

# 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 :

4th Sunday of Advent  
Mic 5:1-4.

Ps 79:2-3,15-16,18-19.

Heb 10:5-10.

Lk 1:39-44.

## 3rd Sunday of Advent

16th Dec 2018

### Gospel Reflection for the Third Sunday of Advent: Joy To The World



Today John the Baptist points his finger at the scribes and the Pharisees. As religious leaders, the scribes and the Pharisees might have thought they were beyond repentance, but John makes no distinction between the sinners and the religious.

Repentance is a challenge for each and every one of us to take a good long look at ourselves. We might be nice people; we might have kind and caring dispositions; we might have values and good intentions, but what legacy do we leave in

practical terms? How important is it to a starving child on the other side of the world that we go to church on Sunday? How much does it matter to someone lonely, sick poor or marginalised that we sit and read our bibles each night? Today we are being asked to put our money where our mouths are. Our faith is void if we don't live by it. We are asked to share by giving up our time and our money. We are asked to share by not exploiting others.

Before we can firmly celebrate the joy of Christmas we are asked to ensure that the less well off are also experiencing the joy of Christmas in practical terms, food warmth and security. We have all experienced the joy of giving a gift. Today we are asked to experience the same pleasure in sharing what we have with those who have nothing.

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

**15th/16th Dec 2018**

**22nd/23rd Dec 2018**

6.30pm Saturday:

Stephen Rodgers



Joan & Tom Foskin,  
Jim Whelan

10.00am Sunday:

Peg Power

Michael, Mary & Catherine Hearne

12 Noon Sunday:

Michael Gallagher

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

7.00pm Saturday:

M.M. John Sharpe  
Harry, Maureen, Maria Sharpe  
Edward Kelly

Gary Murphy  
Mary Cummins

11.00am Sunday:

Jerry & Evelyn O'Regan  
Frank Rushen

M.M. Michael Kiely  
Charles Murray



**Please pray for those  
who died recently**  
Séamus O'Shea  
**whose Month's Mind occurs**  
John Sharpe

**For those whose anniversaries and  
birthdays occur**

Jackie Goode, Noel Noonan,  
Christopher Morley, Kathleen Quinlan,  
Michael & Bridget Higgins, John Bradley,  
Mary Kennedy, Paul Nolan & Family,  
Brendan Lea, Anthony Coakley,  
Bridget Kennedy, Brian Fitzgerald

### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

The weekly Adoration of the Blessed  
Sacrament will not take place on Weds  
19th & 26th Dec, and on 3rd January.

### **Recent Baptisms**

We welcome Thomas Patrick  
Walsh, Róisín Moloney,  
Matteo Rafael Ravago, and  
Kayden Liam Fitzek who were  
baptised recently. Please keep  
them, their parents,  
godparents, and families in  
your prayers.

*Last Sunday's  
Collection  
€2,489  
Thank 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.

### **Reconciliation Service: Fr. Pat Young OFM**



There will only be one Reconciliation Service in the city of  
Waterford this Advent. It will take place in the Sacred Heart  
Church, The Folly, on Thursday 20th December at 7.30pm.  
This is a combined Service for all the parishes in the city. It will  
touch all our hearts and help us to prepare for Christmas.

### **Live Streaming of Masses in both St. Benildus & St. Mary's :**

www.churchservices.tv/stjosephswaterford AND  
www.churchservices.tv/stmarysballygunner

### **Christmas in Benildus 3**

An Evening of Music, Poetry and Readings on a Christmas Theme.

Valerie Leahy



Vanessa Whelan



Dominic McGorian



Billy O'Brien



The Trinitones



Jane Hackett



### **Christmas Concert Tickets**

Tickets for  
the **Christmas  
in Benildus 3**

Concert are  
available for  
sale in the  
Parish Office  
until 1.00pm  
daily.

The previous two Christmas  
Concerts in St. Joseph & Benildus  
Church were very enjoyable, and  
this year will be no exception.  
*A percentage of all proceeds goes to  
the church, so please support this  
Parish event and the local artistes  
who will be performing.*



### **Christmas Dinner**

On Christmas Day at 12.30pm, in St.  
Joseph School, Parnell Street, Waterford,  
Christmas dinner will be available free for  
anybody who is lonely on that day.  
Come along at 12.30pm and you will be  
made very welcome.  
For more information, phone 087  
6889047

**Special Guests:** The Parish Choir, Gerry Kane.

**Date:** Dec 19th, 7.30-9.30pm. St. Joseph & Benildus Church.

**Time:** Doors open 7.00pm.

**Tickets** €15. ( a percentage of all proceeds goes to the Church ).

*Tickets available from the Parish Office, Mon—Fri, 11am—1.00pm.*

Email: pmmtickets@mail.com

Or call Phyllis on 087 9293553

**Project Music**

### **Attention Distributors:**

#### **Christmas Dues Envelopes**

*The Christmas Dues envelopes for the  
support of the Bishop & Priests of the  
Parish are ready for collection. Thank  
you !*