

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

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## MASS TIMES

**ST. JOSEPH & ST. BENILDUS**

**Sunday:** Vigil 6.30pm,

**Sunday:** 10.00am & 12 Noon

**Monday—Friday**

7.30am & 10.30am

(except Holy Days of Obligation)

**Holy Day of Obligation**

6.30pm 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

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

**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Is 35:4-7.

Ps 145:7-10.

Jas 2:1-5.

Mk 7:31-37

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd Sept 2018

**Gospel Reflection for the Twenty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time :**



### How Not to Impress God!

It's easy to be fooled. Mr and Mrs Devout are always in church, always to be seen praying, always lighting votives, always to be found kneeling in their favourite pew. Are Mr and Mrs Devout good people? Well very possibly, but outward appearances can be deceptive. Perhaps Mr and Mrs Devout are the salt of the earth, but not necessarily. Despite their Sunday best, perhaps Mr and Mrs Devout spend the rest of the week, complaining about the refugees next door, gossiping about other parishioners and ignoring the plight of the beggar sitting on the church doorstep. Outward appearances are no indication of what lies beneath.

Today the Pharisees complain to Jesus, that his disciples do not wash their hands before eating. Their complaint does not stem from food hygiene. The Pharisees had very many rituals intended to keep themselves pure and undefiled, and one of these rituals was washing before eating. The ritual in itself is not so very wrong. We ourselves have a ritual of saying 'grace before meals', but where Jesus finds fault is in their flawed grasp of what is important. Jesus uses their complaint to teach a lesson, and the lesson isn't really anything to do with washing.

What do we think pleases God? The Pharisees were not bad people, but they had strayed a long way from pleasing God. To the Pharisees, religion was all about abiding by hundreds of rules and regulations. Many of these rules were about keeping themselves segregated from anything in the world that would make them unclean. They had become so obsessed by this that they no longer engaged well with the world and all its suffering. They lived by lofty and judgmental ideals that Jesus totally rejected. Jesus didn't deliberately set out to disregard tradition, but at the same time, he had come to engage with the world and its needs. Jesus' main concern was for the poor the sick and the marginalised, and he went out of his way to associate himself with them. He saw the Pharisees placing barriers between man and God, and he wasn't having it!

We do not become unacceptable to God by failing to follow a set of outward rules. We become unacceptable to God when our hearts become cold. God is not impressed when we turn up for Mass in our Sunday best. God is best pleased when we show the world a loving and sincere heart.

### St. Joseph & St. Benildus

**Sept 1st/2nd 2018**

**Sept 8th/9th 2018**

6.30pm Saturday:

M.M Billy Murphy

Billy McLoughlin

John Walsh

10.00am Sunday:

Bern Balfe

Tim Daly

12 Noon Sunday:

Mary Mescall

M.M Maureen Quinn

John Sheridan

### St. Mary's, Ballygunner

**Sept 1st/2nd 2018**

**Sept 8th/9th 2018**

7.00pm Saturday:

Mary & Joe Sharpe

Jim Tobin

Fr. Joe Cullen

Margaret Moloughney

Tony Barden

Rosie & Paddy Morrissey

11.00am Sunday:

Nicholas & Joan Power

M.M Agnes Devins

Austin King

Jimmy O'Neill

Anna Doyle

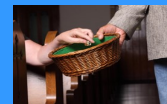




Please pray for those  
who died about a month ago  
Bill Carleton  
Billy Murphy  
For those whose anniversaries and birthdays  
occur  
Reginald & Constance Nolan,  
Margaret Ann Lunney



We welcome Tyler Christopher Sutton and Róisín Clodagh Meagher who were baptised recently. Please keep them, their godparents, parents and families in your prayers.



*Last Sunday's Collection*  
€1,580  
*Thank you for your  
generous offering*

## Festival of Families, Croke Park



## Invitation to Young Adults [18-35 years]

*Whom do you seek?*

*Come and see*



Glenstal Abbey

Saturday  
15 September  
2.30 pm - 5.30 pm

**Taking Time**

Pádraig McIntyre OSB

**Love, Friendship & Life**

Luke Macnamara OSB

Quiet time in the Garden / Icon  
Chapel / Music Room

**Prayer & Meditation**

Pádraig McIntyre OSB

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## Attending the Papal Mass in the Phoenix Park, Sunday August 26th 2018



**PRAYER & PRAISE:** Resuming Thursday 13th September at 11.00am. The group meets every Thursday morning in the Parish Centre. All are welcome.

**Quiz Night in aid of Friends of University Hospital Waterford :**  
Thursday 6th Sept, 8.30pm. Cove Bar, Dunmore Road. Bring a team, or join a table. €5pp. First Prize 100€

**Parkinson's Talks :** Every Tuesday from 2pm to 4pm  
Until 18th September  
Carrichpherish Library, Gracedieu, Waterford, 085 8525766

### Cathedral of the Most Holy Trinity, Waterford.

Visit the Relics of St. Thérèse and her parents St. Louis and St. Zélie Martin. Sunday 2nd Sept 2018.

11.00am : Arrival & Welcome Ceremony for Relics; 12.00 noon : Solemn Mass; 2.30—3.30pm : Confessions; 4.00pm: Sung Vespers ( Evening Prayer ); 5.30pm: Evening Mass. The Veneration of the Relics will take place throughout the day. The Cathedral will remain open until 7.30pm. Scapulars & Roses will be blessed after both Masses and after Vespers.

## SCHOOL LIFE:

Most Irritating Moments  
- Morning Alarm  
Most Difficult Task  
- To find Socks  
Most Dreadful Journey  
- Way to Class  
Most Lovely Time  
- Meeting Friends  
Most Tragic Moments  
- Surprise Test in 1st Period  
Most Wonderful News  
- TEACHER IS ABSENT

### Back to School

For all teachers, assistants, parents and pupils, our prayers are with you this week, especially for those feeling a little bit uncertain or anxious.

### Bitesize

They are not all saints who use holy water.

Anon.