



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

St. Joseph & St. Benildus

Mon 7.30am & 10.30am
Tues 7.30am & 10.30am
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: 7pm
Sunday: 11am

Gospel Reflection for the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (Sunday 22nd January) Job Vacancy



It's at this time of year, when the Christmas holiday is well and truly over and it's time to go back to work, that we wonder what we are really doing with our lives. When we meet the first disciples in today's gospel, they are wondering pretty much the same thing. Were they going to spend out the rest of their lives catching fish, or were they going to follow Jesus and become 'fishers of men'? The early disciples were unerring in their discipleship. They left their nets and followed Jesus 'at once' 'immediately'. There was no doubt in their minds about how they wanted to live out their lives. Discipleship was a job for life.

Jesus' work is never done and there will always be vacancies for new disciples. Discipleship is something akin to an army. Without active supporters, a cause can grow faint. We are not asked to keep Christ's teaching to ourselves, we are asked to be 'fishers of men' always opening up God's opportunities to others. The world is a dangerous place full of greed and extremism. There are too many people in the world who feel that money and coercion are the way to get what they want. There are not enough people who believe that love and respect for every human being they meet might be a better answer.

We might feel uncomfortable with the idea of being 'fishers of men'. It conjures the idea of notching up conversions like some kind of biblical sales person. Today we are asked to sweep our preconceptions aside. Being a 'fisher of men' needs to be about making a real difference in other people's lives by demonstrating our discipleship. Discipleship is a job for life.

If you wish to prepare next

Sunday's Readings:

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zeph 2:3, 3:12-13.

Ps 145:7-10.

Mt 5:3.

1 Cor 1:26-31.

Mt 5:1-12.

MASSES

St. Joseph & St. Benildus Church

6.30 pm (Sat)

10.00am (Sun)

12.00pm (Sun)

St Mary's Church

7.00pm (Sat)

11.00am (Sun)

21st/22nd Jan 2017

Tom Keane

Tim Walsh
& Jerry Harrington

Niall Byrne

Kevin Higgins

Jimmy O'Neill

28th/29th Jan 2017

Gerard O'Byrne

Kate Hennessy
& Kathleen Power

Anastasia & John Meade
& Joe McGrath

Michael O'Donnell

Tom Mulcahy
& Mary Sutton

Last Sunday's Collection €2,696

Thank you for your generous offering

Recent Baptisms

We welcome

Oliver James Fortune and Martin Del Compa Boyle who were baptised recently. Please keep them and their parents and godparents in your prayers.

Adoration

Meeting: Monday 23rd January 2017, at 6.30pm in Room 1, St. Joseph & St. Benildus Parish Hall.
All welcome

Morning Prayer Group Prayer & Praise

A Morning Prayer Group—Prayer & Praise—takes place every Thursday in the Parish Centre attached to St. Joseph & St. Benildus Church, shortly after the 10.30am Mass. The session lasts approximately one hour. All welcome.

Retrouvaille: Marriage Renewal

Retrouvaille is a non-profit organisation with a Catholic ethos, helping marriages. It is run by married couples and supported by priests, who are passionate about the marriage ministry, with no salaried positions. Our next programme takes place 10-12th February 2017 in Swords, Co. Dublin. For information contact Tony & Anne (01) 495 3536, Mike & Anne (01) 450 0922, text or call 086 413 5440, or email info@retrouvaille.ie or visit www.retrouvaille.ie.

Parish Liturgy Group

The Parish Liturgy Group meets once a month, and organises various church celebrations, for example the Harvest Mass and Good Friday ceremonies. It is a most rewarding group to be involved with. *We would like to encourage more parishioners to become involved in the Liturgy in both churches.* Please contact the Parish Office if interested. 051878977.

Waterford and South East Samaritans

Waterford & South East Samaritans are recruiting for volunteers. Please join us for an Information Evening on Thursday 02.02.17 at 7pm, and Saturday 04.02.17 at 11am, at 16 Beau Street, Waterford (just off Catherine Street).

If possible, please confirm attendance on 085 201 7917 (please leave a full message) or email waterfordsamrecruitment@gmail.com

Full training will follow.

We are also looking for non-listening volunteers to help with our fundraising and outreach programmes.

Study Theology by Distance Learning : The Priory Institute

With the Priory Institute you can study from the comfort of your own home, at your own pace, and build modules towards a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Theology. Application Deadline: 28th Feb 2017. Call 01 404 8124 or see website: www.prioryinstitute.com

Traditional Latin Mass: If you are reading this at an evening Mass on Sat 21st Jan, there is still time to remind you about the Latin Mass with Gregorian Chant in the Cathedral, Barronstrand Street, tomorrow, Sunday 22nd at 10.00am.

CHURCH UNITY OCTAVE (18th—25th Jan)

An Ecumenical Service to mark Church Unity Octave will be held on Sunday evening 22nd Jan at 7.30pm in Christ Church Cathedral. Preacher Dr. Edmund Cullinan. This year marks the 500 year anniversary of the Reformation, begun by Martin Luther. The fact that we are still divided 500 years later poses a very serious challenge to our Churches. We pray that every effort will be made this year that differences will be overcome and that we will be able to share the Eucharistic table again. ***We hope that as many people as possible will attend this important ceremony, on this significant anniversary.***

Please pray for the following who died recently
Helen McCarthy (late of Grange Pk Road, & Navan),
Ann Davis, (late of Grace Dieu & Drimnagh)
And those whose anniversaries or birthdays occur:
Tom Coffey, James (Jimmy) Kinsella,
Robert Harte, Betty Walsh

Newsletter Notes: This Newsletter welcomes any notices presented for non-profit making events, subject to certain conditions. Items for inclusion may be handed into the sacristy at St Joseph & St Benildus Church. **The deadline, however, is every Wednesday at 10.00 a.m.** We are particularly grateful to **Intercom** for resources used in this publication. All details included in this issue were correct at time of going to print.