

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

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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

14th July 2019

## 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)

No 7.30am Mass Bank Hols

**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 :**

16th in Ordinary Time

Gn 18:1-10.

Ps 14:2-5.

Col 1:24-28.

Lk 10:38-42.

## Who Is NOT My Neighbour?



Today a law student asks Jesus "Who is my neighbour?" he might just as well have asked, "Who is NOT my neighbour." The law student was a Jew, and as such would only have considered fellow Jews as worthy of his neighbourly love. His loyalty to his own community would in itself have excluded those outside it. By asking Jesus "Who is my neighbour?" the lawyer is looking for excuses to withhold his love.

Are we sometimes guilty of the same transgression? We all agree in principle to Jesus' commandment to love our neighbours, but then we rule all sorts of people out. How can we love and respect those who don't show us any love or respect in return? How can we have sympathy for the benefit fraud, the drunk or the drug addict? How can we find any common ground with the refugee or the teenager upstairs who plays his music too loudly and at all times of the day. Jesus responds to the law student by telling the story of the 'Good Samaritan'. That he chooses a Samaritan to be the hero of the story is no coincidence, since Jews had ongoing grievances against the Samaritans and their hostilities had long set them apart.

The parable condemns non-involvement. How often do we refuse to be a 'Good Samaritan' because we fear for our own safety, or we are loath to spend money or time? Regardless of who we perceive as our neighbours, and regardless of any excuses, today we are asked, "Can we truly keep the commandment that leads to eternal life?"

**St. Joseph & St. Benildus**

**13th/14th July 2019**

**20th/21st July 2019**

6.30pm Saturday

Catherine, James & Peter Ellickson  
Sr. Rebecca Ellickson  
Teresa & Martin Barron  
Ted & Phillip Barron  
Fr. Tom Barron

M.M. Karl Kirby  
Noreen Murphy

10.00am Sunday:

Eileen Dowling

12 Noon Sunday:

Jim & Brendan Phelan

Don Brennan

John Walsh

**St. Mary's, Ballygunner**

7.00pm

Bill Carleton

11.00am Sunday

Peter Foskin  
Flynn Family

M.M Ingrid Walsh  
Ann Marshall  
Pierce & Patricia Kennedy  
& Pierce Kennedy Jnr.



**Please pray for those  
whose birthday or anniversary occurs**



Eamonn, Marie and Philip Lahart,  
Damien O'Brien, David Walsh,  
Jack & Claire O'Brien.

**A VERY BIG THANK YOU !!!!!**

**Parish Partnership Cake & Jam Sale**

**In aid of the Ishiara Sand Dam Project**

Many Thanks to everybody who helped with the Cake and Jam sale, held on Sunday 7th in the Parish Centre, especially the Makers and Bakers.

To date, €1185 has been raised.

The Sand Dam Project is part of our Parish

Partnership with Ishiara, Kenya.

At the moment, 90% of people in Ishiara have no running water. The best way of providing water in a sustainable way is by means of sand dams. They are relatively low cost constructions that are then managed and maintained by the local community.



These dams will provide drinking water, the means to grow crops, cause a reduction in the number of mosquitoes (thereby curtailing water-borne diseases), and will allow the growth of crops and vegetation.

Total cost of project: €25,000.

Amount raised to date: €11,185.

**A further Cake and Jam Sale will take place in St. Mary's, Ballygunner at the end of August. Please keep an eye on the Newsletter for details.**

**GDPR and Parish Records**

What is GDPR? The General Data Protection Regulation is European legislation governing personal data which came into effect on 25th May 2018.

The following are among the changes being implemented in the parish:

- As a result of GDPR, no personal data held in parish records will be visible or accessible to the general public.
- All requests for issuing of certificates (eg: Baptismal records, etc), must be on an official application form and accompanied by photo I.D.
- Only Office Staff will have access to parish computers. All are password controlled.
- Office doors will be closed to the public outside of normal office opening hours.

**Calling All Ladies !**

You are invited to a special day of prayer, input and community at Holy Family Mission, Glencomeragh House on July 20th from 10am—5pm. "The Voice of Truth" is a led retreat day for women in the faith and will be facilitated by Catherine Di Nuzzo from Kansas. For more information / to book, please contact: info@holymission.ie or call 052 6133181.

**Copies of the Havenwood Rota are now available in the Sacristy in St. Mary's.**

*Last Sunday's  
Collection  
€2,126  
Thank you*



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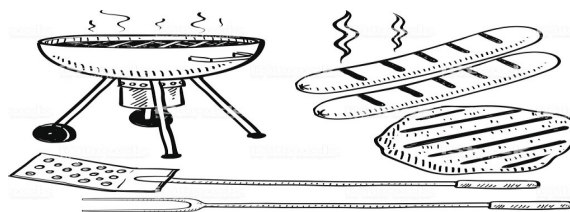
Recordings of recent concerts are also available to watch on the St. Joseph's site.

**Recent Baptisms**

We welcome all those who were baptised recently. Please keep them, their parents and godparents in your prayers.



**Parish Summer Barbecue:  
Friday 19th July 2019, at 7.00pm.  
Car Park of St. Joseph & St. Benildus  
Church.**



*Tickets available from Parish*

*Office*

*(051 878977):*

*Adults €15 / Children €6.*

**Live Music !**



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**Donating School Uniform**

Lots of school uniforms at this time of year won't fit or won't be needed in the new academic year. This is the time of year to donate generic uniforms to the local charity shop. Donate uniforms with logos back to the school. Remember that there will be parents in September struggling financially and school uniforms are not cheap!

**Care for Our Common Home: Gardening Eco Tip**

Time your gardening: Water outdoor plants in the early morning or at the end of the day to stop water immediately evaporating in the sunlight and heat. Water the soil, rather than the leaves, so that the liquid goes straight to the roots where it is needed. Water sprinklers are very wasteful, so best avoided. Thirsty bees and birds need water too - so putting a water filled container in your yard/garden would be good.



We wish you all a very **Happy Summer Holidays.**

Safe travels .....and come back refreshed !!



**Go n'éirí an bóthar libh go léir**

