

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

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Second Sunday In Lent : St. Patrick's Day

17th March 2019



Qualities of Saint Patrick

Converted sinner, man of God: He was deeply grateful for the work of grace within him.

His love of the Bible. He shows great familiarity with the most recently available translation of the Bible (St Jerome's Vulgate) and often quotes or alludes to the text of Scripture. This reverence for the Bible marked the Irish church in the following centuries, and resulted in important early Irish commentaries, as well as lovely manuscript copies of the Gospel, like the Book of Kells.

His resolve to remain with the Irish, until his death. At considerable cost, Patrick left behind the comforts of Roman Britain to fulfil his mission as a wandering preacher in Ireland. He learned the Irish language and the local customs, respected their religious ideals and gave new meaning to their traditional high-places (like Croagh Patrick) and holy wells. In modern mission practice, radical inculturation is seen as essential to gaining a people's heart for Christ.

Patrick's spirituality grew out of his personal experience of Christ, of his mission to Ireland of the needs of the newly evangelized. Faith is not simply a matter of 'knowing' the teachings of Christ and of the Church. It is a sensing of the presence of Christ and a response to that presence. This is an aspect of Patrick which we could do with retrieving in our hectic, electronic-dominated age. Patrick grew to realize that the faith into which he was baptized as a child was more than a belief system which filled the head. It was a relationship with God, an awareness of the presence of the person of Christ sharing his life at every moment.

Beannachtaí na Féile oraibh go léir

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 :

3rd Sunday in Lent

Ex 3:1-8, 13-15.

Ps 102:1-4, 6-8, 11.

1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12.

Lk 13:1-9.

St. Joseph & St. Benildus	16th/17th Mar 2019	23rd/24th Mar 2019
6.30pm Saturday:	Peter Powell Catherine Sheehan	Patrick O'Shea Frank & Joan O'Mahony
10.00am Sunday:	Patrick White	Robin Dawson Lily Glasheen Cormac McNamara
12 Noon Sunday:	Johnny Thompson	Thea O'Shea Nan, Bertie & Janet Downes
St. Mary's, Ballygunner		
7.00pm Saturday:	Jack & Elizabeth Walsh James Phelan	Tony Power
11.00am Sunday	Nicholas & Annie Flynn	William Farrell Michael & Mary Fitzpatrick



**Please pray for those who
died recently**

Shirley Boyle

Oliver Power

**And those whose birthday or anniversary
occurs**

Peter Powell, Christine Chestnutt,
Canon Frank Hopkins, Charlie Ware,
Barbara Hearne,
Eileen Reynolds .

There will be no 7.30am Mass on Monday 18th March.

ALPHA IN OUR PARISH

Alpha has started again in St. Benildus Parish Centre - it began 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 :

Parish office 051 878977,

Denise Hughes 087 1512617

Frances Doyle 087 2067813

Traditional Latin Mass at the Cathedral

A Traditional Latin Mass with Gregorian Chant will be celebrated on Sunday 24th March at 10AM in Holy Trinity Cathedral, h Barronstrand Street, Waterford City.

Celebrant Fr Debow FSSP.

A big THANK YOU to Tom O'Brien, Financial Administrator of the Parish, for producing the Annual Accounts for the Parish, which were distributed with the Newsletter last weekend.

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
€2,672
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.

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.

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 people 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.

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.

Lenten Movie : 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.

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

Fáilte roimh gach éinne.

**Maintenance Assistant Required:
Ballygunner Graveyard.**

To include: grass cutting, weeding, strimming, spraying and litter control, church maintenance,
19.5 hours CE rates apply
CV to Georgina Kiely, Compact Communities,
Lady Lane, Waterford. Phone 051 875847

Beidh Aifreann as Gaeilge ag 11.00, Lá 'le Pádraig ,
Baile Mhic Gonair. Bígí linn.