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Fourth Sunday of Easter

12th May 2019

Gospel Reflection for the Fourth Sunday of Easter: The Master's Voice



How often do we hear the phrase, "We believe what we want to believe." It's equally true that we refuse to believe what we don't want to believe. In today's reading the Jews are pushing Jesus to state his case. "If you are the Messiah tell us plainly." Jesus replies, "You do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep." In other words, the

questioners are not his followers, they are hostile towards him and therefore they are not open to believing in him even though they have seen the evidence.

In some ways Christianity is a chicken and egg kind of scenario. We need to be followers of Jesus, to believe in him, but we need to believe to be followers. Which comes first is up to us, but we have to be open to hearing and recognising Jesus in our twenty first century world.

Hearing, recognising, believing and responding is what 'Good Shepherd Sunday' is all about. Some situations have got 'God' written all over them and some haven't. How do we tell the difference? What are we called to do? How are we called to believe? Some things are obvious, some things aren't. But at the heart of everything, even issues that didn't exist in Jesus' day such as euthanasia, and stem cell research, Jesus' teachings are like 'cat's-eyes' on life's dark country roads. We have to recognise Jesus' voice in everything by asking, how much of today's decisions are based in love, and how much of our decisions are based in our own human agendas.

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 :

Acts 14:21-27.

Ps 144:8-13.

Apoc 21:1-5.

Jn 13:31-35.

St. Joseph & St. Benildus

11th/12th May 2019

18th/19th May 2019

6.30pm Saturday

Susan Whelan

Ralph Pheasey

10.00am Sunday:

Newtown School 1st Communion

12 Noon Sunday:

Michael Crowe

Nora Kennedy

Stan Meade

St. Mary's, Ballygunner

7.00pm

John Barry
Michael Phelan

John & Anne Daniels

11.00am Sunday

Christy O'Sullivan
Marie Dwyer

Charlie, Nancy, Pat, Jim,
& Darren O'Sullivan
Frieda Rupp



**Please pray for those whose birthday
or anniversary occurs**
Darren O'Sullivan

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.

Recent Baptisms

We welcome *Lily Ryan* and
Scarlett Kurekova who were baptised
recently. Please keep them, their parents
and godparents in your prayers.



Lasallian Development World Projects.



Our sincere thanks to
the Parish for allowing
Mr Tom O'Neill and
Br. Thomas to speak in
the parish. We are taking
eight volunteers back to
Keelamudiman in
Southern India in July to
complete the upper floor

of a multi-purpose hall. Any donations this weekend goes directly
towards the project. (Br. Tom)

A Traditional Latin Mass with Gregorian Chant will be celebrated
on Sunday 19th May at 10AM in Holy Trinity Cathedral,
Barronstrand Street, Waterford City. All welcome.

The Annual Cemetery Mass will be celebrated in St. Mary's on 20th
June 2019.

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.

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.*

*Last Sunday's
Collection
€2305
Thank you*



Live Streaming of Masses

[www.churchservices.tv/
stjosephswaterford](http://www.churchservices.tv/stjosephswaterford)

AND

[www.churchservices.tv/
marysballygunner](http://www.churchservices.tv/marysballygunner)

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

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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First Holy Communion

Congratulations

Congratulations to the pupils of *St. Mary's
Primary School Ballygunner*, and *Newtown
Primary School* who made their First Holy
Communion this weekend. (Sat & Sun
respectively). Thanks to their parents,
teachers, our Parish Catechist Olive Ruane,
and all who prepared them for the ceremony.



Glencomeragh Family Day

Holy Family Mission, Glencomeragh House in Kilsheelan, invite you
to their Family Day on Sunday May 19th, from 10am-
3pm. The day will include Mass, music, drama, and input for
parents and led activities for children of all ages. Lunch will be
provided and all are welcome! For more info/book a place please
contact Holy Family Mission on 052 613 3181 or
email info@holyfamilymission.ie

Friendship Lunch: Cove Bar, Monday 13th May, at 12.30pm.
Please be there by 12.30pm in order to facilitate bar staff.