

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 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 :

2nd Sunday in Lent
St. Patrick's Day
Am7:12-15.
Ps 138:1-3, 7-10, 13-14.
1 Thess 2:2-8.
Lk 5:1-11.

First Sunday In Lent

10th March 2019

Gospel Reflection for the First Sunday of Lent: Tempted to Distraction?



If we are not criminals, and we don't particularly consider ourselves to be sinners, do we really need to worry about the devil, or the dangers of temptation? If the temptations in our lives are simply to sit at the computer too long, or indulge in the odd tipple, how much does that really matter?

On the first Sunday of Lent we are always treated to the same lesson. We are asked to consider what we are about, how the devil might put spanners in the works, and what we can do about it. Today the devil finds Jesus in the wilderness. He finds him when he is hungry and weak and tempts him with attractive options, food, fame and protection. We don't see Jesus dithering, not even for a minute. Jesus is able to put the temptation behind him because he knows what he is about. Jesus understands his mission and it isn't about materialistic benefit or power. Jesus is able to put aside the temptation because he is confident that the same Holy Spirit that has taken him into the wilderness will lead him back out.

The wilderness comes in all shapes and sizes. For us it could be moments when we're feeling lost, broken, unloved, tired or overburdened. In these moments of weakness this is when we are most at danger. These are moments when the devil can come to us offering comfortable and attractive options. Comfortable and attractive options can tempt us to make poor decisions; decisions that provide distractions. The devil can be subtle. Temptations rarely lead the majority of us into crime or even into sin. Being tempted to finish off a bottle of wine or spend longer than we ought on Facebook doesn't seem so bad, but are the tens of little distractions we succumb to each and every day taking us away from who we really are, and from what is genuinely important?

St. Joseph & St. Benildus	9th/10th March 2019	16th/17th Mar 2019
6.30pm Saturday:	John Hogan Breda O'Hanlon	Peter Powell Catherine Sheehan
10.00am Sunday:	Kay Henry	Patrick White
12 Noon Sunday:	Aidan McAvinue	Johnny Thompson
St. Mary's, Ballygunner		
7.00pm Saturday:	Breda Gormley Mary & Tim Power	Jack & Elizabeth Walsh
11.00am Sunday:	Mary & John Lyons Bernard Hayes Kevin Matthews	Nicholas & Annie Flynn



**Please pray for those who
died recently**

George Lyons

Those who died about a month ago

Frances Coffey

**And those whose birthday or anniversary
occurs**

Sophie Hopkins

Dick Mangan

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
€2500
Thank you*



Dues Envelopes—New Distributors needed

We are in the process of preparing the Easter Dues
envelopes for distribution and need new distributors in the
following areas: Farran Park, Powerscourt, & Ardkeen Village.
If you would be available to help please give your name to
Anne or Betty in the Parish Office.

**Coffee Morning ,
Oskar's, Wed 13th**

**March, 10.30am.
Fundraiser for Friends
of UHW.**



ALPHA IN OUR PARISH

Alpha has started again in St.
Benildus Parish Centre - it began
last Tuesday, March 5th.
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 in St. Benildus Parish Centre.
Alpha is for everyone! Newcomers can join us up until
the 4th week—do make contact ! *If not coming, please
support us with your prayers.*

To book your place and for further information
contact :

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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.**

St. John Baptist De La Salle

Tercentary Pilgrimage

Knock Shrine.

Saturday 6th April 2019.

For details Contact Br. Tom 086 345 3092

Evening Prayer During Lent

All are welcome to attend Evening Prayer
every Wednesday at St. Benildus Church, from
6.30—7pm. This includes Psalms and short
Scripture Readings.

You have probably heard or seen ads for this
year's **Seachtain na Gaeilge**, but did you
know that a **Ciorcal Chomhrá** takes place in
the Cove Bar every Wednesday morning from
11.00am to 12.00pm.
Fáilte roimh gach éinne.

Reflections: Stations of the Cross

After 10.30am Mass every Friday during Lent,
there will be Reflections on a section of the
Stations of the Cross. All are welcome to attend.

Sharing Cross : Lent 2019

The Sharing Cross will be displayed in the alcove
just inside the front door of St. Joseph & Benildus
Church. The idea behind the Cross is that peo-
ple are invited to place a nail in one of the slots
provided, replacing one already inserted, praying
for not only one's own intentions, but those of
the person who originally inserted the nail.

On Thursday 4th April at 7.30pm, a Movie with a
Christological theme will be shown in the Parish
Centre. It is envisaged that this year's movie will
be "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest".
All are welcome.