

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

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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 :**

23rd in Ordinary Time

Wis 9:13-18.

Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17.

Phm 9:10, 12-17.

Lk 14: 25-33.

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Sept 2019

Gospel Reflection for the Twenty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time :
God's Round Table.



It's hard to admit to, but most of us live on a bit of a moral high ground and it's not a good place to be. Moral high grounds are littered with treacherous pitfalls. The worst pitfall of all is to assume superiority. It's a human failing. We assume superiority over all sorts of other people. We decide we are superior to those who are less intellectual, whose tastes differ, whose accents are alien or whose values don't match ours. Why is superiority a pitfall? It's a pitfall because once we imagine ourselves superior, we start to dismiss people. We start to rule out huge numbers of our neighbours as unworthy of our attention.

Today we see Jesus at a wedding banquet where the guests are jostling for places of honour at the dinner table. It's a simple occasion that raises a big question. Why are we all so anxious to be seated at the top of life's table? Jesus gives the guests a piece of life changing advice. "A person who exalts himself will be humbled, but a person who humbles himself will be exalted."

Humility doesn't sit easily in our fame driven society, that's because we associate being humble with being "walked all over". Jesus' brand of humility however, is very different. Humility means that understanding that everything you have is a gift from God, and that everything you have is for the service of others.

In the tales of King Arthur and his knights, Arthur ordered a round table so that no one could assume a greater or lesser position. As Christians we are asked to adopt a 'round table' approach to life.

St. Joseph & St. Benildus	31st Aug/ 1st Sept 2019	7th/8th Sept 2019
6.30pm Saturday	John Hearne	Bernadette Balfe
10.00am Sunday:		Theresa Kennedy
12 Noon Sunday:	John Sheridan	Mary Mescall
St. Mary's, Ballygunner		
7.00pm	Tony Barden	M.M Maura Phelan John & Bridget Keane Rosie Morrissey Margaret Moloughney Jim Tobin
11.00am Sunday	Richard & Rita Fitzpatrick Mary Aylward Bridie & Ned Dunne	Joan & Nicholas Power Gary O'Keeffe

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



Margaret Lunney & Family,
Mr & Mrs Rex Nolan,
John Murray

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.

What promises to be a highly entertaining Family Fun Day will take place in the GAA Club Ballygunner this Sunday, 1st Sept, in order to raise awareness of our Ishiara Kenya Parish Partnership. Details of events are on posters and leaflets at the back of the church. Adults €5. Children free up to age 15.



Cnoc Buí Active Retired

A meeting will take place on Wednesday 4th September at 2pm in the Woodlands Hotel. Please note: it is important that as many members as possible attend, as the decision regarding venue for future meetings will be made on the day. Hope you all had a great summer !!

**ISHIARA PARISH PARTNERSHIP
CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC
FRIDAY 20TH SEPT 2019,
WATERFORD CASTLE GOLF CLUB.
In aid of the Kamavaru Sand Dam
Project.**

**Team of 4 : €200 (including buffet
lunch after golf & a goodie bag).
Sponsor a Tee: €300.
Sponsor a Tee & Golf for 4: €400
Details : 051 878977**



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.



An evening of Taizé will take place on Friday 6th Sept at 8pm in Mt.Sion, Barrack Street, Waterford.

*Last Sunday's
Collection
€2,652
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.**

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.

ALPHA IN OUR PARISH! Sept 2019

Our third season of Alpha begins on Tuesday Sept 24th, 7 - 9pm in St. Benildus Parish Centre . This is an unique opportunity for all of to explore questions about God, life, faith and of course to build community, to make new friendships. All sessions begin with a meal , then we watch a dvd on the week's topic. This is followed by shared discussion. All views are welcomed and respected.

Some of the topics explored are

Is there more to life than this?

Who is Jesus?

Who is the Holy Spirit?

The sessions are over 11 weeks and last approximately 2 hours.

All of us are encouraged to experience Alpha and to invite friends to come along! Alpha is a way of introducing someone to Christianity or indeed to deepen one's friendship with Christ.

Do think of joining us on Sept 24th !

Remember Alpha is for everyone!

There is no cost!

We extend an invitation to all!

To book your place, contact any of the
following :

Denise Hughes 087 1512617

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Parish Sec. 051 878977



HOPE FOUNDATION

As part of the **HOPE School Immersion Programme**, seven Transition Year Students from St. Angela's School will be holding a church gate collection in aid of the HOPE Foundation on the **31st August/1st September.**

The Hope Foundation is a registered charity working with street and slum children in Kolkata (formerly Calcutta), India. They work to free children and poor families from lives of pain, abuse, poverty and darkness. Living on the streets, children are exposed to horrendous physical and sexual abuse. Those who survive are left to fend for themselves, with no promise of a safe future. They are forced to work from as young as five years of age to earn money for food and so cannot go to school.

HOPE works to free them from child labour. HOPE funds and operates over 60 projects. To participate, students need to raise money, which will be donated to the HOPE projects.

Thank you.