

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

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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11th August 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

Gospel Reflection for the Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

The Everlasting Purse



There are no two ways about it; human beings are materialistic by nature. Our possessions become a part of us. Anyone who has tried to declutter the attic only to find possessions they can't possibly be parted from will be only too aware of this. Worse than that, our possessions start to possess us. We are trapped in jobs we hate simply because we are committed to buying that dream house. Suddenly our possessions are dictating how we live our lives. Then when we die, somebody will come along and give everything we owned to a charity shop, because at the end of the day, our possessions mean very little.

Today we are told, "Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Salvation is determined by what we do with what we have, and how much love we have in our hearts for others.

How much we help others of course depends very much on what we have in the first place. "To whom much is given much is required." Jesus tells us. If we have talents, a well-paid job and the good fortune to be born into an affluent society, we are expected to help those who have never had the opportunity to develop their talents or who own very little. Oh yes..... and there's a time limit! "But know this," says Jesus, "if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into."

The Son of Man will return at an unexpected hour. When we buy our possessions we think about how we would like to be defined. But at the end of life how would we like to be remembered? Do we want to be remembered as someone with a house full of possessions, or as someone who left a lasting mark on the world... an everlasting purse.

CHANGE IN MASS TIMES

Please note, there will be no 7.30a.m Mass from Monday 5th August until Monday 2nd September. It has been discontinued for the summer holidays.

St. Joseph & St. Benildus	10th/11th Aug 2019	17th / 18th August 2019
6.30pm Saturday	Agnes Devins	Mary Sweeney Birdie Noonan Patrick Nugent
10.00am Sunday:	Seán Maher	
12 Noon Sunday:	Kathleen & William Jordan Maisie & James Daniels	
St. Mary's, Ballygunner		
7.00pm	Kathleen & Sean Leahy Breda Quann	Pierce Dower Fr. Joe Cullen Fr. Martin Crowe Bridget & Niall Warren Tess & Tom Mulcahy Amy Hearne
11.00am Sunday	Gemma Phelan Frank Kearney	

IF YOU WISH TO

**PREPARE NEXT SUNDAY'S
READINGS :**

20th in Ordinary Time

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10.

Ps 39:2-4, 18.

Heb 12:1-4.

Lk 12:49-53.

Please pray for those who died recently



Patrick McNamara,
Maura Phelan,
Patrick Griffin.

Those whose anniversary or birthday occurs

Frank Rushden, The Hamm Family,
Noeleen Lonergan, David Whittle.

Parishioners are invited to submit news items of local interest (of a non-commercial nature) for inclusion in the Newsletter. Please note, the deadline is 11.00a.m on the Tuesday before printing. jbmnews@gmail.com

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, for those who are considering Alpha and those already running Alpha! Whatever stage you are at, there is something for you to hear & learn! 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 for further details



Ishiara Family Fun Day Ballygunner GAA Club, Sunday 1st September, from 2-5pm.

A Family Fun Day will take place in the GAA Club Ballygunner in order to raise awareness of our Ishiara Kenya Parish Partnership.

Activities will include:

- Races for kids,
- Kids' slide,
- Slow bicycle race,
- Hurling / football skills,
- Horse shoe toss,
- Kids' craft table,
- Football/darts game,
- Live music !!
- Second hand book sale

There will be a **Novelty Water Event** to highlight

the water shortage in Ishiara.

A Cake Sale will be held on the day. We would welcome any Cake donations.

A number of unwanted gifts have been donated to this project. If anyone has unwanted gifts, perhaps you would be kind enough to contribute them to this fundraising venture.

Keep an eye on the Newsletter for detailsg



*Last Sunday's
Collection
€2,554
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.

Good luck and Congratulations to all our young parishioners as they receive the results of the Leaving Cert over the next few days.

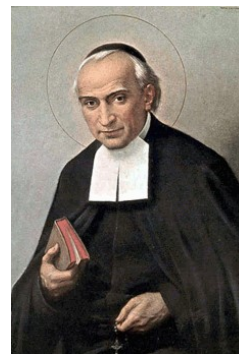
Holy Day: August 15th Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Vigil Mass : St Joseph & Benildus: 6.30p.m on 14th
St. Mary's, 7.00p.m on 14th.
Feast Day Mass: 11.00a.m in both churches.

Tuesday August 13th is the Feast of St. Benildus, one of our parish patron saints. He was born Pierre Romançon on June 14, 1805, in France. He joined the Brothers in 1820 and served at several Brothers' schools in south-central France. He worked quietly and effectively as teacher and principal. He also looked after his students by preparing meals in the Brothers' kitchen for hungry students.

His extraordinary religious sense was evident to everyone: at Mass with the students in the parish church, teaching catechism, preparing boys for first communion, visiting and praying with the sick, and rumours of near-miraculous cures. He was especially effective in attracting religious vocations. At his death, on August 13, 1862, more than 200 Brothers and an impressive number of priests had been his students.

Benildus was beatified on April 4, 1948, by Pope Pius XII who mentioned that his sanctification was attained by enduring "the terrible daily grind" and by "doing common things in an uncommon way". He was canonized by Pope Paul VI on October 29, 1967. He is a patron of teachers.



Lasallian Developing World Projects.

Eight Lasallian volunteers went to Keelamudiman in Southern India to construct a multi-purpose Hall for the local secondary school and parish. It was a one month project carrying tonnes of sand and tonnes of stone chips up one story every day.

We spent our time also mixing cement, filling pillars and taught in the school. Only 36-40 degrees heat daily. Overall, a brilliant experience and life changing for many. From the parish, Br Thomas and Tom Fallon were involved. Our sincere thanks to the parish for all their support and prayers.

Br Thomas Walsh.

Lasallian Project 2019 Keelamudiman-India

