

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

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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8th Sept 2019

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 :**

24th in Ordinary Time

Ex 32:7-11, 13-14.

Ps 50:3-4, 12-13, 17,19.

1 Tm 1:12-17.

Lk 15:1-32.

Gospel Reflection for the Twenty Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time :
Why Should God Care For Me?



It's easy to hear the story of the 'Prodigal Son' from afar. It's easy to disassociate ourselves from the feelings of the younger son and make the same judgments that the older brother reached. The story takes on a totally fresh significance when you imagine yourself in the prodigal son's shoes.

When we are young everything is clear cut. The difference between right and wrong is obvious and the path through life is uncomplicated. Then life begins to test our principles. Fear of failure encourages us to cheat or lie. Depression causes us to eat and drink too much. Desperation leads us to gamble or steal. Every poor choice takes us further and further away from God. Like the young man in the story we begin to feel as though we are not worthwhile. The young man does not consider that his father will welcome him back as his son. We must have felt the same way at some time or another. We must all have started to pray and then thought, "Why on earth should God listen, why on earth should he care?"

Image the joy of learning that God has never given up on us? Imagine the young man's rush of relief and joy at finding that his father had never given up waiting for him to come home. The 'Lost Sheep', 'The Lost Coin', 'The Lost Son' are three stories that remind us that no one is worthless or insignificant in God's eyes. God is continually looking to bring us back to him. Today's parables speak to us about the need to be found and carried. Today's parables are about transcending the human instinct to sit in judgement over others and to feel the joy of God the Father's reconciling love.

St. Joseph & St. Benildus

7th/8th Sept 2019

14th/15th Sept 2019

6.30pm Saturday

Bernadette Balfe
John Hearne

Brien Sheridan

10.00am Sunday:

Theresa Kennedy

12 Noon Sunday:

Mary Mescall

Michael Smyth

St. Mary's, Ballygunner

7.00pm

M.M Maura Phelan
John & Bridget Keane
Rosie Morrissey
Margaret Moloughney
Jim Tobin

Michael & Margaret O'Sullivan
Cyril O'Regan

11.00am Sunday

Joan & Nicholas Power
Gary O'Keeffe
M.M Goretti Power

M.M Patrick Mc Namara
Anna Doyle

Please pray for those who died recently

Paddy Lowe, Ita Keyes

Whose Month's mind occurs

Maura Phelan, Goretti Power

Whose anniversary or birthday occurs

Kevin O'Brien, John Murray,
Mollie Whittle, Cyril O'Reagan.



*Last Sunday's
Collection
€2,548
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.**

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 or Frances Doyle 087 2067813 or Parish Sec. 051 878977



**Many thanks to everybody who helped
with the Ishiara Family Fun Day,
at Ballygunner GAA Club on Sunday
last.**

Congratulations to all competitors.

**Individual prizewinners of the various
"Guessing Games" have been notified,
and their prizes are available for collec-
tion at the parish office. 051 878977**



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

**To book your place, call Colette :
085 7121314**



**The ever-popular Friendship Lunches will resume
on Monday 9th September at 12.30pm in the
Cove Bar. Please be there by 12.30pm to facilitate
the staff.**

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.

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.
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International Day of Peace, 'Education For Peace' 21st September 2019

"It is not enough to teach children how to read, write and count. Education has to cultivate mutual respect for others and the world in which we live, and help people forge more just, inclusive and peaceful societies." UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon