

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 :

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Neh 8:2-6, 8-10.

Ps 18:8-10, 15.

1 Cor 12:12-30.

Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

20th Jan 2019

Gospel Reflection for the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time :



If You Could Choose A Miracle?

If you were in Jesus' shoes and you were about to grab the world's attention with your first miracle, what might that first miracle be? Might you reverse global warming or end poverty? Jesus' first miracle was to turn water into wine at the Wedding of Cana. To many it seems a frivolous kind of miracle something akin to a party trick, but John relates the miracle with good reason. John's gospel is quite different in character from the other three. It's written in a very symbolic style, and it doesn't follow the same order, or record the same stories as the others. St. John is concerned in showing us signs, which gradually reveal the glory of God through Jesus. The author seems to be mainly interested in the significance of the deeds of Jesus. So what is the significance of this miracle? John writes, "This is written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name." Suddenly confronted with enough wine to swim in, the disciples had no choice but to begin to believe in who Jesus really was. Neither would the symbolism have been lost on the people of the time. It was the people's belief that at the time of salvation God would provide a table for feasting for his servants and a cup that would never run dry. In short, the substance of the sign was of no consequence at all; it was the message the sign conveyed that was all-important.

The symbolism we read in this first miracle speaks of an old religion bogged down with oppressive rules and laws liberated by a new faith governed by love, compassion, joy, generosity, and abundance. Being a Christian is a very serious business, and as Christians we are asked to address life and death issues, but that doesn't mean we should trudge around with long pious faces. Jesus frequently likens the Kingdom of God to a feast, so smile.... the changing of water to wine is a sign of better things to come.

St. Joseph & St. Benildus	19th/20th Jan 2019	26th/27th Jan 2019
6.30pm Saturday:	Ger Walsh	Michael Flavin
10.00am Sunday:		Kathleen Hennessy
12 Noon Sunday:	Frank O'Callaghan. Ronnie Burke Deceased Choir Members	John Kennedy Joe McGrath
St. Mary's, Ballygunner		
7.00pm Saturday:	Michael Carroll	Harry, Maureen, Maria Sharpe Peter (Ptery) Cummins
11.00am Sunday:	Della Upton Tom Leahy	Jimmy O'Neill John & Anastasia Meade



Please pray for those who died recently

Lily Gaffney, late of Viewmount

And those whose birthday or anniversary occurs

Ger Walsh, Sean Caraway, Betty Walsh,

Margaret (Greta) Walsh,

Thomas Coffey, James Kinsella

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.

Last Sunday's Collection
€2,206
Thank you



Ecumenical Service :

Sunday January 20th at 7.30pm,

Christ Church Cathedral, Waterford.

To mark the Octave of Prayers for Christian Unity.

Preacher: Dom Richard Purcell OCSO, Abbot of Mount Mellary Abbey.

ALPHA IN ST BENILDUS PARISH CENTRE

Vision for Alpha in our Parish



Next Alpha begins on March 5th, with new members on our team. We will extend around two hundred invitations and wait for the Holy Spirit to work – one never knows how many people will respond. Following this Alpha, we plan to start our first Connect Group in the Parish where those who have completed Alpha will continue to meet. Members of our team will help with same. This will be a slow process and one guided by the Spirit.

Open Night on Alpha on Tuesday, January 22nd – 7.00 – 9.00. Do come along and bring a friend.

(Parish Alpha Team)

Irish Heart Foundation will hold a Heart Failure Support & Information Group on 31st January 7.30p.m. – 9p.m.
The Park Hotel, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford
Contact: Lucinda McNerney 087 7781561

In his **Annual Address to the Vatican Diplomatic Corps** in early January, Pope Francis highlighted the dangers posed by the rise of unprincipled nationalism, particularly as to how it threatens world peace. He deplored “the re-emergence of tendencies to impose individual national interests without having recourse to the instruments provided by international law for resolving controversies..” Nations can pursue their own interests..but they must do so by respecting the interests of other. As we are threatened by the abyss of a no-deal Brexit, Boris Johnson, Jacob Rees-Mogg(who is Catholic), Jeremy Corbyn et al might be enlightened by studying the Pope’s address.

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

www.churchservices.tv/stjosephswaterford AND
www.churchservices.tv/tmarysballygunner

Recordings of the Christmas in Benildus Concerts may be seen on the same site.

Concert for the New Year

Sacred Heart Church, The Folly, Waterford City, at 7.45pm, Saturday 19th January, featuring De La Salle College Senior and First Year Choirs and the Laurel Hill Coláiste Girls’ Choir from Limerick. Over 200 young singers will perform popular classics such as The Hallelujah Chorus, The Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves, And So it Goes by Billy Joel, Only You by The Flying Pickets and many more great songs.

When these choirs sing together there is an abundance of energy and a truly beautiful and youthful sound. This is a concert you can’t afford to miss!! Admission is free.

Saturday 10.30 Mass

The 10.30am Mass in St. Joseph & St. Benildus Church is a weekly Novena to the Mother of Perpetual help. It is immediately followed by Benediction, which lasts approximately 10 minutes. All are welcome to share this prayerful ceremony.



Additional Ministers of the Eucharist and Ministers of the Word are needed in both churches of the parish.

The commitment is minimal, involving being available at approximately one Mass each month. Please contact Irene Murtagh (Eucharistic) or Mary Lawrence (Word), or leave your name in the Sacristy.

Samaritans Waterford and South East are now recruiting for volunteers. Samaritans offer emotional support to our callers via telephone, text, email and face to face contact. Full training will be provided. For further information on how to become a Samaritan volunteer please join us for our Information Meeting on Saturday 02/02/19 at 11 am at our centre at 16 Beau Street, Waterford (off Catherine Street).

If possible please confirm attendance on 086 1744605 (preferably by text) or by email waterfordsamsrecruitment@gmail.com to register your interest.