

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

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**IF YOU WISH TO  
PREPARE NEXT SUNDAY'S  
READINGS :**

Nativity of John the  
Baptist

Is 49:1-6.

Ps 138:1-3, 13-15.

Acts 13:22-26.

Lk 1:57-66, 80

## **Gospel Reflection for the Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**17 June 2018**

### **Seeds of Faith**



Seeds are amazing! We plant them, provide the right environment and then wait. Miraculously, the seeds flower into an array of fabulous plants. We can help the plants to grow, but we cannot make them grow, this power is out of our hands. Ultimately we cannot predict the harvest. The seeds of faith work in the same way. We can teach someone else about God but ultimately that is all we can do. People react to God's word in countless different ways, ways we

cannot predict. Jesus' first disciples were to take comfort in the knowledge that although they were entrusted to plant the seeds of faith, they were not responsible for the harvest .... God would take care of that.

The task of planting the seeds of faith in the twenty first century can seem as daunting as it must have seemed to those early disciples. Can we really make any difference to a world that still allows war, cruelty and poverty? Today's gospel offers yet more consolation. Jesus speaks of the tiny mustard seed. Despite its insignificant appearance it grows into an impressive shrub substantial enough to provide shade. It's thought provoking that such a humble seed should provide so impressive a result. Jesus teaches us that we mustn't be overwhelmed when faced with a seemingly overwhelming task. We must simply implement Christ's teaching with whatever humble means we have, and leave God to do the rest.

### **MASS TIMES**

#### **ST. JOSEPH & ST. BENILDUS**

##### ***Sunday***

Vigil 6.30pm, Sunday 10.00am & 12 Noon

##### ***Monday–Friday***

7.30 am & 10.30am

( no 7.30am Mass on Bank Holidays )

##### ***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

## Ballygunner Cemetery Mass

The Annual Ballygunner Cemetery Mass will be celebrated on Thursday 21st June, at 7.30pm.

## PARISH WALK / FUN RUN ( 4 Miles )

We are planning to hold a Parish Walk/Fun Run on Friday 27th July 2018, which will begin at St. Mary's Church.

The purpose is to encourage the whole community to participate and to highlight the World Meeting of Families ( Dublin, August 2018 ).

**The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Wednesday 20th June at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.**

## Divine Renovation Conference

Three parishioners, Fr. Liam P.P., Denise Hughes ( Chair of the Parish Pastoral Council ), and Olive Ruane ( Parish Catechist ) are in Halifax, Nova Scotia as part of the delegation from the Diocese to the Divine Renovation Conference, which is partly sponsored by Bishop Cullinan.

The Divine Renovation 2018 conference brings together parishioners from around the world to explore principles and tactics of parish renewal. The conference is led by Fr James Mallon, who was pastor of St Benedict's Parish in Halifax. He is

joined by members of the parish team and other speakers to share the amazing story of renewal in St Benedict's Parish in Halifax. The parish was dying but after much effort and prayer the parish is now thriving with huge lay involvement. Parishioners who had withdrawn from parish life are now actively engaged. Bishop Phonsie believes that we have much to learn from the programme of Divine Renovation. The conference will comprise keynote talks and breakout sessions on a range of topics including hospitality, youth ministry, sacraments, the Alpha Programme, etc. *There will be a full report after the conference.*

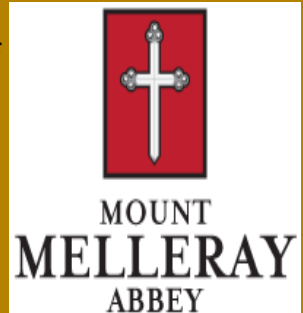
**Can't make it to #DR18? Don't worry as you can watch all the plenaries and key breakout sessions on Livestream. Please join us on Monday June 11 and Tuesday June 12 from 8am ADT to 8:30pm ADT.**

**For those of you on the other side of the world, we will have a recording available for a few days after DR18**  
**DR18 Conference Livestream**



## Diocese of Waterford & Lismore: Family Fun Day

The Diocese of Waterford and Lismore, in anticipation of World Meeting of Families, is hosting a **Diocesan Fun Day** on **Sunday, June 24, 2018** from **2pm to 6pm** at Mount Melleray Abbey to celebrate family life. There will be music, face painting, a bouncy castle & an obstacle course, kite making, treasure hunts, arts & crafts, tours of the Abbey, and much more. This is a free event and there is something for everyone of all ages. People can bring a picnic or there will be food, coffee and tea available for purchase.



## Traditional Latin Mass in Waterford Cathedral.

A Traditional Latin Mass with Gregorian Chant will be celebrated on Sunday 24th June at 10AM in Holy Trinity Cathedral, Barronstrand Street, Waterford City. Celebrant : Fr Andrzej Komorowski

## BALLYGUNNER ROTAS

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



Father's Day, 17th June 2018, is a day set apart to celebrate fatherhood, recognize the influence of fathers in our homes & society, and foster paternal bonds.

**Happy Father's Day to dads everywhere.**

*Last Sunday's Collection*

**€ 2,240**

*Thank you for your generous offering*

## Waterford Autism:

Friday 22nd June 2018, 6pm .4Km Family Fun Walk. Eco Park @ Kingfisher.

Registration at 6pm ( donation entry ).

To donate: [GoFundMe.com/waterfordautism](https://www.gofundme.com/waterfordautism)  
All proceeds will go to WASSA

**IN LOVING MEMORY**  
**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO DIED RECENTLY**  
 Gerry Grant, Michael Power  
 Séamus Walsh, Kevin Kavanagh,  
 Sammy McCarthy, Maura Wymberly  
*Whose birthdays or anniversaries occur :*  
 Eileen Nevins, Theresa Forde,  
 Teresa Lyons

**NATIONAL COLLECTION FOR  
 WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018**  
 Please support the 4th National Collection for WMOF  
 2018, which will be taken up in our parish this weekend,  
 16th / 17th June.

**ANNUAL PARISH BARBECUE**  
 Arrangements are being made in preparation for the Annual Parish Barbecue.  
 Details will be in the Newsletter.

# Amoris

*Let's talk Family! Let's be Family!*

**A Programme of Preparation for the World Meeting of Families  
 for St Lawrence Pastoral Area**

-  **MONDAY 14th MAY**  
**SESSION ONE**  
 The Reality of Family Life Today
-  **MONDAY 21st MAY**  
**SESSION TWO**  
 The Christian Vision for the Family
-  **MONDAY 28th MAY**  
**SESSION THREE**  
 God's Dream for Love
-  **MONDAY 11th JUNE**  
**SESSION FOUR**  
 Married Love Growing to Maturity
-  **MONDAY 18th JUNE**  
**SESSION FIVE**  
 God's Mercy – No One Excluded
-  **MONDAY 25th JUNE**  
**SESSION SIX**  
 A Gospel of Hope for our Families

**SACRED HEART PARISH CENTRE**  
**14th May - 25th June**  
**7.30pm - 9.00pm**

**Based on the Pope's Francis' document on  
 Love, Marriage and Family  
 (The Joy of Love: 'Amoris Laetitia')**

Using engaging short videos, animations and  
 activities to encourage discussion, the programme offers  
 an opportunity to think about our vision and hopes for  
 family and marriage, and a chance to rediscover the gift  
 that family is to the world.

**It takes place over six weeks.**

***We are All part of one Family  
 and all are Welcome***

We extend our sympathy to the family of Gerry Grant who passed away last week. As well as being Sacristan and Minister of the Eucharist in St. Joseph & Benildus Church, Gerry was also involved in Parish groups such as Blessed Sacrament Adoration and the Liturgy Committee. He regularly worked as a volunteer on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him. *Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.*

Waterford Nursing Home Rotas for Ministers of Holy Communion are now available in the Sacristy.

MASSES	16th/17th June 2018	23rd/24th June 2018
	<i>St. Joseph &amp; St. Benildus</i>	
6.30pm Saturday	Miriam O'Kane	Tim O'Connor
10.00am Sunday	Teresa & Martin Barron	Richard Murray
12 Noon Sunday	Tom & Dearbhla Clarke	Paddy Keyes
	<i>St. Mary's, Ballygunner</i>	
7.00pm Saturday	John Power Thomas Power	Edward Hartley
11.00am: Sunday	Gerry O'Carroll Brian Cully	Pierce Kennedy Snr & Jr & Patricia Kennedy





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