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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

20th Oct 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

Background on the Gospel Reading

Lk 18 : 1—8.

This is the first of two parables that Jesus tells in Luke 18 about prayer. (The second will be read at Mass next Sunday.)

This first parable is a lesson in persistence in prayer. (Next Sunday's parable will address attitude in prayer.) While the parable seems to present prayer as nagging God for what we want, such a reading misses the point. God is not like the judge in the parable, worn down by requests and coerced to respond. The key is found in the description of the judge as corrupt and unjust.

Since God can be neither, we must understand Jesus to be saying that if even an unjust judge responds to the persistence of the widow, how much more so will God listen to our prayers.

God truly wants to hear our needs and respond generously. It is the final lament of Jesus that gets to the point of the parable. The lesson is about the persistence of the one who prays. God wants us to be like the persistent widow, staying in relationship with God, confident that God hears and answers prayers.

Then Jesus laments, “Will such faith be found when the Son of Man comes?” In this lament, Jesus notes how easy it can be for us to lose heart.

<i>St. Joseph & St. Benildus</i>	<i>19th/20th Oct 2019</i>	<i>26th/27th Oct 2019</i>
6.30pm Saturday	John Flynn Cecilia O'Hanlon	M.M Patricia Ellickson
10.00am Sunday:	Mary Butler M.M Patricia Duggan	
12 Noon Sunday:	Madeline, Ken & Gerald Dickenson Brenda Dwyer	Mary Barry Derek O'Farrell
<i>St. Mary's, Ballygunner</i>		
7.00pm	Liam Walsh Nancy Hamm Annie Butler	M.M Tom Molloy Pat Currid
11.00am Sunday	Marie Lyons Pat Flynn Joe & Helena Cahill	Maura Carley

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

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Eccles 35:12-14, 16-19.

Ps 32:2-3, 17-19, 23.

2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18.

Lk 18:9-14.

Please pray for those who died recently

Anthony Power

Those whose month's mind occurs

Patricia Duggan

Those whose anniversary or birthday occurs

Louis Browne, Liam London,

Stephen & Agnes Rogers

(their son Stephen & Jackie Rogers)



The choir in St. Joseph & Benildus church, under the direction of Joe O'Beirne, would welcome more male singers, particularly Basses. Please contact the Parish Office 051 878977



ALPHA IN OUR PARISH : SEPT/OCT 2019.

OUR CURRENT ALPHA IS NOW FULL!

Many thanks to all who continue to support us with prayers, and indeed practical help in the running of our Alpha sessions. We hope that we will all grow in our faith experience which is personal to each one of us.

Our next Alpha will be in March 2020 and we extend an invitation to anyone who has not experienced Alpha. **Do think about joining us in MARCH 2020 in St.**

Benildus Parish Centre.

Alpha is for everyone!

To book your place and for further information contact

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INTERNATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE 2019

Anointing Fire Catholic Ministry invites all young adults (16-35 years) to the 2nd International Conference., from 2pm Friday 27th December to Monday 30th December 4pm, at Clongowes Wood College, Kildare W91, Cost 150 euro inclusive. Register online at afcmteamireland.org

Dublin City Marathon

2 members of our Ishiara Parish Partnership (Fr. Liam and Ivan Cuddihy) will participate in the Dublin City Marathon on Sunday Oct 27th.

If you would like to sponsor them in aid of the I.P.P, there are sponsorship forms at the back of the church !



*Last Sunday's
Collection
€2,266
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.

Question Box Sunday

You may recall that last Sunday we invited parishioners to fill out a voluntary questionnaire concerning any faith-related issues that may be of interest or puzzlement to them. People were encouraged to take a form and return it to the box provided at the back of both churches. Forms are still available, are totally anonymous, and we would again encourage everybody to think about filling one in. It is planned that an informal forum for discussion will be held in the near future to respond to any topics that may arise.

The pro life film "UnPlanned" which is showing in all Omniplex cinemas and some IMC cinemas around the country at the moment is getting very positive reviews.

You might consider phoning your local cinema to find out when it is being screened.

Age Action: Getting Started Computer Classes for the Over 55's

- Classes start on Thursday Oct 24th, from 11.15 a.m to 1.15p.m in the Bank of Ireland, The Quay, Waterford (next to Shaw's), and will run for 5 Thursdays.
- Classes are free, but participants must have their own laptop / smartphone / tablet.
- Classes with one to one tuition by trained volunteer tutors.
- Learn how to search the Internet, send & receive emails, shop & book flights.
- Phone 01 475 6989 to register.



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There will be a meeting of the **Liturgy Committee** on Monday 21st October at 7pm.

Annual Remembrance Mass

The annual remembrance Mass for those who died in the past year will be celebrated in St. Joseph & Benildus church at 6.30pm on Saturday 6th November.

Choral Vespers for Solemnity of the Dedication of the Cathedral of the Most Holy Trinity is on Friday 25th October at 7.30pm
His Excellence, Bishop Cullinan will preside. All are Welcome.