

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

Fifth Sunday In Lent

7th April 2019

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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 :

Palm Sunday

Is 50:4-7.

Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24.

Phil 2:6-11.

Lk 22:14-23:56.



It's a sad fact of life, if you do something good, it isn't remembered for very long. You are only as good as your last good deed. But if you do something bad, there will be those who insist on never forgetting it. There will always be those who mutter, "Oh that's 'so and so' the one who had the affair." "That Mr. Thingymajig, the one who embezzled the company funds." It's a very sad human failing. We are loathe to let the failings of others go.

In today's gospel reading the Scribes and Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught committing adultery. According to the Law of Moses such a woman should be stoned. What has Jesus to say on the matter? As ever, The Scribes and Pharisees are seeking to trap Jesus into giving an answer that is unlawful. Jesus however is great at not falling into traps. "Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone," he replies.

When we have made a mistake in life, the last thing we need is condemnation. Condemnation is rarely useful. Condemnation sends us to a dark place where we fester. Denied our second chance, our self esteem is eroded. We begin to see ourselves in a different light. Other people think we are bad or weak so perhaps we are. Our self image spirals downwards, we start to behave the way people expect us to behave.... badly! But the people, who have pointed the finger of blame; are they really in any position to judge?

Today we are challenged. The next time we open our mouths to condemn, we are asked to find mercy instead, the same mercy we expect when we have fallen from grace.

Combined Parishes Penitential Service : Tuesday 16th April, at 7.30pm.

Church of St. Joseph & Benildus.

The Service will comprise Readings, Reflections and Music. All the parishes in the city are included

in this Penitential Service.

Be reconciled to God, and to one another.

St. Joseph & St. Benildus

6th/7th April 2019

13th/14th April 2019

6.30pm Saturday:

John Corcoran
Harry Geraghty

10.00am Sunday:

Jack Fitzpatrick

12 Noon Sunday:

Michael Moynihan

Philip O'Keeffe

Mary Ryan, Mary & Michael Cull

St. Mary's, Ballygunner

7.00pm Saturday:

Oliver Power MM

Shirley Boyle M.M
Alice, Mick, Mary Parle
Eileen Whitty

11.00am Sunday

Paddy & Maureen Moloney
Michael (Mikey) Whelan
Maureen Stone MM

Bridie Flynn
John Upton
Kathleen Barrett
Eddie Collins



**Please pray for
those whose month's mind occurs**
Oliver Power
Maureen Stone
And those whose birthday or anniversary

occurs
Joyce Robinson, Nancy Pepper,
Deceased members of the Conway family,
Tess & Michael Rose.

Meeting of Parents Before Baptism: April 10th, at 8.00pm in the Parish Centre.

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. We now have our second group of guests who continue to share a meal, watch a DVD, and discuss many of life's issues. We hope that we will all grow in our faith experience, which is personal to each one of us.



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 087 087 2067813

St. Vincent de Paul Monthly Collection

The monthly St. Vincent de Paul collection will take place this weekend after all Masses. Volunteers needed. SVP listen and support those in need in the local community. If you would like to volunteer for 2 or 3 hours a week, contact us: 051 350725

Live Streaming of Masses www.churchservices.tv/stjosephswaterford AND www.churchservices.tv/tmarysballygunner

Friendship Lunch, Next Monday, 8th April, Cove Bar, 12.30pm.
To facilitate bar staff, please be there for 12.30pm.

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

Easter Gifts

Please help us to provide some treats for those living in "Direct Provision" centres in Waterford. Suitable items: Toiletries for Men & Women, e.g: Deodorants, Hand Cream, Shower Gel, Body Lotion, Shaving Gel, Face Cloths, Nail Polish. We also suggest a small



Easter Egg for children.

A box will be provided for contributions at the entrances of both churches after Mass. The final day for donations is Wednesday 17th April. **Thank you for your generosity.**

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
€2,010
Thank you*



All in the April Evening:

Music and Readings on an Easter Theme.

Including : Schubert, Tallis and excerpts from St. John Passion by J.S. Bach.

Fearghal O'Connor, Conductor.

Sarah Luttrell, Soprano.

Eoin Power, Baritone.

Notable Works Chorus.

Parish Choir.

Eric Sweeney, Organ.

Olwen Sheil, Cello.

Gerry Kane & Lynda Gough, Readers.

Wednesday 17th April (Spy Wednesday), 8.00 to 9.30pm.

St. Joseph & Benildus Church.

Tickets €10 from the Parish Office, or at the Door.

Tax Relief on Contribution to Parish

The Parish was approved as an eligible charity , hence it can claim tax relief on your donations, provided that:

1. they are more than €250 annually;
(Donations to the Parish & Clergy Fund -Dues - are taken into account.)
2. Your contributions are made by standing order or numbered envelopes and are recorded in the Parish records;
3. You complete a form CHY3 (which is valid for 5 years).

Examples: donations of €250 during calendar year, will be worth €362 to the Parish; donations of €350 during calendar year will be worth €522 to the Parish.

If you wish to make your donations in the manner outlined above, kindly contact the Parish Office (051 878977).

If you require further information, please contact Tom O'Brien (Chairman of Finance Council), on 051 873937

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.

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.