

# 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 :

1st Sunday in Lent  
Deut 26:4-10.  
Ps 90:1-2, 10-15.  
Rm 10:8-13.  
Lk 4:1-13.

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

3rd March 2019

## Gospel Reflection for the Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time Flawed Treasure



We all know those people who are so crippled inside that they seem incapable of bringing a fair or rational perspective to a situation. Perhaps we are one of those people ourselves but totally fail to see it? Perhaps we are all crippled inside to lesser or greater degrees but would strongly argue it, bringing to bear all those flawed arguments we have stored in our hearts for as long as we can remember.

Our hearts are where our treasure is stored. If we have good heart our words and actions will be good. It follows if our hearts are flawed our treasure will be flawed too, and our thoughts and actions will be misguided.

So how should we care for our hearts? Just as in our physical diet, we get out what we put in. If we live on a diet of pulp fiction, pulp fiction is all we will know. If we listen only to those with selfish agendas, greedy and selfish motives are all we will know. If we do only what is comfortable and safe, 'comfortable and safe' is all we will ever know. It is more than easy to become egocentric without ever seeing it coming. To those closest to us, our faults will be screamingly obvious. Sadly we will be the last to see what other people see. Today's gospel is an invitation to start challenging the views that blind us to the possibility of becoming better and more productive people. Do we complain or gossip too often? Do we fail to forgive and forget? Do we hold views about groups of people of whom we know nothing at all. Do we spend too much time working and too little time with those we love? Do we have very set or narrow views on religion, politics, money, or society as a whole?

<b>St. Joseph &amp; St. Benildus</b>	<b>2nd / 3rd March 2019</b>	<b>9th/10th March 2019</b>
6.30pm Saturday:	James & Esther Hoey	John Hogan Breda O'Hanlon
10.00am Sunday:	Anna Maher Breda Phelan Paddy O'Neill	Kay Henry
12 Noon Sunday:	Seán Caraway Phyllis & George Rice	Aidan McAvinue
<b>St. Mary's, Ballygunner</b>		
7.00pm Saturday:	Paula Fogarty	Breda Gormley Mary & Tim Power
11.00am Sunday:	Agnes & William Kelly	Mary & John Lyons Bernard Hayes Kevin Matthews



**Please pray for those who died recently**  
Margaret Cleere ( Powerscourt )  
Alva Fitzgerald

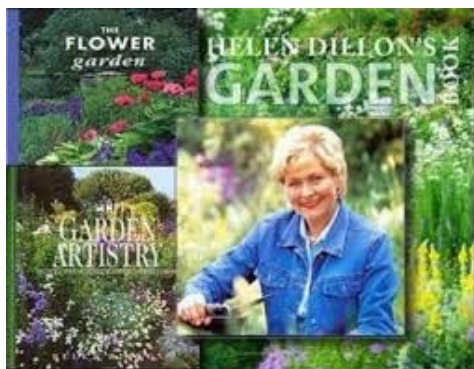
**And those whose birthday or anniversary occurs**  
Mary Treacy,  
Gay Aylward,  
Fr. Billy Lyons

#### **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.

#### **Helen Dillon: Gardening Lecture**

Helen Dillon, ( Gardener, Garden Designer, Lecturer and T.V Personality ), who operated one of Ireland's most visited gardens for 44 years, is coming to St. Joseph & Benildus Parish Centre on Wednesday 6th March at the invitation of Waterford Garden Plant Society. She will lecture on "The Making of a new Garden". The lecture will commence at 7.30pm. This will probably be her last lecture outside Dublin. Non-Members Welcome: €10 charge. Refreshments available. If you require further information, contact Tom O' Brien at 051 873931



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*  
**€2,807**  
*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.**

#### **ALPHA IN OUR PARISH**

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

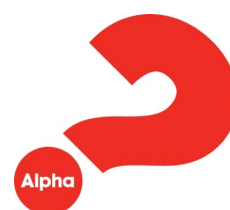
You are probably aware that Alpha is an opportunity for all of us to explore our unique questions about life, faith, and God. It is a series of interactive sessions where we firstly share a meal, then watch a DVD and discuss together. All views are listened to and respected. Some of the topics explored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



#### **Ash Wednesday :**

**gggggggg6th March 2019**

Ashes will be administered at Masses on Ash Wednesday, and will also be available in St. Joseph & Benildus Church between 3 and 4pm, and again at 6.30pm Evening Prayer.

**Mass in Ballygunner at 9.30am.**

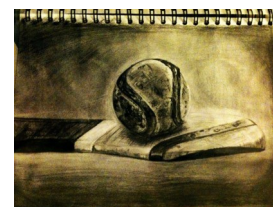


**St. John's Church:** Lenten Prayer Around The Cross, will be celebrated on Ash Wednesday, 6th March at 7.00pm. Blessed Ashes will be distributed at this Service. All welcome.

There will be a meeting of the **Liturgy Group** on Monday 4th at 7.30pm

**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.

**All Ireland Camogie**  
We wish the Gailtír Camogie girls the very best in the All Ireland against Clonduff on Sunday 3rd March.



**Coffee Morning at Oskars on Wed 13th March, 10.30am, as a fundraiser for Friends of UHW.**

**St. John Baptist De La Salle**  
**Tercentary Pilgrimage**  
**Knock Shrine.**  
**Saturday 6th April 2019.**  
**For details Contact Br. Tom 086 345 3092**