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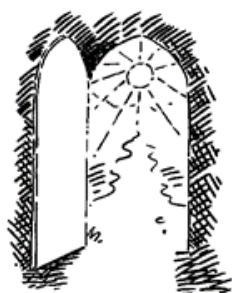
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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

25th August 2019

Gospel Reflection for the Twenty First Sunday of Ordinary Time: No Meal Tickets



How do you imagine the gates of Heaven? Perhaps you imagine a fine set of pearly gates and a welcome committee flanked by all of the relatives who have gone before. Perhaps Saint Peter will be there, and a couple of harp playing cherubs.

Imagine instead a narrow door heavily locked and bolted! Imagine knocking on the door only to be told, "I do not know where you come from," and to be turned away. It wouldn't matter how much we insisted that we were baptised and regular churchgoers, our pleas would be ignored.

So where are we coming from? We're baptised as Christians and we know what we're supposed to be doing, but is that enough? God of course isn't making it difficult on purpose for us to be with him in Heaven. God loves us and wants us to be with him, but he doesn't want us to become complacent. The last thing that God wants is for us to feel that because we are baptised Christians we have some sort of meal ticket into Heaven. The last thing we should do is opt for comfort over commitment or self-indulgence over self-sacrifice. Life is a testing ground in which we should be continually striving to be better. We should never think that we have achieved all that is expected of us just because we go to church and give to charity now and then.

However well we think we are doing, we could be unpleasantly surprised to find ourselves at the back of Heaven's queue when we fondly imagined we might be somewhere near the front.

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.

St. Joseph & St. Benildus	24th/25th Aug 2019	31st Aug/ 1st Sept 2019
6.30pm Saturday	Austin King	John Hearne
10.00am Sunday:	Michael O'Hanlon	
12 Noon Sunday:	Frank & Mary Madders	
St. Mary's, Ballygunner		
7.00pm	Francis, Joe & Mary Sharpe Milo Corcoran	Tony Barden
11.00am Sunday	Kitty Lyons	

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

22nd in Ordinary Time
ECCLES 3:17-20, 28-29.
PS 67:4-7, 10-11.
HEB 12:18-19, 22-24.
LK 14:1, 7-14.

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



Sheila Morgan,
Kathleen & Séamus Keane,
Michael & Mary Walsh.

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

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:

- Running race,
- Sack Race,
- 3-legged race,
- parent/child race,
- horse shoe throwing,
- ring throwing,
- hurling and football skills,
- guess the jellies in the jar,
- guess the celebrity,
- cake sale,
- slow bicycle race,
- craft table
- And much more !!



There will be a **Novelty Water Event** to highlight the water shortage in Ishiara.



**We would welcome donations for the
Cake sale, and Unwanted New Gifts !**
Contact Parish Office for details.
Adults €5. Children free up to age 15.

**There will be a meeting of the Liturgy Group on
Monday 26th August at 7.30pm in the Parish
Centre.**

Thirties Resume

Thirties card game will resume on Saturday, 7th September at 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Centre. We look forward to the return of all our members. New members are most welcome.



*Last Sunday's
Collection
€2,100
Thank you*



Live Streaming of Masses

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stjosephswaterford
AND
www.churchservices.tv/
stmarysballygunner

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

Mass Bookings:

If you wish to book a Mass in either church, please contact the Parish Office by phone on 051 878977 or email parishofficejbm@gmail.com or call into the office which is located in St. Joseph & St Benildus Church. Offerings can be paid on booking or in the Sacristy on the day of the Mass.

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.

Saint Monica,

**Patron of those who suffer domestic violence,
27th August.**

The circumstances of St. Monica's life could have made her a nagging wife, a bitter daughter-in-law and a despairing parent, yet she did not give way to any of these temptations. Although she was a Christian, her parents gave her in marriage to a pagan, Patricius, who lived in her hometown of Tagaste in North Africa. Patricius had some redeeming features, but he had a violent temper and was licentious. Monica also had to bear with a cantankerous mother-in-law who lived in her home. Patricius criticized his wife because of her charity and piety, but always respected her. Monica's prayers and example finally won her husband and mother-in-law to Christianity. Her husband died in 371, one year after his baptism. On the feast of St Monica (27th August), we pray for the needs of those who have suffered domestic violence ... whether it be men, women or children.

Meeting of Home Visitation Team

There will be a meeting of the Home Visitation Team on Monday 26th August in the Parish Centre, after 10.30a.m Mass.

Vision for Alpha in our Parish:

Tuesday Sept 24th: we begin our third season of Alpha.
October 2019: we launch our first Connect Group...as promised at our

first Alpha.
What is a Connect group? This is where those who have completed Alpha will continue to stay connected. It is an opportunity to experience friendship, share food, pray and have discussions on a monthly basis. Please pray for the success of our new venture !!

