

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

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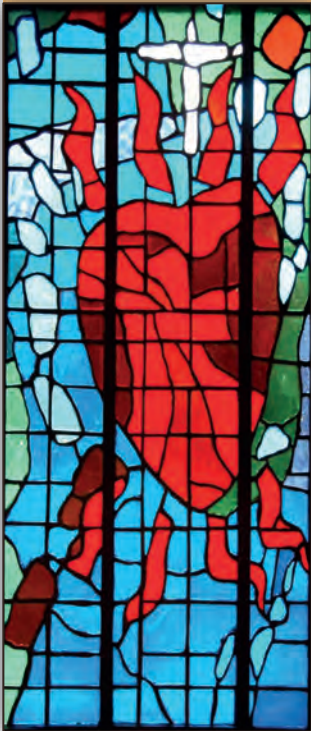
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IF YOU WISH TO  
PREPARE NEXT SUNDAY'S

READINGS :

5th Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

Job 7:1-4, 6-7.

Ps 146:1-6.

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23.

Mk 1:29-39.

## **Gospel Reflection for the Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time.**

**28th Jan 2018**

Lessons to be Learned



How many people, years after their driving test can still hear their driving instructor loud and clear in their mind's ear every time they take a corner. "Slower.... Slower.... Slower... Whoa! Slow it right down!"

A good teacher is very powerful. The words of a good teacher are with us forever. A good teacher opens up our eyes and helps us to understand. A good teacher adds something to our world and changes us forever.

Today Mark tells us how Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. He tells us how amazed the people were at how he taught and at the authority in his teachings. His authority was powerful enough to expel demons even. You'll notice that Mark doesn't tell us what Jesus taught but only how he taught and the impression he made. He taught in a way that was to change all our lives. It is testament to his skill as a teacher that news of him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee.

We do not have the benefit of listening first hand to Jesus' teaching, but it is testament to his authority that we still read his words twenty centuries after he spoke them. There are still demons in our lives, and Jesus' teaching still has the authority to drive them out. There are still lessons to be learned for those who believe Jesus can add something to our world and change us forever.

## 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

### **BAPTISMS**

We welcome *Conor Séamus*

*Keevans* who was baptised recently.  
Please keep him, his parents and  
godparents in your prayers.



*Last Sunday's Collection*

**€2,385**

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offering*

### **February 11th: World Day of the Sick**

Special prayers for the sick will be said at all Masses on the day.

### **Feast of St Blaise : The Blessing of Throats. 3rd February**

Saint Blaise was the bishop of Sebaste in Armenia during the fourth century. Very little is known about his life. According to various accounts he was a physician before becoming a bishop. His cult spread throughout the entire Church in the Middle Ages because he was reputed to have miraculously cured a little boy who nearly died because of a fishbone in his throat. From the eighth century he has been invoked on behalf of the sick, especially those afflicted with illnesses of the throat. In a ritual dating back to the 17th century, the blessing was originally made by touching the throat with two crossed candles.

***There will be a Blessing of the Throat ceremony after the 10.30am Mass on Saturday 3rd February, in the church of St. Joseph & St. Benildus.***

### **ISHIARA PARISH PARTNERSHIP**

We invite you to look at the Ishiara Partnership display, located inside the front door of the church of St. Joseph & St. Benildus.

Three further panels will be added to the display area, which will give an up-to-date report on the 3 areas of partnership: Pastoral, Social and Developmental.

Mr. Chris O'Sullivan has been appointed Chair of the Committee, and Mr. Ben Nutty has taken on the role of Secretary. Currently, we are exploring the possibility of sending used computers, which could be rebooted for use in the schools in Kenya.

Children from the parish Gaelscoil and De la Salle College, have initiated penpal communication with their counterparts in Ishiara.

### **Taizé Prayer**

A service of song, silence and contemplation. Friday 2nd February, 8pm. Edmund Rice Chapel.

### **Play 30's**

Every Saturday night in the Parish Centre, after 6.30pm Mass in the church of St. Joseph & St. Benildus.

**Lasallian Projects** are looking for volunteers for a building project in Keelamudiman this July. It's an experience of a life time to help build school facilities, some teaching of children, helping local communities and caring for children.

*A volunteer has to fund-raise.*

If you need more information, contact Br Thomas at 0863453092 or Tom O'Neill at 0871341637.

## Conference: Responding Locally to “Laudato Si” : Pope Francis’ Encyclical “On Care For Our Common Home”.

The purpose of the conference is to identify local, practical and implementable actions that parishes and groups affiliated to Waterford Public Partnership Network (PNN) can undertake to help increase awareness of the increasingly disastrous effects of climate change and damage to our natural eco systems. **Climate Change** and **Biodiversity** thus become the 2 major themes of this conference.

**Speakers:** Fr. Sean McDonagh, Senator Grace O’ Sullivan.

**Panellists:** Trevor Sargent, Justin Kilcullen, Bernadette Guest, Fr. Michael Long, Niamh Brennan.

**Venue:** St. Paul’s Parish Centre

**Date:** Sat 3rd March 2018

**Time:** 9.30am—1.00pm.

**Registration** €5

**Booking:** 051 874199: secretary St. John’s Pastoral Centre.

Jointly organised by the Diocese of Waterford & Lismore,  
and Waterford PNN.

The conference will be promoting the Green Flag Award for parishes.  
**The photo shows Fr. Sean McDonagh**



### Prayer and Praise

Prayer group meets every Thursday after the 10.30am Mass in the Parish Centre at the Church of St. Joseph & St. Benildus .



### *IN LOVING MEMORY*

*PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO DIED RECENTLY:*

FRANK O ‘CALLAGHAN

GERALDINE WALSH,

RON BURKE

*THOSE WHO DIED ABOUT A MONTH AGO : TERRY SHERIDAN , GER KIELY , CHRISTOPHER BOLGER*

*Whose birthdays or anniversaries occur : JIMMY KINSELLA, GERARD O’BYRNE,  
TOM MULCAHY, TESS MURPHY*

### MASSSES

27th/28th Jan 2018

3rd/4th Feb 2018

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

6.30pm Saturday

Michael Flavin

(M.M) Terry Sheridan

10.00am Sunday

Kate Hennessey  
John Kennedy

James & Eugene Power

12 Noon Sunday

Niall Byrne

Seán Caraway

#### *St. Mary’s, Ballygunner*

7.00pm Saturday

Ann, John, Paddy & Jim Morrissey  
Tom, Mary, John & Piery Cummins

(M.M) Christopher Bolger  
Maureen, Harry and  
Maria Sharpe

11.00am Sunday

Jerry Harrington  
John & Statia Meade

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