



Parish of St. Joseph & St. Benildus and St. Mary's
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MASSES THIS WEEK

St. Joseph & St. Benildus

Mon 7.30am & 10.30 am
Tues 7.30am & 10.30 am
Wed 7.30am & 10.30 am
Thurs 7.30am & 10.30am
Fri 7.30am & 10.30am
Sat 10.30 am & 6.30pm
Sunday 10.00 am & 12pm

St. Mary's Ballygunner

Saturday: 7.00pm
Sunday: 11am

Gospel Reflection for the Tenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

We're All Eligible



A large crowd approaches the gate of Nain. A grieving widow is burying her only son. Then Jesus comes forward and touches the bier. "Young man," he says, "I say to you rise." Miraculously the dead man sits up and begins to speak.

It's a wonderful scene, but what is the story about? The grieving widow doesn't fall on her knees and beg Jesus to raise her son to life, so the story maybe isn't about faith. There is no hint that the mother and son lived their lives differently after the miracle. Actually they probably did live their lives differently, but the story doesn't offer any evidence so the story isn't about praise or living life gratefully. Maybe the point of this miracle is that sometimes God's grace pours into our lives totally unearned.

The really exciting point of this story comes when the villagers, quickly coming to terms with the initial shock of seeing a dead body sitting up, glorify God saying, "God has looked favourably on his people!" Notice that the villagers do not say, "God has looked favourably on the bereaved mother or the dead son," but "God has looked favourably on his people!" That means all of us! The story gives hope to all of those who suffer in circumstances from which they can see no way out. Jesus shows the bereaved mother from Nain unbidden, unearned compassion We're all eligible!

If you wish to prepare next Sunday's Readings: 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Sm 12:7-10, 13.
Ps 31:1-2, 5,7,11.
Gal 2:16, 19-21.
Lk: 7:36-8:3.

Please remember in your prayers those whose anniversaries and birthdays occur

*Deceased members of the Brady family and Conway families,
Evelyn O'Leary, Una O'Sullivan,
Malachy Heffernan, Mary Smiddy.*

MASSES

St. Joseph & St. Benildus Church

6.30 (Sat)

10 am (Sun)

12.00 Noon (Sun)

St Mary's Church

7.00pm (Sat)

11.00am (Sun)

4th/5th June 2016

John & Mary Good

Paddy Holden

Garry Farrell

John Quann

Michael Cashin

11th/12th June 2016

Vivienne Burke

Dearbhla Clarke

Jimmy O'Leary

John Power

Maureen Threadaway

Last Sunday's Collection

€2,456
*Thank you for your
 generous offering*

Recent Marriages

Congratulations to **Laura Ann Nolan** and **Owen McAra**, and also to **Sarah Fitzpatrick** and **Coman Brown** who were married recently in St.Mary's Church.

Waterford & Lismore Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Please pray for all those going on the Waterford and Lismore Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, from 6th to 11th June. Petitions, which will be brought to Lourdes, can be left in the Sacristy.

"Volunteer Driver Service"

The Irish Cancer Society "Volunteer Driver Service" is a free transportation service available to patients undergoing chemotherapy treatment in University Hospital Waterford. To avail of this service please talk to your healthcare professional or call Gail in the Irish Cancer Society on 01 2310 566

Meet & Greet

Volunteers are needed for Meet & Greet at the 6.30pm Mass in St.Joseph & St.Benildus Church. This will be on a rota basis. Please contact Parish office if interested 051878977

Samaritans

A *coffee morning* will take place in aid of Waterford and South East Samaritans on Sunday 12th June at 12noon in the Granary Café, Hanover Street, Waterford. 5euro entry. *The Samaritans Choir* will be singing and a raffle will take place for a hamper on the day. Thank you for your support.

Solemn Novena of St.Anthony 4th-12th June.

Franciscan Friary, Lady Lane.
 Mass-Mon-Sat 10.30am & 7.30pm.
 Preachers: Fr Brendan Forde OFM(4-6th June); Fr.Ailbe OFM (7-9th June);
 Fr.Tom Russell OFM (10-12th June).
Feast Day June 13th. Mass 10.30am
 Blessing of Lilies.

Live Streaming, St.Joseph & St.Benildus & St. Mary's Church Services

Live services from these Churches are available on:

<http://jbmparish.com> *and*
www.churchservices.tv/stjosephswaterford
www.churchservices.tv/stmarysballygunner

Drop-in Meetings : St.Joseph & St.Benildus Church

The arrangement whereby parishioners could drop in to the sacristy on Monday, Wednesday and Friday has been temporarily suspended due to Fr.John's illness. Fr.Liam would be delighted to meet anyone who wishes to see a priest or arrange a wedding or Christening, etc, but it will be necessary to make an appointment in advance. Please ring the office (051 878977).

St.Mary's: Cemetery Mass

The Annual Cemetery Mass for St.Mary's Cemetery, Ballygunner will take place on Thursday 16th June at 7.30pm. This Mass will be for both cemeteries.

Exam Students

Best wishes to all our young parishioners who are sitting State Exams this year. The Junior Cert and Leaving Cert exams begin on Wednesday 8th June. Go n'éirí an t-ádh libh go léir.

Parents Meeting Before Baptism of Children

This is an opportunity to meet with other parents and also a time to deepen our awareness of the Sacrament of Baptism—the great gift we give to our children. Meeting will be facilitated by Fr.Liam and Baptism team.

Venue: Parish Centre, Room upstairs.

Time: 8pm-9pm.

Weds.June 8th

Time inclusive of tea/coffee.

No parents meeting in July/August. Next meeting in September.

We wish everyone a very happy summer!

Lasallian Project 2016

Our sincere thanks to all in St.Joseph and St.Benildus and St.Mary's Ballygunner for their very generous donation of 4362euro towards the Lasallian Project in South Africa this summer. Thank you, thank you, thank you !
From Br.Thomas

World Meeting of Families

Please contribute on 10-11 June to the first national Church collection for the support of the World Meeting of Families 2018.

In 1994, Pope St John Paul II asked the Pontifical Council for the Family to establish the World meeting of Families as an international event of prayer, catechesis and celebration, drawing participants from around the globe. It seeks to strengthen the bonds between families and to bear witness to the crucial importance of marriage and the family for all of society. The World Meeting of Families also fosters gestures of solidarity for families in difficulty.
www.worldmeeting2018.ie.

Youth 2000 Summer Festival

The Youth 2000 Summer Festival is taking place from Thursday 7th July to Sunday 10th July in the Cistercian College, Roscrea, Co.Tipperary. Further information available at: www.youth2000.ie