, 30th November, Vienna Woods Hotel,
Co. Cork.

Tickets €40. Group Bookings (4 or more) €35.

Booking: www.transformedparish.ie

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*Conference will be of interest to anybody working in
ministries within parishes.*

Coastal Rosary Ireland

Catholics in Ireland are planning to hold a mass-rosary recital around the country's coastline as next year's abortion referendum approaches.

The "Rosary on the Coast for Life & Faith" will take place on Sunday 26th Nov, the Feast of Christ the King. Organisers take inspiration from the recent Rosary at the Borders in Poland, and a similar event in Italy.

"Our island is in the midst of a catastrophic loss of Catholic faith especially among the Young", the organisers say on Facebook.

"Ireland, North & South is facing an immediate threat to the protection of our unborn babies".

They add that "Ireland was the first country in the world to be consecrated to Christ the King...and only 3 countries share this blessing". They hope to have prayers in at least 53 locations, the number of Hail Marys in a 5-decade rosary. Details of prayer locations can be found on www.coastalrosaryireland.ie

Be safe: be seen

Because of the onset of Autumn and the darker evenings, please Stay Safe, Be Seen...wear Hi Vis jackets outside of daylight hours !! And for all motorists and cyclists, please check that the lights on your vehicle are in working order.

MASSES

St. Joseph & St. Benildus

6.30pm Saturday

11TH/12TH NOV 2017

Danny O'Kane

18TH/19TH NOV 2017

Michael O'Donnell (M.M)

Bernie & Dick Doyle

10.00am Sunday

Phyllis Houlihan

Peter Russell

12 Noon Sunday

Martin Lawrence

Georgina Butler

John Mulcair

St. Mary's, Ballygunner

7.00pm Saturday

Liam O'Donnell

Liam Walsh (M.M)

11.00am Sunday

Ellen O'Sullivan (M.M)
John Foskin

Joe Cahill (M.M)
Marilyn Brennan





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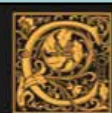
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