

# 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 :**

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gn 2:18-24.

Ps 127.

Heb 2:9-11.

Mk 10:2-16.

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

30th Sept 2018

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

### The Jealousy Club!



It's human instinct to form groups, organisations, sects, clubs, societies, associations, guilds, unions and fellowships. Being in a club is good. Clubs give us a sense of belonging and a sense of purpose. In a club we can draw strength from other like minded people; we benefit from mutual support, shared ideas and pooled resources.

But being in a club is not without pitfalls. Within a club we can begin to behave in an odd way. We can become so loyal to our club that we instinctively set up barriers between ourselves and outsiders. We can become wary of newcomers to the point of discrimination. As part of a group we can become very competitive towards other groups, even groups that are trying to achieve exactly the same things as us. When we see an outsider on our patch we can feel threatened and indignant, but if that outsider is doing what we have been trying to do all along, and worse, doing it successfully, then we can become quite frankly green with jealousy.

Today Jesus' disciples have had their noses pushed well and truly out of joint. They have witnessed an exorcist unknown to them, working miracles in Jesus' name. Worse, he is doing it very successfully. Maybe the disciples are hoping that Jesus will order the newcomer off their patch, but he doesn't. "Whoever is not against us," he replies, "is for us." In other words, if someone is working towards the same end, it doesn't matter whether or not they are in the same club.

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

6.30pm Saturday:

**29th/30th Sept 2018**

Gay Murphy

J.B. O'Sullivan



**6th/7th Oct 2018**

Bid Power

10.00am Sunday:

James & Mary Quinlan

Eileen, Tom & Harry Lupton

12 Noon Sunday:

Bridget Flynn

Ned & Statia Leamy

Tommy McDonagh

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

7.00pm Saturday:

Vincent McElroy

M.M. Breda Quann

Paddy Walsh

11.00am Sunday:

Seanie Gough

Michael Boland

Cyril O'Regan

Alan, Kathleen & Tom Leahy

Olive Glynn



**Please pray for those  
who died recently**

Margaret ( Peggy ) Hunt  
Ellen Power

**For those whose anniversaries and  
birthdays occur**

Paul Foley, Joan Murphy,  
Christina & Therese Murray,  
Patricia McGuinness, Joe Finnerty.

## AUTUMN COLLECTION

The Autumn Collection for the support of the Bishop and Priests of the Parish will be taken up at all Masses this weekend. Thanks for your support.



*Last Sunday's Collection  
€2,555*

*Thank you for your  
generosity*

### 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. *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.**

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.

### Friendship Lunch : Change of Venue

The next Friendship Lunch will take place on Monday

8th October **in the Cove Bar** and will continue on the 2nd Monday of each month.

### Liturgy Group Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Liturgy Committee on Monday 1st Oct at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

### PRAYER GROUP

The Wednesday Evening Prayer Group meets every Wednesday at 8.15pm in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

### Home Visitation Team

If you are feeling lonely and would like a member of the Parish Visitation Team to call for a chat, or if you know of anyone who might like a visit, please contact the parish office 051 878977.

### Rosary on the Coast for Life & Faith

Join tens of thousands of faithful on the coasts of Ireland to pray the Rosary on the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary ( Oct 7th), as we pray for Faith & Life through her intercession. *The Waterford venue is Wallace Plaza, The Quay, at 2.30pm.* This is an international event, with the Rosary being said that day on the coasts/borders in the UK, USA, Australia, Panama, Nigeria, New Zealand, Poland, Canada, India and many more countries.

### Live Streaming of Masses

Parishioners are reminded that Live Streaming of Masses in both St.Benildus & St.Mary's is available online, and can be accessed on :

[www.churchservices.tv/stjosephswaterford](http://www.churchservices.tv/stjosephswaterford)

**or** [www.churchservices.tv/stmarysballygunner](http://www.churchservices.tv/stmarysballygunner)

### TAIZÉ

There will be *An Evening of Taizé* with the *Island of Ireland Peace Choir* in the Edmund Rice Chapel, Mt.Sion, Waterford on Friday 5th October at 8.00pm. All are welcome.

### St. Francis Of Assisi, 4th October

*Some tips to try on this, the feast day of St Francis patron saint of the environment.*

- *Don't use the oven to cook just one thing, use the energy for something else in your meal too*
- *Turn your thermostat down by 1°C; this could save you money on your energy bill*

### Diocese of Waterford & Lismore:

**Eucharistic Adoration Retreat : Sunday 7th Oct .**

**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

**Greetings from the School of Humanities, WIT.** The Theology and Religious Studies research group are holding a public lecture next Wednesday (3rd October) at 6:30 pm in F03 (School of Business building, Cork Road Campus). Professor Michael Kirwan SJ will give a talk entitled 'Starting Over: Re-imagining the Church-State Relation in a post-State, post-Christian world'. Kirwan's lecture will focus on the timely topic of Church-State relations. After political shifts of recent years, it seems that the time has come to 'build a new relationship between church and state' (Leo Varadkar, speaking to Pope Francis, August 2018). This is true, not just in Ireland, but throughout the world. For many, we are talking about a re-balancing of power and influence, away from religion and in favour of the secular state. But what if things are more complex than this? What if the modern state is also vulnerable, and in need of radical re-examination? This talk will point to some 'straws in the wind' in European political thought, to see where we might go from here. Fr. Michael Kirwan SJ is a Jesuit priest, teaching and researching at the Loyola Institute, Trinity College Dublin. He has an interest in political theology, and in the work of the Christian philosopher, René Girard. More information on his work is available at <http://www.heythrop.ac.uk/staff/dr-michael-kirwan-sj>