

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

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IF YOU WISH TO  
PREPARE NEXT SUNDAY'S

READINGS :

32nd Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

Wis 6:12-16.

Ps 62:2-8.

1 Th 4: 13-18.

Mt 25:1-13.

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

5th November 2017

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF  
SCRIPTURE

November 5, 2017 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

"For they preach but they do not practice." The scribes and Pharisees may be the ones Jesus was speaking about in today's Gospel, but we must be careful not to dismiss his words when it comes to our own actions. Jesus offered a difficult challenge to those honor-seekers that we must also heed when he said, "The greatest among you must be your servant."

This is not the way the world usually works. Generally speaking, the idea of being a servant is considered inferior to being someone who has risen to high levels of leadership or status. But Jesus wants people in positions of authority to selflessly serve those over whom they have influence. And he insists that the leaders who establish laws, rules, and guidelines do not excuse themselves from following their own directives! "Practice what you preach," as the saying goes.

Whether or not we have extensive public influence, almost all of us at certain points are in a position to exercise leadership—with our children and families, with classmates, coworkers, neighbors, friends, and sometimes strangers. When these moments arise, we are called to step into this role without being hypocrites. It's important to be sure we don't issue unrealistic demands on others that we ourselves would find it burdensome or even impossible to fulfill. This requires the virtue of humility. Instead of reveling in the authority we may have at any given moment, instead of creating "heavy burdens hard to carry and lay[ing] them on people's shoulders," we need to be ready and willing to walk a mile in their shoes, and lead accordingly. And Jesus tells us clearly that this servant leadership will be rewarded, for "whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

## 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

**HOLY SOULS NOVENA**

The Novena for the Holy Souls begins in the Church of St. Joseph & St. Benildus on 4th November, and ends on Sunday 12th Nov.

**Autumn/Winter Events at Knock Shrine**

We are delighted to announce a new programme of exciting events for the Autumn/Winter! These events are open to all and we invite you to take a look at all of the wonderful upcoming events below or find out more at [www.knockshrine.ie/autumn-winter-events](http://www.knockshrine.ie/autumn-winter-events)

**Saturday 11 November** – Day Retreat ‘Quiet Days for Busy People:

Shining a Light in the Darkness’ with quiet prayer and reflection to nourish your heart and soul

**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

**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.

**Free iPad classes:**

Ardkeen Library, 6th—10th November.

Two classes @ day: 11am—1pm, and 2-4pm.

Contact Library for Info.

**Prayer Meeting:**

Wednesdays, at 8.15pm, in St. Joseph &

St. Benildus Parish Centre.

Prayer & Praise & Readings.

All welcome.

Two fellows wearing hoodies approached the Pearly Gates.

Saint Peter said, “Wait here. I’ll be right back”.

He found God and told him who was waiting.

God said “How many times must I tell you? We’re not prejudiced here. This is Heaven. All are welcome. Go back and let them in”.

Saint Peter returned to the Pearly Gates, sighed, then

returned to God and said, “Well, they’re gone.”

“The guys in the Hoodies?” asked God.

“No, the Pearly Gates”.



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St. Paul's Parish Centre,  
after all Masses on Nov

4th/5th.

Times of Masses: Sat 4th:

6pm.

Sunday 5th: 8.30am &

11.30am.

**ALL SAINTS**



### ***IN LOVING MEMORY***

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

*Pat Currid ,*

*Ellen O'Sullivan,*

*Bid Power,*

***And whose anniversaries & birthdays occur***

*Anna Jennings, Eddie Burke,*

*Bridget Power, Maureen O'Brien,*

*Gabriel Peelo*

### **Holy Souls**

The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls. Under the ancient law, the Month of the Dead was one of the most general and one of the most usual forms of prayer for the deceased. Devotion towards the dead appears to be one of the most remarkable rites among the Jews. It was decreed after the death of the patriarch Jacob that his sons should mourn for 30 days. This pious practice of praying for the departed during the entire uninterrupted month became deeply rooted among the chosen people. From this comes the Holy Rite called the Month of the Dead.

### **Vocation Discernment Weekend Contemplative Life**

**17th -19th November 2017**

**( Fri evening to Sunday afternoon ).**

**Dominican Contemplative Nuns.**

Welcome single young women ( 20-40 ) to our retreat house and offer the opportunity to experience our life of Prayer.

*Liturgy / Eucharistic Adoration / Talks /  
Sisters' testimonies / Lectio Divina / Question Time /  
Food and Fellowship.*

Those who cannot come for full weekend are welcome to join us on Saturday 18th, 9.30am - 7.00pm.

Venue: Siena Monastery, Drogheda, Co. Louth.

Contact Sr. Breda 041 9838524

### **Evening of Remembrance**

Facilitator: Ann O'Farrell.

St.John's Pastoral Centre.

Thursday 9th November, 7.30pm.

A sacred space to honour family, friends and those who have died. You are invited to a time of prayerful reflection during this special month.

The evening will include Scripture reading, personal prayer, silence and music.

Please remember to pray for Fr.Liam, Chris O'Sullivan and Ben Nutty who are on a visit to our Partnership Parish of Ishiara, Kenya. Information on Ishiara can be viewed online via the St.Joseph & St.Benildus website.

### **MASSES**

***St. Joseph & St. Benildus***

6.30pm Saturday

**4TH/5TH NOV 2017**

Bereavement Mass

**11TH/12TH NOV 2017**

Danny O'Kane

10.00am Sunday

Novena Mass

Bid Power ( M.M )

Phyllis Houlihan

12 Noon Sunday

Dr.Tony Lee

Martin Lawrence

***St. Mary's, Ballygunner***

7.00pm Saturday

Pat Currid ( M.M)

Anne Tierney

Liam O'Donnell

11.00am Sunday

Catherine Connolly

Ellen O'Sullivan ( M.M)

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