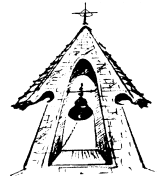


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MASSES THIS WEEK

St. Joseph & St. Benildus

Mon 7.30am & 10.30am

Tues 7.30am & 10.30am

Ash 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

Ash Weds: 9.30am

First Fri: 9.30am

Saturday: 7pm

Sunday: 11am

If you wish to prepare next

Sunday's Readings : 1st Sun- day of Lent.

Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7.

Ps 50:3-6, 12-14, 17.

Rm 5: 12-19.

Mt 4: 1-11.

Gospel Reflection for the Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Don't Worry. Be Happy!

Imagine shouting at the bailiffs through the letterbox that you haven't paid your bills because you have been living your life like the lilies of the field or the birds of the air. How far would it get you? Jesus' advice not to worry about financial concerns rings hollow in our twenty first century ears, and so we switch off and dismiss Jesus' advice as a little idealistic to say the very least. But is Jesus' advice as idealistic as we suspect?

Recently, a breakfast television programme invited its viewers to participate in a 'happiness challenge'. Part of the programme looked at how meditation can actually change the brain. Studying brain scans, scientists suggested that an eight-week meditation programme appeared to make measurable changes in brain regions associated with memory, sense of self, empathy and stress.

It's interesting that we can look at a scientific experiment as though it were telling us something new. The study only tells us what Jesus was telling us over two thousands year ago.

Worry is counterproductive and anxiety is a poor master. Of course we have to work to pay our bills and clothe our children, but once we start to get worried and depressed about our day-to-day responsibilities then we become enslaved and blinkered. If our daily goal is simply to put a meal on the table then we must eventually ask the question, are we working to live or living to work?

It's a poor master that motivates us by worry and gives us no fulfilment in return. Jesus urges us to overcome our worldly concerns to create a culture of Godliness and ultimate fulfilment.

gMASSES

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)

25th/26th Feb 2017

Kitty Quinn

Anna Maher

Elizabeth Kirimlidis (M.M)
Betty Wadding

Peter(Piery) Cummins (A)
Mary & Tommy Cummins
John & Mary Cummins

Helen McCarthy (M.M)
Bernard Phelan

4th/5th Mar 2017

Peter Gannon

Aidan McAvinue

Michael Carroll (M.M)
Breda Gormley

John Flynn

Last Sunday's Collection

€2,605

Thank you for your generous offering**Recent Baptisms**

We welcome **Danny McGivern**, **Aleksandra Helena Chojnska**, and **Seamus William Thompson** who were baptised recently. Please keep them, their parents and godparents in your prayers.

Study the Catechism

Get to know your faith better through understanding and knowledge.
(Optional academic certification with Maryvale University).
Further information; Cathal 087-2392823. Group study classes at St.Paul's Parish Centre, Tuesdays 7.30pm.

Ash Wednesday

This Wednesday, March 1st, is Ash Wednesday. Ashes will be distributed after Masses in both churches. See Mass Schedule in Newsletter for times of ceremonies.

First Friday

Friday 3rd March is the First Friday of the month. Mass will be celebrated at 9.30am in St.Mary's Ballygunner. Holy Communion will be distributed to the sick and housebound. If you know someone who would like to be included, please contact Parish Office 051 878977

The Faith Journey of the Déise People

Facilitator:
Monsignor Michael Olden.
St.John's Pastoral Centre, Tues 7th & 14th March, 7.30pm.
Donation: 5€

Cnoc Buí, A.R.A.

Meeting Weds 1st March, 2pm. Woodlands Hotel.
Any member wishing to attend Afternoon tea in Atheneum Hotel, please have 12€ in an envelope with name & contact details.

Ongoing Formation: For all Eucharistic Ministers

Bishop Cullinane has requested that all Eucharistic Ministers would attend for an evening of Inservice Training, on Monday 27th February at 7.30pm in the Sacred Heart Parish Centre, The Folly, Waterford.

Presenter: Mary Dee.

NB: this is for existing Eucharistic Ministers and also for those training to become Eucharistic Ministers.

Prayer Group: Meeting every Wednesday at 8.15pm

St.Joseph & St.Benildus Parish Centre. Why not come along and join us? All are welcome. 0879817030

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.

Journey through Lent / Spring

This week, on the evening of Ash Wednesday, we have the first in our series of presentations:

The story of the blind man Bartimaeus. We hope you can join us for same. Parish Centre, March 1st. 7.30pm—8.30pm.

Watch out for next in series in weekly Newsletter !

Taizé Evening: Friday 3rd March, 8pm. Mount Sion, Barrack Street, Waterford.

St.Mary's Rotas

Rotas for Ministers of the Word, Ministers of the Eucharist and for Havenwood are now available in the Sacristy in St.Mary's.

Lourdes: Diocesan Pilgrimage

59th Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage of Waterford & Lismore. Tuesday 6th June—Sunday 11th June. Pilgrimage bookings: Lourdes office, St.John's Pastoral Centre 051 878900. ***Can you help?*** Book Pilgrimage to work as a helper in Lourdes: Doctors, Nurses, Healthcare Professionals. Adult helpers (age 18+). No experience required. Pilgrimage costs: 750€. Inclusive of Tax, Insurance, Airport Transport. Full board basis.

Please pray for the following who died about a month ago

Helen McCarthy***Elizabeth Kirimlidis******Michael Carroll***

And those whose anniversaries or birthdays occur:

***Joan Murphy, Josie Phelan, Bridget O'Gorman,
Thomas & Anastatia Watkins, Delia & Eddie Grant,
Agnes O'Brien, Anastatia Lahert,
Patrick, Margaret & Noreen Phelan,
Fr.Billy Lyons.***

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.