

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

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

19th May 2019

Gospel Reflection for the Fifth Sunday of Easter : Love As I have Loved



We can recognise Rembrandt in his apprentices' work. We can recognise Mozart in the work of his students. We recognise the influence of early films in today's cinema and the devices of great classic literature in today's novels. So too people will recognise us as Christians if we love as Jesus loved. We might think we know how to be good people, but how closely have we studied Jesus' example? How we behave as Christians is Jesus' unique signature in the world, so it's important to get it right. In turn this will become our ultimate reason for being.

Our own human idea of love is self centred. We enjoy a long relationship with a partner, parent, or offspring, but what we're really expecting is for them to give us something in return. We're not great at unconditional love. Copying Jesus' example to the letter really would change the world.

So what made Jesus' love so special? Firstly Jesus made his love feel very specific. Jesus made every person he met feel special. His love was also universal. He was prepared to love people before he had even met them. His love was non judgemental. It doesn't seem to matter to Jesus that the people he meets are sinners or outcasts, he gives everybody the second chance they need. Nor does Jesus metre out his love from some lofty moral high ground, instead he relates to others with humility and genuine empathy.

"Love as I have loved," Jesus' recipe for a better world.

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 :

6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29.

Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8.

Apoc 21:10-14, 22-23.

Jn 14:23-29.

<i>St. Joseph & St. Benildus</i>	<i>18th/19th May 2019</i>	<i>25th/26th May 2019</i>
6.30pm Saturday	Ralph Pheasey	
10.00am Sunday:	Stan Meade	
12 Noon Sunday:	Nora Kennedy	Nicola Doheny Kathleen Phelan
<i>St. Mary's, Ballygunner</i>		
7.00pm	M.M Pat O' Sullivan John & Anne Daniels	Jenny Walsh William & Thomas Power
11.00am Sunday	Charlie, Nancy, Pat, Jim, & Darren O'Sullivan Frieda Rupp	Fr. Patrick Cooney

Please pray for those who died recently



Agnes Kelly
Rita McAvinue
Danny Holden

Those who died about a month ago

Pat O'Sullivan

And those whose birthday or anniversary

occurs

Bea Kearney, Myra Mc Grath, Nora Lyons

Pilgrimage to Lough Derg

Lough Derg has been welcoming pilgrims for over a thousand years. The flame of faith, hope and love once lit in Ireland by St Patrick in the fifth century, continues to be rekindled year after year by generations of pilgrims' families.

Some are searching...

...they may be successful in the sense of having a job and good friends but somewhere their lives seem in a bit of a rut and they lack a sense of fulfilment...

...this place apart and the pilgrimage can give them just the lift they need to enter into a new stage in their lives and in their relationship with God.

...others seek answers to life's questions and have come to pray for guidance, patience, courage and peace of mind.

For others Lough Derg is simply an indispensable part of their relationship with God. They come every year so they can better face the challenges of their day-to-day lives.

Please consider joining us on Pilgrimage to Lough Derg

from Sunday 8th June to Tuesday June 10th.

Contact: Frances Doyle 087 2067813 or Parish Office

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ACCORD, Diocese of Waterford, are recruiting volunteers to train as facilitators in Marriage Preparation Courses, working as part of a team.

Benefits of this training include:

The opportunity to work in a National Organisation, Excellent personal development. Develop presentation and group facilitation skills. Certificate in Marriage Education (Accredited). If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Mary at Accord 051 878333 – Monday to Wednesday from 10am to 4pm.

Waterford Food Bank needs volunteer drivers (vehicles provided) and hamper packers. Can you spare a few hours per week? Waterford Food Bank aims to eradicate food poverty in Waterford and the surrounding areas. They supply food parcels to families in need, operating as part of the 'Food Cloud' initiative, which organises the supply of surplus food to charities. Email connect@volunteerwaterford.ie or call 051 840010 for details.

*Last Sunday's
Collection
€2,770
Thank you*



Live Streaming of Masses

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stjosephswaterford

AND

www.churchservices.tv/
stmarysballygunner

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

Confirmation Congratulations

Congratulations to the pupils of St. Mary's Primary School Ballygunner, Newtown Primary School, St. John of God and Christ Church who were confirmed this weekend. Thanks to their parents, teachers, our Parish Catechist Olive Ruane, and all who prepared them for the ceremony.



Recent Baptisms

We welcome *Lincoln William Hogan*, and *Leo Vello Voogma* who were baptised recently. Please keep them, their parents and godparents in your prayers.



Coming Soon to Our Parish !!

We would like to inform you in advance of future events in the Parish:

26/05: Launch of Parish Vision Plan & "Sign-Up Sunday"

02/06: Talk by Welcoming Committee

09/06: Launch of Diocesan Pastoral Plan & "Name-tag Sunday".

16/06: Talk by member of Alpha Team

Explanatory Presentations will be made at Masses on those dates.

Keep an eye on the Newsletter for further information.

The **Annual Mass in honour of St. Peregrine**, Patron Saint of cancer sufferers and all those affected by cancer will take place on **Wednesday 22nd May at 7.30p.m in St. John's church, Parnell Street**. There will also be the anointing with St. Peregrine's oil. All are welcome to attend.

The Emerald Tenors

*All your Irish favourites plus so much more with
Ireland's Newest Trio Sensation.*

Dominic Mc Gorian, Derek Ryan, and Derek Moloney.
St. Joseph & St. Benildus Church, Waterford.

Sunday 16th June, 2019 at 8.00pm.

Tickets €20, available on the door on the night.

Phone Box Office 051 878977

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.



The **Annual Mass for all 2nd-level Exam Students** will be celebrated on Saturday 01. 06. 2019 at 6.30pm in the church of St. Joseph & St. Benildus.