

# PARISH OF ST. JOSEPH, ST. BENILDUS & ST. MARY'S

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

27th Jan 2019

## Gospel Reflection for the Third Sunday Ordinary Time : Passion and Purpose



What makes a great orator? What makes them more persuasive? How do they influence people to take action? Great orators have something in common. A great speaker is driven by his or her passion. Passion is infectious. Great speakers keep it simple. They use short sentences. They use everyday language to make complicated topics clear and understandable. A great speech is more than just a clever argument, a great speech comes from a person that throws their weight and their personality behind their beliefs.

When Jesus is invited to stand up and preach back at his own hometown synagogue he chooses his reading with care. What Jesus chooses to read is to be a statement about his own mission priorities. He chooses to speak of social injustice. "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me," he reads, "... because he has anointed me to proclaim glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, sight to the blind, freedom to the oppressed." Then Jesus points to himself as the fulfilment of the ancient prophecy before handing back the scroll and sitting down. Jesus has obeyed all the rules of public speaking, he has considered the purpose of his reading, chosen words that will best convey his purpose, and delivered them powerfully and succinctly.

How will Jesus' listeners respond to his claim? What would our own response have been? Would we have been inspired and motivated to hear Jesus speak these words? Would we suddenly see the ancient prophecy as just that, an ancient prophecy, or as mission to be fulfilled under Jesus' leadership? Could we begin to imagine the poetry of these words resonating two thousand years later? Only very few of us have the charisma to communicate in the way Jesus obviously did, but there are other ways to communicate and other ways to evangelise. If we want to influence those around us, we need to take a leaf from Jesus' book and put some passion into our purpose.

## 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

### IF YOU WISH TO PREPARE NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS :

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19.

Ps 70:1-6, 15, 17.

1 Cor 12:31-13:13.

Lk 4:21-30.

<b>St. Joseph &amp; St. Benildus</b>	<b>26th/27th Jan 2019</b>	<b>2nd/3rd Feb 2019h</b>
6.30pm Saturday:	Michael Flavin	
10.00am Sunday:	Kathleen Hennessy	James & Eugene Power
12 Noon Sunday:	John Kennedy Joe McGrath	Elizabeth Cosgrove
<b>St. Mary's, Ballygunner</b>		
7.00pm Saturday:	Harry, Maureen, Maria Sharpe Peter (Piery) Cummins	M.M Séamus O'Shea
11.00am Sunday:	Jimmy O'Neill John & Anastasia Meade	Tim Walsh Davy Doyle



**Please pray for those who died recently**

Monica Reals

**And those whose birthday or anniversary occurs**

Rob Harte, James Kinsella,

Gerard O'Byrne,

Thomas, Nora, Maudie & Una O'Shaughnessy

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.

*Last Sunday's  
Collection  
€2,230  
Thank you*



**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.

### **Waterford Nursing Home:**

Rotas for Ministers of the Eucharist are available in the Sacristy.

### **Visitation Team**

The Parish Visitation Team will hold their next meeting on Monday next 28th January 2019 at 11am in the Parish Centre.

### **Lasallian Project : India 2019 :**

#### **Volunteers Needed.**

Lasallian Developing World Projects 2019 are seeking volunteers for their Project in Keelamiduman in Southern India. It is for the month of July. One has to fund-raise but it will be a life changing experience and really worth while. For further information contact Brother Thomas Walsh at [brtwalsh@hotmail.com](mailto:brtwalsh@hotmail.com) or 0863453092. *Thank you all for support over the years.*

## **Liturgy of Appreciation for the work of Religious Orders and Congregations in our Diocese.**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February at 7.00pm  
Cathedral of the Most Holy Trinity,  
Waterford**

On 1<sup>st</sup> February in the Cathedral of the Most Holy Trinity, Waterford, at 7.00 pm there will be a Liturgy of Appreciation for all the work which the Religious Orders and Congregations have carried out in this diocese. There are 22 Religious Orders working and praying among us. The diocese wishes to acknowledge the great work carried out by the Religious in the ceremony on 1<sup>st</sup> February, the Feast of St. Brigid.

The ceremony will include scripture readings, hymns and a homily and will be followed by light refreshments in Dooley's Hotel afterwards.

Parishioners throughout the Diocese are invited to attend.

**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](mailto:waterfordsamsrecruitment@gmail.com)

**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

### **VOCI LADIES CHOIR : WINTER NOTES ST. PATRICK'S GATEWAY, SAT 26th JANUARY, 8.PM.**

Musical Director : Fintan Scanlon

Accompanied by Siobhan Keappock

With Guests: Ursuline Primary School Choir

Roger Sweeney Brown, Cello.

TICKETS : €10 ( €8 CONCESSION )

### **Evening of Prayer in Glencomeragh**

Join us in Glencomeragh House on January 30th at 7:30pm for an evening of prayer and input. We will also have a special visit from the Marian Pilgrimages tour guides from the village of Medjugorje. All are welcome. For more info please contact 052 613 3181.

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

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

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

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