

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

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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4th August 2019

Gospel Reflection for the Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time :

A Fool and His Money



There's an old saying that goes, "A fool and his money are soon parted." If Jesus were to re-write the saying it might read, "A fool and his money are never parted."

In today's gospel, a rich landowner pulls down his barns and builds bigger barns in which to store wealth for his future. "You fool!" God says, "this very night your life is being demanded of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" Yes, it's another of those lessons that target the rich. That's all right then because none of us are particularly rich and so surely this lesson doesn't apply to us. Or does it?

We've all worried about money at some time or another. We worry about university fees, the cost of getting married and the cost of keeping a roof over our heads. We worry about paying our bills and providing for our children. We worry about providing for our old age and the cost of keeping Great Aunt Ethel in a nursing home. We even worry about the cost of dying. Today Jesus warns us that in worrying about money we allow money and material wealth to exert some kind of hold over us. Everything we own possesses a little part of us. If we have a house we are slave to a mortgage. If we own a car we are slaves to maintaining it.

Once we have finally struggled our way towards a healthy bank balance we suddenly become afraid to spend it, let alone share it with the needy. Without knowing it, we can become penny pinching and greedy. We don't need to be particularly rich to become as foolish as the landowner in today's parable.

## 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 from Monday 5th August until Monday 2nd September. It has been discontinued for the summer holidays.**

## IF YOU WISH TO

**PREPARE NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS :**

19th in Ordinary Time

Wis 18:6-9.

Ps 32:1, 12, 18-20, 22.

Heb 11:1-2, 8-19.

Lk 12:32-48.

**St. Joseph & St. Benildus**

**3rd/4th August 2019**

**10th/11th Aug 2019**

6.30pm Saturday

Billy & Mary Murphy

Agnes Devins

10.00am Sunday:

Edward Hanrahan

Seán Maher

12 Noon Sunday:

Maureen Quinn

Kathleen & William Jordan

Maisie & James Daniels

**St. Mary's, Ballygunner**

7.00pm

Pierce & Bridie Caulfield

Kathleen & Sean Leahy

Breda Quann

11.00am Sunday

Mary & Eddie Roles

Gemma Phelan

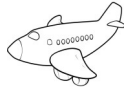
**Please pray for those whose birthday or anniversary occurs**



Andrew Murtagh  
Nancy & Kevin O'Gorman  
Jim Quinn

We wish you all a very

**Happy Summer Holidays.**  
Safe travels .....and come back  
refreshed !!  
**Go n'éirí an bóthar libh !**



**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](mailto:info@alphaireland.org) to book your places

#### **GDPR and Parish Records**

In compliance with GDPR, (General Data Protection Regulation) 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*

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



#### **Recent Baptisms**

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

*Last Sunday's  
Collection  
€2,255  
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.**

#### **Baptismal Certs: School Registration**

Because of new GDPR ruling, if you require Baptism Certs for school registration ( etc., ) please contact the parish office for a Sacramental Request Form. Once the forms are completed and returned, it takes approximately 2 weeks for them to be processed.

#### **ISHIARA PARTNERSHIP**

Ray McEvoy and Mary Wallace have returned safely from visiting our partners in Ishiara Parish in Kenya. They had a very productive week, visiting the site of our Sand Dam construction with those who will supervise it, meeting with various local schools and medical facilities to see how we can help them and meeting with several small rural SILK groups to understand how the scheme works. Most of all, the personal contacts which will progress the Partnership were nurtured and they look forward to bringing our parishioners up to date on the trip in the future.



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

#### **Care for Our Common Home : More Trees Please !**

We're facing a climate emergency. Trees should be our natural defence against runaway climate change – absorbing carbon emissions, as well as providing a home for wildlife. Please consider planting a tree...and safeguard those in your area.

