

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

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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

21st July 2019

Gospel Reading, Luke 10:38-42

Jesus visits the house of Martha and Mary.



Balance between Doing and Listening is crucial to our spirituality. So surely Jesus is not criticising Martha for 'doing'. So what on earth is going on here? The key to this passage is Jesus' comment to Martha: "Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her". A seemingly innocuous comment - and the traditional interpretation is that Jesus is somehow scolding Martha for choosing wrongly. Perhaps Jesus has a twinkle in his eye at this point and he's making a gentle joke to help Martha understand what's really happening in her front room! Martha has been out in the kitchen. She's making the food and dishing up the dinner for 13 unexpected guests, and Jesus says to her, "Mary has chosen the better part..." But actually, that isn't exactly what he says. If we go back to the Greek, what Jesus actually says is this: "Mary has chosen the better portion..." And the word 'portion' is the same word that is used for a portion of food. What Jesus is saying is this: "Martha, you are out in the kitchen worrying about portions of food. But the portion of food Mary is digesting in here is much more important!" He's not scolding Martha. He's not saying that she is making the wrong choice by being busy. Instead, Jesus is comparing the relative value of bread for the stomach with bread for the soul! "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry".

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 :

17th in Ordinary Time

Gn 18:20-32.

Ps 137: 1-3, 6-8.

Col 2:12-14.

Lk 11:1-13.

St. Joseph & St. Benildus

20th/21st July 2019

27th/28th July 2019

6.30pm Saturday

M.M. Karl Kirby
Noreen Murphy

Joe Smith

10.00am Sunday:

Eileen Dowling

Mary Mc. Geary

12 Noon Sunday:

Don Brennan

Tony Mescall

John Walsh

St. Mary's, Ballygunner

7.00pm

Bill Carleton

Rita & Michael Quinton

11.00am Sunday

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

M.M. Rita McAvinue
Michael Troy
Ann Howard

Please pray for those who died about a



month ago

Ingrid Walsh

Karl Kirby

whose birthday or anniversary occurs

Noel Griffin,

Bill Carleton

Recent Baptisms

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



We wish you all a very

Happy Summer Holidays.

Safe travelsand come back

refreshed !!

Go n'éirí an bóthar libh !



St. Declan's Well, Aglish.

Annual Mass, Thursday 25th July,
12 Noon. Bus leaves Passage at
8.45a.m. via Woodstown, Killea,
Dunmore East, onto Waterford
City. Tel 051 382593 to book
your seat and for further details.
All are welcome.



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. In compliance with GDPR, changes have been implemented in Parish office procedures. *Please contact the office well in advance if requesting items concerning certificates or any other parish records. 051 878977*

Children Host Fun Run Fundraiser

Children from Newtown Junior School and Christchurch National School, who recently made their confirmation decided to research social issues in our area and mental health services for children and older men. Based on their findings, they did a Fun Run fundraiser and decided to buy resources for the Child and Adolescent Room in Pieta House. They then collaborated with the local Men's Shed who made a Sand Box which was one of the items on the list. Their school is very proud of them.

Traditional Latin Mass at the Cathedral

A Traditional Latin Mass with Gregorian Chant will be celebrated on Sunday 28th July at 10AM in Holy Trinity Cathedral, Barronstrand Street, Waterford City.

*Last Sunday's
Collection
€2,107
Thank you*



Live Streaming of Masses

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

AND

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

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

Southern Region Alpha Training

Here to help you !

Join us for training, resourcing and support.

Saturday 24th August 2019

10:00 am - 3:30pm

Rathpeacon National School,

Rathpeacon, Co. Cork.



This is a day to equip & encourage all who are interested in running Alpha, from those who are considering Alpha to those already running Alpha! Whatever stage you are at, there is something for you to

hear & learn!

Morning sessions will include - How to get Started/Run Alpha, How to Run a Holy Spirit Day/Prayer Ministry, How to Lead a Small Group, Alpha Youth, Marriage & Parenting.

Afternoon session – Full Alpha Session - an ideal opportunity to experience a complete Alpha session as a guest! It is essential to book your place for this session!!
Lunch will be provided on the day!

There is no fixed charge for the day but donations are gratefully received to contribute towards costs.

RSVP to info@alphaireland.org to book your places and

Ishiara Sand Dam Project

The Sand Dam Project in Ishihara, the total raised as of today July 16th is 18,700 euros. Many thanks to everyone who has contributed so generously, we are well on the way to achieving our target.



Visitation to Ishiara: Ray McEvoy, Parish Partnership Committee, Michael/Engineer/Trocaire, Fr. Paul PP & Mr. Patrick in Ishiara.