

# 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 :**

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Num 11:25-29.

Ps 18:8, 10, 12-14.

Jas 5:1-6.

Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48.

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

23rd Sept 2018

## Gospel Reflection for the Twenty Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Aspiring To Come Last

Who do we most admire? Who would we most like to be? Do we admire famous actors, talented singers, glamorous models or courageous athletes? Or do we admire people closer to home... parents, the nurse who cared for us the last time we were in hospital, or the neighbour who is always willing to mind the children in the school holidays.

Today the disciples are having a 'who's the greatest' conversation. When Jesus asks them what they are talking about, they fall silent. Instinctively they know Jesus will not approve of their appetite for greatness and of course, he doesn't. "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then Jesus places a small child in their midst and says, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me, welcomes not me, but the one who sent me."

We are being given another tough lesson in discipleship. We spend most of our lives scrabbling our way to the top of life's heap. In whatever walk of life we are working, we strive to be looked up to and respected. We are addicted to greatness and we pass on our addiction to our children. We tell our children that to be high up on life's social ladder is to be applauded. The trouble is our ideas of greatness and God's ideas of greatness aren't the same thing.

God doesn't measure success in terms of popularity, glamour, money and power. God measures success in getting the job done by example and servitude. That doesn't mean that we shouldn't aspire to positions of leadership or responsibility, but it does mean that we should use our position for the common good and not to lord it over others. If we want to be part of God's Kingdom we must have the humble and unassuming character of a small child.

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

6.30pm Saturday:

**Sept 22nd/23rd 2018**

Michael D. Doyle

Ellen Boyce

Martin Carroll

10.00am Sunday:

Matt Hoolihan

12 Noon Sunday:

Brian Sheridan

### **St. Mary's, Ballygunner**

7.00pm Saturday:

Biddy & Niall Warren

11.00am Sunday:

**29th/30th Sept 2018**

Gay Murphy

J.B. O'Sullivan

James & Mary Quinlan

Bridget Flynn

Tommy McDonagh



Vincent McElroy

Seamie Gough

Cyril O'Regan

Olive Glynn



**Please pray for those  
who died recently  
John ( Johnny) Barry  
For those whose anniversaries and  
birthdays occur**

Kathleen Crotty, Anne Cooke,  
Olga Bagriy, Bridget Douglas,  
Paul Foley, Agnes Whittle

### HOME VISITATION GROUP

There will be a meeting of the Home Visitation Group on Monday 24th September at 11.00am in the Parish Centre.

### 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.



*Last Sunday's Collection  
€2,220  
Thank you*

## AUTUMN COLLECTION

The Autumn Collection for the support of the Bishop and Priests of the Parish will be taken up at all Masses on the weekend of Sept 29th/30th.

### 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 ). 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*

A Traditional Latin Mass with Gregorian Chant will take place at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Barronstrand Street, Waterford City at 10am on Sunday 30th September. Celebrant Fr. Andrzej Komorowski FSSP. All are most welcome.

### 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 too 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 hosted our first Alpha in the parish on Sept 18th. We need everyone to pray and ask the Lord to bless this new beginning.*

*For further information contact Frances Doyle 086 3179433 or Denise 0871512617*

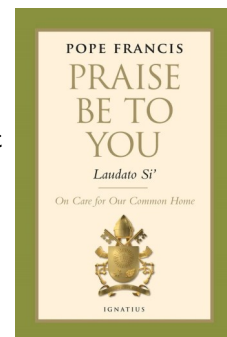


### Celebration Mass : Care for our Common Home:

#### Encyclical of Pope Francis on the Environment

**A special Mass will be celebrated at 6.30pm in St. Joseph & Benildus Church on Sat 29th Sept. and in St. Mary's on Sunday 30th at 11.00am.**

'Laudato Si' mi Signore, - "Praise be to you, my Lord", is the name of the encyclical of Pope Francis that invites us to consider our shared responsibility for the world in which we live and our connectedness with all living things and all the gifts of creation. The letter begins in this way: "in the words of this beautiful canticle, Saint Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us. 'Praise be to you, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruit with coloured flowers and herbs'."



### Diocese of Waterford & Lismore:

#### Eucharistic Adoration Retreat : Sunday 7th Oct 2018.

Glencomeragh House of Prayer, Kilsheelan.  
Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan D.D Bishop of Waterford will attend.

2.00pm : Rosary / Confessions

2.15pm : Retreat Talk ( Fr. Patrick Cahill )

2.45pm : Tea / Coffee Refreshments

3.15pm : Silent Adoration

4.00pm : Celebration of Holy Mass .



Cost €10

### Parish Partnership Committee: Ishiara

A special meeting of the Parish Partnership Committee ( Ishiara ) will be held on Saturday 29th Sept at 10.00am in the Parish Centre.

*Parishioners are invited to contact the Newsletter Team : [jbmnews@gmail.com](mailto: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.*

### Catechism Classes

Classes will be run each Thursday night from 7-9 pm in St Paul's parochial centre in Lisduggan, Waterford. The Catechism of the Catholic Church is a book and course that has been studied throughout the world, and in local parishes under the guidance of a lay facilitator and a priest as a spiritual director. Come along for more information on the Catechism of the Catholic Church on Thursday nights from 7-9 pm.

### LECTIO DIVINA

Reflections on the Sunday gospels to deepen your knowledge of the Word of God in the weekly liturgy. "There is one particular way of listening to what the Lord wishes to tell us in His Word and of letting ourselves be transformed by the Spirit. It is what we call Lectio Divina." ( Pope Francis ).  
**St. John's Pastoral Centre, every Wednesday night from 19th Sept. @ 7.30pm. €5.** Please join the Sisters of Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. All welcome.