

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

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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

18th August 2019

Gospel Reflection for the Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time. Keeping the Fire Kindled.

If Jesus came back today and joined one of our parishes how would he behave?



Could we imagine him on the parish council raising funds for the roof and organising the reader's rotas? Could we see him arranging the flowers, printing the Sunday bulletins? Everything we do for the church is important, but on a scale of one to ten, we are probably not reaching our full potential as Christians... not by a very long chalk?

Christianity has become all too comfortable. We've inherited our Catholic culture from our parents and our grandparents and it comes packaged in nostalgia and sentiment. We tend to visualise Jesus the way he was depicted in our first childhood bibles, and think of him as permanently gentle meek and mild. The uncomfortable truth is that if Jesus joined one of our parishes today he would probably not be doing any of the things we consider important. It's likely he would shake everything up big time. He would be hounding governments, visiting prisons, stirring up church leaders and working in the soup kitchens.

Could it be that as Christians we have become complacent and comfortable? Today we are reminded that Christianity is about real life and death issues. Christianity is about putting our neck on the line in the interests of justice and liberation. There is nothing wrong with hymn practice or hot pot suppers. Every job we do to help others is important no matter how small, but Jesus had a burning desire to change the world in the face of great opposition, and it's our job to keep the fire alive.

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

CHANGE IN MASS TIMES

Please note, there will be no 7.30a.m Mass until Monday 2nd September.

It has been discontinued for the summer holidays.

<i>St. Joseph & St. Benildus</i>	<i>17th / 18th August 2019</i>	<i>24th/25th Aug 2019</i>
6.30pm Saturday	Mary Sweeney Birdie Noonan	Austin King
10.00am Sunday:		Michael O'Hanlon
12 Noon Sunday:	Patrick Nugent	Frank & Mary Madders
<i>St. Mary's, Ballygunner</i>		
7.00pm	Pierce Dower Fr. Joe Cullen Fr. Martin Crowe Bridget & Niall Warren	Francis, Joe & Mary Sharpe Milo Corcoran
11.00am Sunday	Tess & Tom Mulcahy Amy Hearne	Kitty Lyons

IF YOU WISH TO

PREPARE NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS :

21st in Ordinary Time

Is 66:18-21.

Ps 116

Heb 12:5-7, 11-13.

Lk 13:22-30.

Please pray for those who died recently

Koragh Fuller
Those whose anniversary or birthday



occurs

Richard Murray,
William Kenneally,
Phillip Lahart,
Kathleen & Séamus Keane

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:

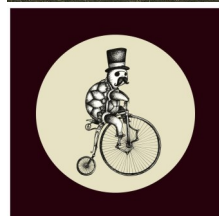
- Races for kids,
- Kids' slide,
- Slow bicycle race,
- Hurling / football skills,
- Horse shoe toss,
- Kids' craft table,
- Football/darts game,
- Live music !!
- Second hand book sale

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. Donations of Books also appreciated ! Contact Parish Office for details.



*Last Sunday's
Collection
€2,240
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.

First Light

Supporting Suddenly Bereaved Parents & Families

Mile in-Memory Walk

Sunday 18th August, meeting at 2.30pm at the

Carpark of Anne Valley Walk, Dunhill.

Join parents, families and communities in memory of all children who have died suddenly. Refreshments for anyone who would like to join us after the walk.

For information: Helena, 085 779 8288

Traditional Latin Mass at the Cathedral

A Traditional Latin Mass with Gregorian Chant will be celebrated on Sunday 25th August at 10AM in Holy Trinity Cathedral, Barronstrand Street, Waterford City.

All are most welcome.

Voluntary work in India



I spent a very enjoyable 3 weeks in Keelamudiman South India in July with Brother Tom Walsh and 6 other volunteers.

We did a lot of physical work like lifting bricks, stone and sand up to the second floor of a school hall. I could see at first hand that the school children were happy, intelligent and eager to learn. Surely they deserve the opportunity to reach their potential? On our visits to local villages or hostels it was very obvious that the children were thrilled to meet us.

At a very well organised school sports day the children competed in their bare feet. Many of them had sandals but no 'runners'. Meeting the poorest of the poor I realise how far Ireland has come. Just as the native American Indians sent money to Ireland during the famine, surely it is imperative that we reach out to the less fortunate in the world. We will never know the full impact of our efforts.

Many thanks to all who contributed to our fundraising including St Anne's Tennis Club.

Tom Fallon