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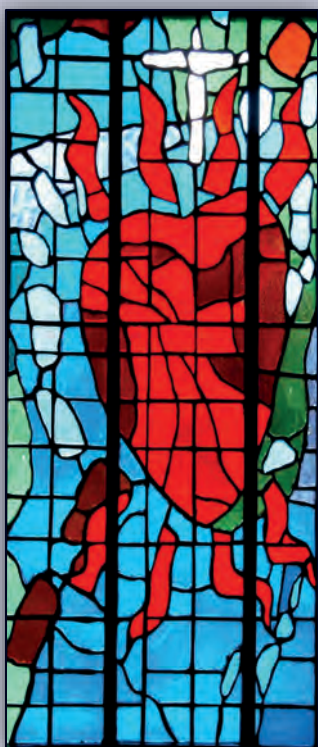
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IF YOU WISH TO  
PREPARE NEXT SUNDAY'S  
READINGS :

2nd Sunday of Advent

Is 40:1-5, 9-11.

Ps 84:9-14.

2 Pet 3:8-14.

Mk 1:1-8.

1st Sunday of Advent

3rd Dec 2017

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." On this First Sunday of Advent, Jesus gives us a wakeup call. This is no time for slumber. Now is the time to be on our toes, alert, attentive, ready. But for what? For the coming of "the Lord of the house."

During Advent, the Church does her best to help us get ready for the second coming of Christ. We don't know precisely when he will return, but we know that he will. And the fact is, even if it doesn't happen in our lifetime, each and every one of us will still have to face the Lord at an unknown hour-namely, the hour of our death.

So let us be prepared! Let us be on the watch for anything that would threaten this most important of all encounters. We want to recognize the Lord as a friend and master, so that on seeing him we don't cower in fear at his awesome power and strength. Instead, we hope to rejoice in finally being able to behold him face-to-face. This of course is the result of a healthy and holy relationship with Christ. To nurture such a relationship this Advent season the Church urges us to recommit to a life of prayer, worthy reception of the sacraments, and a commitment to following God's loving laws through a life of virtue. With these priorities in order, we can wait for the second coming with joyful anticipation, just as we joyfully await the celebration of Christmas.

During these weeks as we prepare our homes for the festive holiday season, may we also set aside some time and effort to prepare our hearts. Then, not only will we appreciate the yuletide wonders around us, but we can also look forward to the eternal wonders that lie in store.

## 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

**Christmas in Benildus**  
**An Evening of Music & Readings on a Christmas Theme.**  
**Guest Presenter: Gerry Kane.**  
**Wednesday, December 20th 2017 at 8pm, in St Joseph & St. Benildus Church.**

Featuring : Niamh Murray ( Soprano ), our own very talented local sopranos Valerie Leahy and Vanessa Whelan, and the ever-popular tenor Dominic McGorian. Also performing will be the St. Joseph & St. Benildus Adult Choir ( under the direction of Joe O'Beirne ), the St. Joseph & St. Benildus Children's Choir (Musical Director Bronagh Peelo ), the Edmund Rice Choral Society, and Sospiro Male Voice Choir. **Tickets for the concert are on sale daily, Monday - Friday, from 11am to 1.00pm, upstairs in the Parish Centre.**  
**Cost: 15€ .**



*Last Sunday's Collection*  
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*Baptism*



We welcome Leah Godfrey and who was baptised recently. Please keep her, along with her parents and godparents in your prayers.

**Carols at Ardkeen Shopping Centre:**  
 Thursday 14th Dec 2017, from 6-7pm.  
 St Joseph & St. Benildus Children's Choir & Friends.  
 All Welcome. In aid of S.V.P.

The **Havenwood Rota** is now available in the Sacristy in St. Mary's, Ballygunner.

There will be a meeting of the **Liturgy Group** on **Monday 4th Dec at 7.00pm** in the **Parish Centre.**

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**Parish Partnership:**

**Ishiara -----St Joseph and St Benildus**

We have much to learn from our partners in Ishiara Parish. We have shown a clip from the Sunday Mass in the parish; as we said, the celebration of the Eucharist lasted three hours. We were a bit apprehensive to say the least as we anticipated our participation in the Mass but once the opening hymn was introduced we were caught up in the vibrancy of the celebration. We have never experienced a liturgy that modelled so well the fundamental principle of the liturgical renewal of Vatican II, vis., which envisages the "full, active participation" of the congregation in the liturgy. The community sang and danced in the aisles throughout the celebration, manifesting a joy and happiness and a gratitude for the faith they had received. They were unapologetic about witnessing to their faith and giving thanks for the liberation that the Christian faith had brought them. We will hear from their liturgy committee and the musical director who will share with us how they prepare for their liturgies.







**IN LOVING MEMORY**  
**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO DIED**  
**ABOUT A MONTH AGO**

*BID POWER*

*Whose birthdays or anniversaries occur*

*Bridget (Bindy) Walsh,  
 Nancy O'Gorman, Agnes Lee, Moira Cody,  
 May, Bob, Maeve & Robert Quinn,  
 Helen Lewsley, Kathleen Quinlan, Anita Curry,  
 Michael Troy, Margaret & Helen Power.*

**Gaelscoil Phortláirge** is accepting applications for enrolment for 2018. Forms are available from the school office at 051 879736. The final date for applications is Monday the 4th of December.

**Friday Dec 8th:**

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

**Masses :**

**St. Mary's:** Vigil ; Thurs 7.00pm.

**Friday 1.00am**

**St. Joseph & St. Benildus:** Vigil : Thurs 6.30pm .

**Friday 11.00am.**

**Friends of University Hospital Waterford:**  
**Christmas Market & Raffle.**

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Hospital Foyer, Thursday December 7th, from 9.00am to 12.00pm

**Gaill Tír Camogie Club:**  
**55th Annual Christmas Fair.**  
 Sunday Dec 10th, 1.00—5.00pm.  
 Jack Meade's Bar & Restaurant.

**Handel's Messiah**  
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**Sunday Dec 3rd at**  
**7.30pm.**

*Performed by Notable Works*  
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Guest Presenter: Michael

Murphy

( Author & Journalist ).

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**051 874402**

**Scripture for Advent & Christmas**  
**Facilitator: Fr. Michael Mullins DD**

Over two evenings, Fr. Michael will reflect on the scripture readings for this special season in St. John's Pastoral Centre, John's Hill, Waterford. *Wednesdays, 6th & 13th December at 7.30 p.m.* (Donation: €5 including light refreshments)

**Lasallian Projects 2018 to India.**

There will be a Car Boot Sale in De La Salle College Gym on *Sunday the 10th of December from 10am to 4pm.*

All are welcome, fun for all, a stall costs €15.

All proceeds to the Lasallian Project to Keelamudiman India 2018.

Information 0863453093. 0871341637.

**MASSES**

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

6.30pm Saturday

**DEC 2ND/3RD 2017**

Bid Power (M.M)

Francis, Josephine, Nicholas  
 & Dick Hamm

**DEC 9TH/10TH 2017**

Pat Murnane (M.M)

Stephen Rogers

10.00am Sunday

Micheál White

Margaret & Aidan O'Reilly

12 Noon Sunday

Kitty Fitzpatrick & Harry Flynn

Ben Wadding

Elizabeth Kirimlidis

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

7.00pm Saturday

Marie Cullinan

Stephen Ewing



11.00am Sunday

Kevin Doyle

Maria Cheasty (M.M)

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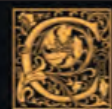
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