

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

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

24th 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 :

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Eccles 27:4-7.

Ps 91:2-3, 13-16.

1 Cor 15:54-58.

Lk 6:39-45

Gospel Reflection for the Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time: Love Rules.

Love your enemies and do good to those who hate you? Surely that's a recipe for becoming a doormat, yet this is what Jesus is asking us to do in today's gospel.

The six o'clock news fuels our anger. We want to hit back at the terrorists who hurt us. We want to see consequences for those who kill or maim or take away from us. Jesus' advice doesn't make any sense. How can we love those we don't even like! How can we forgive when punishment feels more human. But in the words of Martin Luther King Jr "When you live by the rule 'an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth, you end up with a nation of blind and toothless people'".

These are tremendous words, because they tell us that when we respond to those who hate us with love instead of recrimination, we defeat evil. So how do we make it work? Firstly we have to know that love isn't a warm fuzzy emotion that leaps out of a Valentine's card. Love is a decision. Love is not a feeling it's a choice. We have to make a decision to do good and then do it. We know we are loved by the way we are treated, and in the same way we have to show others that we love them by the way we treat them. Next come the rules. Do not judge and you will not be judged . Do not condemn and you will not be condemned. Give and it will be given to you. **In short we have to treat everyone the way we would like to be treated ourselves whether we like them or not. If everyone could live their lives by Jesus' teaching, conflict and war would be confined to dusty history books.**

<i>St. Joseph & St. Benildus</i>	<i>23rd/24th Feb 2019</i>	<i>2nd /3rd March 2019</i>
6.30pm Saturday:	Anastasia Lahart	James & Esther Hoey
10.00am Sunday:	Jack Barriscale	Anna Maher Breda Phelan Paddy O'Neill
12 Noon Sunday:	Monica & Dick Kervick	Seán Caraway Phyllis & George Rice
<i>St. Mary's, Ballygunner</i>		
7.00pm Saturday:	John McDonald	Paula Fogarty
11.00am Sunday:	Agnes Devins Breda Bennett	Agnes & William Kelly



Please pray for those who died recently

Tom Meehan
Ray Butler

Those who died about a month ago
George Murphy
And those whose birthday or anniversary occurs

Agnes O'Brien, Sheila Heffernan,
Michael Mullan, Michael Whyte,
Paddy & Gertrude Roche,
Thomas Walsh

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
€2,226
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.

STROKE AWARENESS EVENT

Brought to you by:

South Tipperary Stroke Communication Group

In association with

Irish Heart Foundation & Home Instead Senior Care



MONDAY 25TH FEBRUARY 2019

**CLONMEL PARK HOTEL,
CLONMEL, CO. TIPPERARY
9.30AM – 1.30PM**

**FREE EVENT
(INCL TEA/COFFEE)**

GUEST SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

- Minister John Paul Phelan, T.D.,
Minister of State for Local Government & Electoral Reform
- Irish Heart Foundation
- HSE Professionals
- Acquired Brain Injury Ireland
- Stroke Survivors
- No Barriers Foundation -
Presentation of the Exoskeleton

Come along to find out about:

- Stroke Prevention- the role of exercise & diet
- Recovery after stroke
- Communication after stroke – 'Living with Aphasia'
- Memory changes
- Patient & Carer stories
- Local support services

Exhibition and Information Stands

Enquiries to: Martin-0876101628/AnnMarie-0877541548

All 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 :

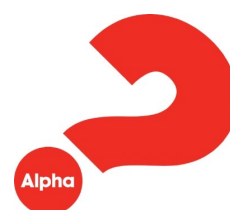
- *Is there more to life than this?*
- *Who is Jesus?*
- *Who is the Holy Spirit?*

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
Parish office 051 878977, or Denise Hughes 087 1512617



2019 Devlin Lecture, Maynooth College.

Theme: Human Rights in Catholic Social Thought.

Monday 4th March, 7.30pm. Info: specialevents@spcm.ie

Fairtrade Fortnight: 25 February – 10 March 2019

Calling all chocolate fans! This year Fairtrade is focusing on the people – in particular the women – who grow the cocoa in the chocolate we love so much. Almost all cocoa farmers in West Africa live in poverty. For the women the situation is even worse.

To do:-

Perhaps one of the simplest ways to support cocoa farmers around the world, is by buying Fairtrade chocolate and cocoa. While this doesn't immediately solve all the issues, keeping up the demand allows farmers to sell more of their cocoa on Fairtrade terms thus increasing their income.

Irish Wheelchair Association will be holding their church gate collection in Waterford City on Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th March 2019. Your support would be gratefully appreciated.

An Evening of Taizé

Friday 1st March, 8.00pm. Mt.Sion. All Welcome.

Care for our Common Home

Create an eco-garden

It's spring... finally! So for those of us with green fingers why not start planting some bee friendly plants. We have heard a lot in the news lately of how our global bee population is dwindling. As stewards of our planet we all need to do something about this. Bees are crucial pollinators so let's encourage these fuzzy insects into our gardens by avoiding the use of pesticides, and keeping plants such as lavender, honeysuckle and foxgloves. Now is the time to get planting!

The **Ishiara Parish Partnership Committee** will meet on Monday 25th Feb at 8pm in the Parish Centre.



If anyone needs an ark,
I happen to Noah guy.