

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 :

2nd Sunday of Advent

Bar 5:1-9.

Ps 125.

Phil 1:3-6, 8-11.

Lk 3:1-6.

1st Sunday of Advent

2nd Dec 2018

Gospel Reflection for the First Sunday of Advent : Saving Souls

Martin Lewis, the 'money saving expert' made a video this month that went viral. He called on people to agree not to spend money on gifts that were overpriced or unnecessary. The point was take the burden from others who might be embarrassed into buying an expensive gift back, and to release families from buying presents that would put them into debt. The idea was to avoid the commercialism of Christmas. As Christians this message goes much deeper. Avoiding the commercialism of Christmas obviously isn't about saving money, it's about saving souls.

The trouble with Advent is that Christmas comes at the end. We know that Advent is a time for taking stock, but with Christmas just around the corner, we're far too busy with shopping lists to think about the state of our souls.

It seems obvious that we should spend our lives in preparation for the final judgement day, but it is all too easy to take our eye off the ball. At this time of year in particular it is easy to get swamped in the things that the ads convince us we must do before Christmas. We end up feeling trapped and unable to see the bigger picture. All of a sudden it's too late. We never get to do the things we know we should have done. The Gospel paints a frightening picture of the end of the world, but it is not meant to terrify us. Advent is a time of waiting and of looking forward, not just to Christmas but to the second coming of Jesus. The signs of the second coming are there to liberate us from the preparations of Christmas and the other things that weigh us down. We are invited to take a long-term view. It would be a pity to get to the other side of Christmas only to realise that a host of fake Santa Clauses had distracted us from contemplating the real direction of our lives.

St. Joseph & St. Benildus

1st/2nd Dec 2018

8th/9th Dec 2018

6.30pm Saturday:

M.M Della Keane

Marie White
Pat Murnane

10.00am Sunday:

Dick & Anna Tilson
Denise Walsh
John Byrne

Jack Hatton
Anita Curry

12 Noon Sunday:

Kitty Fitzpatrick
Harry Flynn
Joe & Joan Costello

Ben Wadding
Elizabeth Kiriimidis
M.M. Edith Phelan

St. Mary's, Ballygunner

7.00pm Saturday:



John, Anne, Paddy & Jim Morrissey
Maurice Gough

Eddie Doyle
Anne Shortt
Alice, Mick, & Jack Parle

11.00am Sunday:

Kevin Doyle
Joan, John & Patrick Pierce

Michael Troy
Kathleen Power
M.M Joan English
Helen Lewsley



**Please pray for those
whose Month's Mind occurs**

Della Keane

**For those whose anniversaries and
birthdays occur**

Marie Cullinan, Elizabeth Moynihan,
Kathleen Hearne,
Kate & Pierce Dalton,
Nancy O'Gorman, Agnes Lea,
Marie Madigan, Rosemary Gough,
Denis & Sarah Murphy

Recent Baptisms

We welcome Joao Gabriel
Rodrigues Da Costa,
Gerard Patrick Keane,
Casey Brendan O'Brien,
Calvin Gerard Hogan.
who were baptised
recently. Please keep them,
their parents, godparents,
and family in your prayers.



*Last Sunday's
Collection
€2,310
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.

Advent Reflection

Cultivating a Contemplative Awareness – a listening heart and a peaceful spirit.
An uplifting, inspirational evening through the medium of prayer, imagery, music
& reflection as we approach the season of Advent, St. John's Pastoral Centre.
Thursday, 29th November, @ 7.00 p.m. Facilitator: Antoinette Dilworth rsj.

MESSIAH : G.F. Handel

St. John's Church, 2nd December 7.30pm

City of Dublin Chamber Orchestra & the Notable Works Chorus. Conducted by Kevin
O'Carroll. Tickets 20 Euro from Theatre Royal Box Office. This much loved Christmas
favourite will be sung by a choir of 70 singers from Waterford and Wexford.

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



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

Scripture Reflection Lectio Divina

Please join us throughout Advent—
on Friday mornings—in the Parish
Centre after 10.30am Mass.
All welcome.

World Gifts and Ethical Christmas Shopping

Most charities now run a 'virtual Christmas
present' scheme. You buy a goat, a mosquito
net or a survival kit for a family in need, and
your loved one gets a card to say that their
present has been shared with someone who
really needs it. Asking your children to choose
the gifts is a wonderful way of teaching how
other people live.

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

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

Annual Vincent de Paul Christmas Collection

Envelopes were distributed last
weekend for the Annual Vincent de
Paul collection. Collection will be
taken up this weekend. *Thank you for
your continued generosity.*

An Evening of Taizé

Edmund Rice Centre, Barrack Street,
Waterford.
Friday 7th December, 8pm.
All Welcome.

Parish Liturgy Group

There will be a meeting of the Liturgy Group
at 6.00pm on Monday 3rd December in the
Parish Centre.

ENROLMENT

Gaelscoil Phortláirge is currently
enrolling pupils to begin school in
September 2019. If you are interested in
a place for your child, please, contact the
office on 051 879736 or email
gsphortlairge@gmail.com.