

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

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IF YOU WISH TO  
PREPARE NEXT SUNDAY'S

READINGS :

13th Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

Wis 1:13-15, 2:23-24.

Ps 29:2, 4-6, 11-13.

2 Cor 8:7,9,13-15.

Mk 5:21-43

## **Gospel Reflection for the Nativity of John The Baptist**

24 June 2018

**Born For A Purpose** There's a new baby on the way and excited parents will start to make plans. They will choose the baby's name, and what colour to paint the nursery. Some parents will already be planning which school they shall put the new baby down for and will even be harbouring secret university hopes. Fond mothers -to-be will be imagining dance classes and music lessons. Indulgent dads will have decided which football team the baby will support. The baby's future is already decided before he or she is even born.



John the Baptist's family must have felt a little like this. We don't know what plans they might have made, but we do know that they had hoped to name the new baby Zacharias after his father. God however had other plans. God chose the name 'John' for the new baby through the mediation of an angel. That God chose John the Baptist's name tells us that he had already carved a destiny for the baby. John was born for a purpose.

Nowadays we tend to see John as a subsidiary player to Jesus. But for people at the time, John was the better known of the two. The gospels present John without explanation, as if everybody should recognise him. John's mission had two facets. First of all he called people to repentance and baptism. Secondly he prepared the way for Jesus. In a way he was God's spokes person. But that's not where it all ends. God's project of salvation is still to be carried out and it doesn't necessarily take a great prophet like John. A prophet is simply a spokesperson, a job each of us could undertake to varying degrees. Like John, each of us is born for a purpose. The ministry of John the Baptist continues in each of us.

## 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

## BAPTISMS

We welcome *Daniel James Ryan* and *Lily Celine* who were baptised recently. Please keep them, their parents and godparents in your prayers.



*Last Sunday's Collection*

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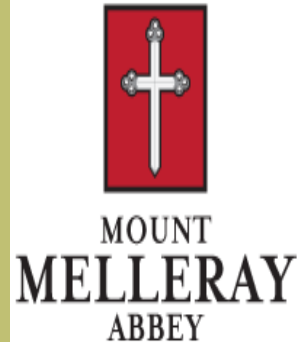
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## ANNUAL PARISH BARBECUE

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

## 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 this weekend, 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 available for purchase.



## Traditional Latin Mass in Waterford Cathedral.

If you are reading this at Mass on Saturday, you have time to make a note that 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.

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



The 6th and final session of the Programme of Preparation for the World Meeting of Families for St. Lawrence Pastoral Area, will take place in the Sacred Heart Parish Centre on Monday 25th June from 7.30pm—9.00pm. The final topic is "A Gospel of Hope for our Families". The programme is based on Pope Francis' document on Love, Marriage and Family.



## Great River Chorale : WHAT Fundraiser

Waterford Healing Arts Trust (WHAT) will host a fundraising concert by the renowned Great River Chorale from Minnesota, USA on Monday 25th June at 7pm at University Hospital Waterford (UHW) Chapel. All proceeds will go to the arts programme at UHW which are organised and managed by WHAT. Tickets cost €10 and are available in advance from WHAT (051 842664) and on the door.

## 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 ).



**IN LOVING MEMORY**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE whose birthdays or anniversaries occur :**

*William Robinson*

*Hugh Greene*

*Teresa Lyons*

**Waterford to Lough Derg Pilgrimage**

Bus leaving Waterford Friday 6th July at 12noon. Staying in Donegal on Fri night, heading to Lough Derg early Saturday morning. Leaving Lough Derg Monday morning, arriving back in Waterford around 6pm/7pm. For further details contact Olive on 0868792265 or Phyllis on 087 6722991

**What is the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul ( SVP) is a Christian, member-led organisation. We believe that everyone should have the means to live a life that reflects the basic human dignity of every person. SVP members are volunteers who provide practical help and support to people who are struggling to manage for whatever reason. SVP members are part of a Local Conference. A Conference has about 6-10 members. They do the work of SVP in their own time. They are supported by staff who work closely with members to provide help to people in need.

To contact SVP :

Society of St. Vincent de Paul ( South East ), Unit 3, Six Cross Roads Business Park, Waterford. 051 350725

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**The monthly collection for SVP is taken up at all Masses on the first weekend of every month. Thank you for your continued support**



**World Meeting of Families: ( WMOF ) : Phoenix Park Mass**

Tickets for the final mass of the WMOF which will be celebrated by Pope Francis on Sunday 26th August, will be released on the WMOF website on Monday 25th June. You can book your ticket through an online form on the WMOF website. Your ticket will be sent to you by email closer to the event. **Our Parish is planning to organize a bus to the Phoenix Park event ( Sunday 26th ) if there is sufficient interest. Please contact the Parish Office (051 878977 ) as soon as possible.**

**WMOF : Festival of Families, Sat 25th August : Croke Park**

Tickets are only available for people booking to attend 3 days of the Pastoral Congress at the RDS ( 22nd/23rd/24th August ). Booking for the 3 day Congress gives the possibility to book for both the Croke Park and Phoenix Park events.

A limited amount of tickets for the WMOF event in Croke Park will be made available to each Diocese. Each Parish expects to receive approximately 10 tickets.

MASSSES	23rd/24th June 2018	30th June/1st July 2018
	<i>St. Joseph &amp; St. Benildus</i>	
6.30pm Saturday	Tim O'Connor	
10.00am Sunday	Richard Murray	Michael Dowling
12 Noon Sunday	Paddy Keyes	Pádraig Kirwan
	<i>St. Mary's, Ballygunner</i>	
7.00pm Saturday	Edward Hartley	Milo Tierney
11.00am: Sunday	Pierce Kennedy Snr & Jr & Patricia Kennedy	Molly Gough Martin Sullivan





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