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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 :

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 6:1-8.

Ps 137:1-5, 7-8.

1 Cor 15:1-11.

Lk 5:1-11.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

3rd February 2019

Gospel Reflection for the Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time: Pitfalls of a Prophet



There's an insightful saying, "An expert is someone who carries a briefcase and works two hundred miles from home." The saying finds resonance in Jesus' own words, "No prophet is accepted in his own native place." In today's reading Jesus is invited to preach back in his hometown synagogue. At first, Jesus' audience are impressed, but then they start to mutter to each other. Surely this is just the son of Joseph the carpenter! When this truth dawns on them they are enraged and drive him out of town. It doesn't matter how successful or famous or distinguished one has become, once you return home you will always be that little runny nosed seven year old who refused to wash behind his ears.

The readings over the Epiphany season are all about human kind coming to understand who Jesus is and what he is about. In particular, the readings tell us how this understanding is communicated. Jesus was an excellent communicator, but not even he was free of prejudice. The business of communicating with others on the subject of God is not without problems and pitfalls.

There is nothing elite about being a prophet. A prophet is anyone who stands up and speaks an insightful truth. As Christians we are all required to stand up for the truth. There is plenty of injustice in the world to speak out against, but before speaking out, we are warned of the pitfalls. Today's gospel warns us of the pitfall of familiarity breeding contempt. What other pitfalls might we encounter in speaking out? It is easy for instance to imagine that everyone's faith should be the same as one's own. Might we misjudge the mood, readiness or interest of our audience? Might we be tempted to patronize, or worse, bore out listeners?

St. Joseph & St. Benildus

2nd/3rd Feb 2019

9th/10th Feb 2019

6.30pm Saturday:

Patrick McCarthy

10.00am Sunday:

James & Eugene Power

Kathleen Byrne

12 Noon Sunday:

Elizabeth Cosgrove

Gerard & Tish Sheridan

St. Mary's, Ballygunner

7.00pm Saturday:

M.M Séamus O'Shea

Daniel O'Connell

11.00am Sunday:

Tim Walsh
Davy Doyle

Kathleen & Michael Conway
Francis & baby Thomas O'Keeffe



**Please pray for those
who died about a month ago**
Séamus O'Shea
And those whose birthday or anniversary

occurs

Thomas (Tom) Walsh,
Ethel Warren, Ger Kiely,
Tommy O'Donoghue,
Ann & Adrian Neijenhuisen,
Nicholas Power,
Terry Sheridan, Eddie & Delia Grant



**Holy
Baptism**

We welcome
Saoirse McLoughlin,
Nathan Joshua Hogan and
Annalise Dwyer who were baptised
recently. Please keep them, their
parents and godparents in your
prayers.

**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 or
0863453092. *Thank you all for support over the years.*

Safeguarding Sunday, 2019

The 2019 Newsletter : Safeguarding Children in the
Diocese of Waterford & Lismore, is being distributed at all
Masses this weekend.

The following is an extract:

Each Safeguarding Sunday, the Church emphasises the
importance of safeguarding the children/vulnerable adults of
our faith community and ensuring the continuation of good
safeguarding practice in the Diocese of Waterford &
Lismore. The Diocese's safeguarding policies and
procedures are in place for many years, but it is important
to remain vigilant, and, mindful of those who have been hurt
in the past, each person has a duty of care and responsibility
to ensure that all concerned are protected and safe in the
Church.

If you are concerned about the Safeguarding Welfare of
Children/Vulnerable Adults, please contact any of:
Tusla, 051 842827

An Garda Síochána 051 305300

Designated Liaison Person, Fr. John Harris 087 9661959
Deputy Designated Liaison Person, Ms. Ann Howard 087
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Monday 11th February is **World Day of the Sick.**
Special prayers will be said at all Masses on the day.

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
€2,327
Thank you*



Waterford Nursing Home:

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

**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.**

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.

The **Parish Liturgy Group** will meet on Monday 4th Feb at
7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

All are welcome to participate in **Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament**, which takes place between 11.00am and 7.00pm
every Wednesday after 10.30am Mass.

Holy Land Pilgrimage 2019: Sept 25th—October 5th.

3 nights Bethlehem, 3 nights Nazareth, 4 nights Jerusalem.
Half-board Accommodation, close to many religious sites.
€1,490 pps. Incl. taxes. (Single supplement €500).
Organised with Word of God Outreach and Icon travel, Hyper
Centre, Morgan St., Waterford.
Spiritual Director: Fr.Damien Ryan (Limerick).
Info: Tom O'Dwyer 0872701311

**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

61st Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Wednesday 5th June to Monday 10th June 2019.

Bookings: Lourdes office, St. John's Pastoral Centre, John's Hill,
Waterford. 051 878900.

Information for Sick Pilgrims: Waterford Area: Mary Power 086
0685213.

Booking from 14th January 2019. Pilgrimage Cost : 785€, inclusive of
Tax, Insurance, Airport Transfers, Full Board Basis.

CAN YOU HELP?

BOOK THE PILGRIMAGE TO WORK AS A HELPER IN LOURDES.

ADULT HELPERS (AGE 18+). DOCTORS, NURSES & HEALTHCARE
PROFESSIONALS REQUIRED ALSO.