

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

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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

22nd Sept 2019

Gospel Reflection for the Twenty Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time :



Today's is a strange and difficult parable. A dishonest business man is caught squandering and is faced with dismissal. The business man sees a bleak future ahead of him and without a minute to waste sets about making some shrewd though dodgy deals to secure his future. We sit back waiting for his come-uppance but it doesn't happen! In fact the business man is applauded for his shrewdness.

This rogue business man shares much in common with our twenty first century business men and women. The rogue business man is talented, skilled, ambitious and plausible or he wouldn't have been taken on as a manager in the first place. The manager has the ability to look into the future and make the necessary plans. More importantly he works as though his life depends upon it without a moment to waste. This man could have achieved great things but for one thing. Money! Money has the power to corrupt each and every one of us and the man in today's story was well and truly corrupt.

Nevertheless Jesus tells us that the 'children of the light' can learn from the 'children of the world'. What if we could get up at six every morning, knock back a quick cup of coffee and set about God's work. What if we were to work tirelessly solving the world's problems barely stopping for lunch and getting home late every night. What if we were to work with one eye on our ultimate destination keen to secure our place in heaven? The world would certainly be a very different place.

The real difficulty in this story is not in understanding Jesus' unexpected choice of subject, but in adhering to his mandate. "No slave can serve two masters..... You cannot serve God and wealth."

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 :

26th in Ordinary Time

Am 6:1, 4-7.

Ps 145:6-10.

1 Tm 6:11-16.

Lk 16:19-31.

St. Joseph & St. Benildus

21st/22nd Sept 2019

28th/29th Sept 2019

6.30pm Saturday

Nancy & Michael Hearne

Gaye Murphy

10.00am Sunday:

Agnes Whittle

12 Noon Sunday:

Hamm Family

Tom, Eileen & Harry Lupton

Brian McGovern

St. Mary's, Ballygunner

7.00pm

Vincent McElroy

Anthony Bolger

Christina Murray

(M.M) Helen Cummins

(M.M) Ita Keyes

Matt Holohan

11.00am Sunday

John & Catherine Walsh

(M.M) Maria Consuela Mijia Tanega

Seamie Gough

John, Joan & Pat Pierce

Please pray for those whose Month's mind

occurs



Maria Consuela Mijia Tanega

Whose anniversary or birthday occurs

Gaye Murphy, Paddy & Nora Nolan,

Margaret (Peggy) Hunt,

Michael Doyle, Martin Carroll, Kathleen Shine,

Bridget Douglas, Kathleen Crotty,

Ingrid Walsh (Birthday Rem).

Pro- Life Meeting:

St. John's Pastoral Centre, Waterford

Thursday 26th Sept., at 7.30pm.

Speakers: Vicky Wall, Michael Dwyer, and former Senator Jim Walsh.

Ishiara Sand Dam Project:

Golf Classic Fundraiser

Many thanks to all who participated in

the Golf Classic on Friday 20th September in Waterford Castle Golf

Club, both as players and sponsors.

A very special word of thanks to Collette

Stewart Lord who organised the entire

event. Her expertise and efficiency

ensured that it was a great success.



ALPHA IN OUR PARISH! Sept 2019

Our third season of Alpha begins this

Tuesday Sept 24th, from 7 - 9pm in

St. Benildus Parish Centre. 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. The sessions are over 11 weeks

and last approximately 2 hours. 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 or Frances Doyle 087 2067813 or Parish Sec. 051 878977



Forthcoming Parish Events:

21st/22nd Sept: Name Tag Sunday

29th Sept, 11.00a.m & 12.00 p.m : Creation Sunday

6th Oct : Question Box Sunday & Mass for Refugees and Migrants

Sat 2nd Nov (6.30p.m) : Remembrance Mass

gSt. Mary's Rotas

The Rotas for both Ministers of the Word and Ministers of the Eucharist for St. Mary's are available for collection in the Sacristy.

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.

Contact : jbmnews@gmail.com

*Last Sunday's
Collection
€2,925
Thank you*



Live Streaming of Masses

www.churchservices.tv/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 please contact the Parish Office 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.

Waterford & Lismore Diocese Family Day Sunday 29th Sep

Fun for the Whole Family!

2pm - 4.30pm

Mount Melleray Abbey

Co. Waterford

Prayer

Music

Arts & Crafts

Bouncy Castle

Fun Activities

Tel 051-874199 pastoralcentre@waterfordlismore.ie

Autumn Dues Envelopes

Autumn Dues Envelopes are now ready for distribution and can be collected by co-ordinators in the Parish Office weekday mornings or at Mass times over the weekends.

We need some new distributors for Grantstown Park.

If you would be available to deliver envelopes please contact the Parish Office on 051 878977.

Knock : 140th Anniversary of Apparition

Legion of Mary, Day Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Sunday 29th Sept. Bus Fare: €30. MEALS EXTRA and a matter for the pilgrim. Bus will stop at Bridge House Hotel, Tullamore on way to and from Knock.

For details contact May on 087 7148100

World Car Free Day : 22nd September

As the climate heats up, World Car Free Day is the perfect time to take the heat off the planet, and put it on city planners and politicians to give priority to cycling, walking and public transport instead. It is up to us and our governments to help create permanent change to benefit pedestrians, cyclists, and other people who do not drive cars.