

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

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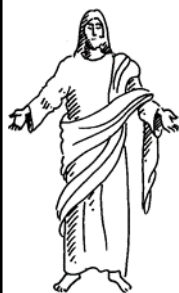
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26th May 2019



## God Knows No Orphans

There are times in our lives when we feel a sense of abandonment. We might be left with feelings of panic, despair and emptiness at the break up of a relationship, the loss of a loved one; or when the future we thought so secure is turned on its head through job loss, financial ruin or illness. The disciples must be feeling a little like this today at the prospect of Jesus' departure.

In today's gospel, Jesus is preparing his disciples for life without his physical presence. He is teaching them how to transcend these moments of fear and uncertainty "Those who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them..." Undoubtedly, knowing we are loved helps transcend feelings of abandonment, but Jesus reminds us that love is a two way street. Love isn't just a feeling; it's a decision, and staying in God's love means making a decision to keep his words. This doesn't mean God will no longer love us if we fail to keep a commandment, but it does mean that wanting to keep his words is at the heart of our relationship. It's not about trying to live up to an impossible set of expectations; it's about developing into confident Christians in an atmosphere of love and support.

Today's gospel speaks to those who are suffering insecurity and fear. As a Christian community we have a responsibility for promoting belief in God's love and in the continued support of the Holy Spirit. In this way, when any one of us comes to grief, that belief can come to the rescue. For those who know they are loved, healing comes more quickly. There can be no abandonment in a kingdom that knows no orphans.

## 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

**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.**

<i>St. Joseph &amp; St. Benildus</i>	<i>25th/26th May 2019</i>	<i>1st/2nd June 2019</i>
6.30pm Saturday		Gerry Grant John & Mary Coad
10.00am Sunday:		
12 Noon Sunday:	Nicola Doheny Kathleen Phelan John Bradley	
<b><i>St. Mary's, Ballygunner</i></b>		
7.00pm	Jenny Walsh William & Thomas Power	Fr. Eddie Conway, Maria Sharpe, Pierie Dower, Barty & May Whelan
11.00am Sunday	Fr. Patrick Cooney	Mary Broderick Pat Hearne

## IF YOU WISH TO PREPARE NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS :

The Ascension of our Lord

Acts 1:1-11.

Ps 46: 2-3, 6-9.

Eph 1:17-23.

Lk 24:46-53.



**Please pray for those  
who died recently**  
Michael O'Sullivan  
**whose birthday or anniversary occurs**  
Fr. Paddy Cooney  
Séamus Walsh, David Ellickson,  
Gary Farrell, Peter O'Brien,  
Christopher Sherry

*Last Sunday's  
Collection  
€2,995  
Thank you*



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**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 878977



### **Recent Baptisms**

We welcome *Harry John Paul Swaby* who was baptised recently. Please keep him, his parents and godparents in your prayers.



## **The Emerald Tenors**

*All your Irish favourites plus so much more  
with Ireland's newest trio sensation.*

**St. Joseph & St. Benildus Church**  
Waterford City

**Sunday 16th June, 2019 at 8.00 p.m.**

Tickets €20

Phone box office 051 878977

Tickets on the door on the night.



### **ROSARY PROCESSION**

The annual Rosary Procession will take place this **Sunday 26th May** at **3pm** from Ballybricken Green to the Dominican Church.

### **"Sign-up Sunday"**

If you are willing to be available to help in little practical ways during Mass ( eg: bringing up Gifts, reading Prayers of the Faithful ), *please give your name to the person sitting at the desk at the back of the church after Masses this weekend.*

No regular commitment is envisaged, just be available to be asked !



### **FUTURE EVENTS IN OUR PARISH**

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

01/06 : Mass for all 2nd level Exam students

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. .*

*Keep an eye on the Newsletter for further information.*

### **Launch of Parish Vision Statement (where we hope to be in 5 years)**

You may recall reading in the Newsletter that a meeting was to be held on April 24th to discuss a Vision Statement for the Parish. During this time of crisis in the Church, the Vision Statement is to direct our Pastoral Programme for the coming years. Following the meeting, a Parish Vision Statement was drafted. It will be launched at Masses this weekend.

The Annual **Ballygunner Cemetery Mass** will be celebrated on **Thursday 27th June at 7.30pm**

### **First Holy Communion**

Congratulations to the pupils of St. John of God school who made their First Holy Communion this weekend. Thanks to their teacher, parents and all who prepared them for this Sacrament.

