

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 of Easter
Acts 5:12-16.
Ps 117:2-4, 22-27.
Apoc 1:9-13, 17-19.
Jn 20:19-31.

Easter Sunday

21st April 2019



Gospel Reflection for Easter Sunday: A Stronger Hope

Belief in the Resurrection is central and imperative to our faith, and because it is central and imperative it really ought to be rock solid.

For many, this truth is distinctly uncomfortable. The account of Jesus' Resurrection is lacking in detail, and it can leave us with more questions than answers. For many, belief is far from rock solid. A rock solid belief that Jesus died and rose again to give us a clean slate would surely mean us living our lives very differently, but more often than not, this is not the case.

Traditionally at this time of year thousands of Christians are baptised all over the world. One such candidate was asked whether he felt any different now that he was baptised. The candidate replied, "Yes, I went from believing nothing, to believing everything sort of vaguely. I hope that God will make things clearer to me as I continue on this journey."

The Resurrection is a little like this. In all honesty, the story of the Empty Tomb doesn't have us leaping up and down in the church pews. In truth, the Resurrection doesn't make everything great. We still have fear and doubt and pain, but whereas before we had nothing, now we have a hope. For some of us it might be a vague kind of hope, but we trust that God will make it a stronger hope as we continue our journey of faith and understanding.

Beannachtaí na Cásca oraibh go léir.
Happy Easter to all our parishioners.

St. Joseph & St. Benildus	20th/21st April 2019	27th/28th April 2019
9.00pm Saturday:(Easter Vigil)		
10.00am Sunday:		Michael & Elizabeth Cusack
12 Noon Sunday:	Tom Sheridan	John Barron
St. Mary's, Ballygunner		
9.00pm Saturday:(Easter Vigil)	Patrick & Johanna Power	7.00pm: William & Mary Sharpe Declan O'Sullivan Helena Kearney
11.00am Sunday	Dave Cotter Michael & Joan Cummins	Dick Cullinane Maureen & William Fitzgerald D.B Cahill Stephen Ewing

**Please pray for those who died recently
Bernie Molloy
And those whose birthday or anniversary
occurs
Edward McFeely, Séamus Reale**



There will be no 7.30am Mass from Mon 22nd April to Friday 26th inclusive. The 10.30am Mass will be celebrated as usual.

Church of St. Joseph and St. Benildus Easter 2019
HOLY SATURDAY 20th April 2019
9pm Easter Vigil - Celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord
EASTER SUNDAY 21st April 2019
10am: Mass- Easter Day of the Lord's Resurrection
12 noon: Mass- Easter Day of the Lord's Resurrection
Collection for the support of the Priests of the Parish will be taken up at all Masses

St. Mary's, Ballygunner
HOLY SATURDAY 20th April 2019
9.00p.m. Easter Vigil Celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord
EASTER SUNDAY 21st April 2018
11.00a.m: Mass - Easter Day of the Lord's Resurrection

PLEASE RETURN TRÓCAIRE BOXES THIS WEEKEND.
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Recent Baptisms
We welcome the following who were baptised recently:
Callie Anne O'Brien Crotty, Tadhg Troy,
Anna Deegan, Tomás Cornelius Ryan,
Faye Emily Fitzgerald, Zara Jane Manton.
Please keep them, their parents and godparents in your prayers.



ALPHA IN OUR PARISH
Many thanks to all who have supported us with prayers, and indeed practical help in the running of our Alpha sessions.
As we are almost half way through the current programme, we are unable to receive new guests. However, Do think about joining us in September.
To book your place and for further information contact:
Parish Office 051 878977
Denise Hughes 087 1512617
Frances Doyle 087 2067813



CARERS CLUB
There will be a meeting of the club for carers of people with Alzheimer's and Dementia in the Pinegrove Centre, Passage Road on Wednesday next, April 24th at 7.30pm. Martine O'Donovan will attend to talk about and demonstrate the beneficial results of Reiki on people with these conditions and also on their carers. All welcome to this informal meeting.

*Last Sunday's
Collection
€2,580
Thank you*



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Recordings of recent concerts are also available to watch on the St. Joseph's site.

**Diocese of Waterford & Lismore
Knock Shrine Pilgrimage.
Under the leadership of
Dr. Alphonsus Cullinan, D.D.
Bishop of Waterford & Lismore.
Sunday 5th May, 2019.**

Tickets €25.
The Pilgrimage will be by bus. (Pay on the bus).
Leaving Tramore (Church Carpark) at 6.30am.
Leaving Waterford (Miller's Marsh Car Park) at 7.00am.
Leaving Knock at 5.30pm.
There will be a break in Ennis on each journey.
Please note that it is very important that intending Pilgrims contact one of the following before 1.00pm on Tues. April 30th to book a seat.
We need to know numbers for the Bus Operator.
Contact: John Waters: 087 2138831
Michael Drohan 089 4204804
Anne O'Connor 051 381351

Vision Statement for the Parish

A Vision is something that we feel passionate about and will help us to channel our energies to develop Pastoral Responses in this crisis time in our Church.
We plan to create a Vision Statement for our Parish that will direct our Pastoral Programme for the next two years.
At this time of crisis in the Church, would you like to give your opinion?
If so, please join us on Wednesday, April 24th at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

61st Annual Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage
Wednesday 5th June to Monday 10th June 2019.
Bookings: Lourdes Office, St. John's Pastoral Centre, John's Hill, Waterford. 051 878900. Cost €785, inclusive of Tax, Insurance, Airport Transfers. Full Board Basis.