

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 :**

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 2:12, 17-20.

Ps 53:3-6, 8.

Jas 3:16-4:3.

Mk 9:30-37.

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

16th Sept 2018

Gospel Reflection for the Twenty Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Choosing Your Crosses

We like stories about Peter because he's a flawed character. He gets himself into trouble on numerous occasions by saying rash things. We like Peter because in a lot of ways he is just like each and every one of us.

Today Peter recognises Jesus as the Son of God, but he completely fails to grasp the implications. He certainly doesn't understand the necessity for Jesus to die on the cross and he tells him so. Jesus puts Peter straight. "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." "For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel will save it."

Many would-be-disciples misunderstand the concept of taking up crosses. We often hear people in general conversation sighing. "... Ah well... we all have our crosses to bear...." There are difficulties in all of our lives that cannot be avoided. To try and avoid problems would be foolish. Life is just one long series of problems and challenges, and each problem overcome makes us a stronger character. However, this is not the same thing as picking up our crosses and following Christ. Living with unavoidable problems isn't the same as choosing to tackle a problem that we could easily avoid. Jesus didn't need to choose the road to Jerusalem and crucifixion, but he did. In the same way, Christians need to be pro-active about choosing their crosses. Do we choose to care for an elderly parent, or do we leave it to one of our siblings. Do we tackle racism in our street, or do we leave it to the neighbours. Do we fundraise for local charities or do we leave it to those we deem cleverer, more articulate or more energetic. *There are an estimated 2.1 billion Christians on our planet. How different the world would be if each and every one of us chose to pick up our crosses.*

St. Joseph & St. Benildus

6.30pm Saturday:

Sept 15th/16th 2018

Michael Smyth

Sept 22nd/23rd 2018

Michael D. Doyle

Ellen Boyce

10.00am Sunday:

12 Noon Sunday:

Brian McGovern

Brian Sheridan



St. Mary's, Ballygunner

7.00pm Saturday:

Garry O'Keeffe

Biddy & Niall Warren

11.00am Sunday:

M.M Tess Mulcahy

Martin Carroll

Anthony Bolger

Matt Hoolihan

Brian & John Sheridan



**Please pray for those
who died recently**

Patrick Kennedy

Those who died about a month ago

Tess Mulcahy

For those whose anniversaries and birthdays

occur

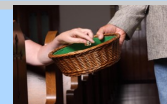
Jason Coll

Paddy & Nora Nolan



**Holy
Baptism**

We welcome **Donnacha Patrick Molloy, Daniel O'Shea** and **Noah Stephen McCabe** who were baptised recently. Please keep them, their parents, families and godparents in your prayers.



Last Sunday's Collection

€2,708

Thank you

Knock Pilgrimage

The annual Legion of Mary Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine will be held on Sunday the 30th of September. Cost €30 (meals extra or bring a packed lunch). Depart 6.30am. Pick-up points: Supervalu Hypermarket, Murphy's Machinery Glenmore; Slieverue Church; Ferrybank Church, and Rising Sun, Mullinavat. *For departure times and further info: 087 71481000*

Retrouvaille – A Lifeline for Married Couples: Do you want to improve the communication with your spouse? Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you hurt, frustrated or angry with your spouse? Does talking about it only make it worse? The Retrouvaille programme can help marriages at all stages. Next programme starts 5th – 7th October 2018. For information contact Tony & Anne (01) 495 3536, Mike & Anne (01) 450 0922, text or call 086 413 5440, or email info@retrouvaille.ie or visit www.retrouvaille.ie.

Alpha

Alpha is an opportunity for anyone anywhere to freely explore their unique questions about life, faith and God. It is a series of interactive sessions where we firstly share food, then watch a DVD and discuss together. All views are listened to and respected. Some of the topics explored are – is there more to life than this? Who is Jesus? Who is the Holy Spirit? What about the church? The sessions take place over 11 weeks and last approximately 1hr.45 mins. **We plan to host our first Alpha in the parish starting on Sept 18th. All are invited. We need everyone to pray and ask the Lord to bless this new beginning.**



Do return invitations re: attendance or contact Frances Doyle 086 3179433 or Denise 0871512617

Denise Hughes (Chairperson Parish Council)

Facts on Alpha

Over 29 million people have experienced Alpha; 84000 courses are running worldwide in 112 languages; Running in 164 countries; Started in England 1977 – has flourished worldwide.

ATTENTION DISTRIBUTORS : AUTUMN COLLECTION

The Autumn Collection envelopes for the support of the Bishop and Priests of the Parish are available for collection in the Parish Office / Sacristy.

SOLAS CENTRE / ANAM CARA

Solas Centre & Anam Cara (the organisation that supports bereaved parents), is holding a Bereavement Information Evening on Tuesday 25th September at 7:00pm in the Park Hotel, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford. This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents. As Solas Centre & Anam Cara will need to confirm numbers for teas, coffees, etc, please RSVP to info@anamcara.ie before Monday 24th Sept.

Calling all Families!

"Please join us at Sacred Heart Parish, the Folly, on September 29th from 11-1pm (cuppa to follow) for our first Family Ministry Day of the year. Activities include: Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for children under 6, themed-faith activities for those over 6 and Adult faith formation. Please also check out our Facebook Page: **Catholic Family Network-Waterford** where you will find our monthly dates. We can't wait to meet you!"

Parishioners are invited to contact the Newsletter Team :

jbmnews@gmail.com with items of interest (of a non-commercial nature) for inclusion in the bulletin. Please note that the deadline is 11.00am on the Tuesday before printing.

ROTAS : ST. MARY'S

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



Government failed to honour commitments to tackle Climate Change

Fr. Seán McDonagh is chairperson of An Taisce. He has written a report on the Irish Government's response to global warming and the threat to bio diversity. He reminds us that in 2018 a report issued from the Climate Change Advisory Council of the Irish Government was damning. The key message in the report is that Ireland is completely off-target in terms of achieving its 2020/2030 greenhouse gas reductions emissions. The report is clear that Ireland is not transitioning to a low carbon economy.

Rather than reducing the carbon dioxide emissions by one million tons per year as required by the national policy position, Ireland is currently increasing emissions at a rate of 2million tons per year.

'This is a disastrous situation and needs to be turned around as quickly as possible.'