

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

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10th February 2019

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MASS TIMES

ST. JOSEPH & ST.

BENILDUS

Sunday: Vigil 6.30pm,

Sunday: 10.00am & 12 pm

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 :

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 17:5-8.

Ps : 1-4, 6.

1 Cor 15:12, 16-20.

Lk 6:17, 20-26.

Gospel Reflection for the Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Those Same Old Banana Skins!

We work to live ... or at least, that's the idea. But as we get up, go to work go to bed, get up, go to work, go to bed, get up, go to work, go to bed it begins to feel that instead of working to live we are living to work. Our lives can become a pattern of chores formed by the pressures of life rather than by our own design.

After years and years of doing the same things, these patterns can become a comfort zone that imprisons, confines and limits us. Before we know it, there are a whole raft of opportunities outside our comfort zone that we decide we are not capable of, or simply aren't 'us'.

Today we are reminded that we don't need to go through life slipping on the same old banana skins or beating our head against the same old brick walls. We can live life differently. We just need to be a bit braver and try that bit harder. The writer J.K. Rowling reminds us all to have the courage of our convictions. She submitted Harry Potter nine times before finally getting it accepted by Bloomsbury. "Success is failure that tried one more time!" All we need to step out of our self-made prisons is vision, belief and courage.

Today we find Peter and his fellow disciples at a low ebb. They have been fishing all night, but have caught nothing. Jesus advises them to do things a little differently. He asks them to cast their nets a little further from shore. It is heartening to see Peter knowing a moment of doubt. Jesus might be an expert when it comes to matters of faith, but what does he know about fishing? What Peter doesn't realise is that he is on the brink of a life changing experience. Fortunately for him, he trusts in Jesus despite his fleeting doubt, and follows the advice. The result is more fish than his nets can hold. Faith, courage, and a willingness to do things a little differently has brought it's own rewards.

St. Joseph & St. Benildus

9th/10th Feb 2019

16th/17th Feb 2019

6.30pm Saturday:

Patrick McCarthy

Liam O'Connor

10.00am Sunday:

Kathleen Byrne

12 Noon Sunday:

Gerard & Tish Sheridan

Niall Byrne

St. Mary's, Ballygunner

7.00pm Saturday:

Daniel O'Connell

Paddy Morrissey
William & Nancy Sharpe
Bridget Keane

11.00am Sunday:

Kathleen & Michael Conway
Francis & baby Thomas O'Keeffe

M.M. Lily Gaffney
Damien Upton
Michael Mullan

Please pray for those who died recently



And those whose birthday or anniversary

occurs

Kitty Quinn,
Betty Cunningham,
Ethel & Jack Warren,
Sheila Heffernan,
Liam O'Connor

PRAYER & PRAISE

Mr. Tony Scott will give a talk on Christian Love on Thursday 14th February at 11.00am in the Parish Centre.

Mr. Scott is a retired Law lecturer, who is involved in Renewal, and is a public speaker on Christian themes. All are welcome.

ALPHA IN OUR PARISH

Alpha begins again in St. Benildus Parish Centre on Tuesday March 5th! 7-9 pm.

You are probably aware that Alpha is an opportunity for all of us to explore our unique questions about life, faith, and God. It is a series of interactive sessions where we firstly share a meal, then watch a DVD and discuss together. All views are listened to and respected. Some of the topics explored are;

Is there more to life than this?

Who is Jesus?

Who is the Holy Spirit?

The sessions take place over 11 weeks and last approximately 2hrs. Alpha is not just another programme – it helps to build community and creates a sense of belonging. All of us are encouraged to experience Alpha! For those who completed our last Alpha it was an uplifting experience – a meal shared, questions explored, and of course great friendship!

Do think about joining us on March 5th in St. Benildus Parish Centre.

Alpha is for everyone!

To book your place and for further information contact

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"The next meeting of **The Ishiara Parish Partnership Committee** will take place on **Monday February 11th at 8.00 pm** in the parish centre. All are welcome to attend and to contribute. The partnership has already been active spiritually and socially and much progress has been made towards development assistance with funding being initiated to assist identified projects and more needed."

Monday 11th February is **World Day of the Sick**.

Special prayers will be said at all Masses on the day. Anointing of those who are in need of healing will take place at the 10.30am Mass in St. Joseph & Benildus Church. Transport to the church is available if necessary. Please contact the Parish Office. Housecalls can be arranged on request. 051 878977

Friendship Lunch

The monthly Friendship Lunch will take place on Monday 11th Feb at 12.30pm in the Cove Bar. Please ensure to be there by 12.30pm in order to facilitate bar staff.

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
€2,181
Thank you*



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.

Review of Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE)

The NCCA (National Council for Curriculum and Assessment) have been asked to undertake a comprehensive review of RSE by former Minister for Education and Skills Richard Bruton TD. There are three components; Drawing on Research, Consulting with Key Leaders, and Consulting with Schools. This review spans both primary and post-primary school. To support participants who wish to contribute to the review, a research paper has been developed by Prof. Mark Morgan, Dr Seline Keating and Dr Bernie Collins, Dublin City University. The paper provides a historical context for the review, an overview of contemporary approaches to RSE, as well as insights into the experience of teachers, parents and of course students. The paper can be downloaded at: <https://www.ncca.ie/media/3781/relationships-and-sexuality-education-rse-in-primary-and-post-primary-irish-schools-a-research-paper.pdf> Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE) in Primary and Post-Primary Irish Schools - A Research Paper. Online survey for parents/guardians: <https://www.ncca.ie/en/updates-and-events/consultations/review-of-relationships-and-sexuality-education-rse> The closing date for accepting responses via online surveys is February 15th, 2019.

Waterford Interfaith Group

"Waterford Interfaith Group will hold an All-Faiths Town Walk in Waterford City on Saturday, 16th February 2019. We invite members of All Faiths to join us in this important community building endeavour. This short symbolic walk, starting at The Apple Mart at 3.00pm and walking to the City Hall, is to remind us of the vital need to bring the much needed powerful forces of tolerance and love to bear on our every human encounter."

*Celebrating!
All-Faiths
town Walk!*



Interfaith Waterford

All Meeting up at Apple Market
Walk to City Hall 3pm Saturday
16th. February 2019 All Welcome

After the group procession walks to the Garden room of the City Hall where a small refreshments reception will take place at 3.30pm.

Friends of UHW : 60's Afternoon Tea, Saturday 16th Feb, Granville Hotel, 3pm—5.30pm.

Entertainment by Oliver Carroll. Monies raised will be used to furnish the two overnight relatives' / friends' rooms for Palliative Care patients in the new Dunmore Wing of the hospital. Prize for Best Dressed lady. 60's dress optional. Contact Mary: 086 8862511 or Elizabeth : 086 3030459
Ticket €25 (RCN 20142223)