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1st Sunday of Advent

1st Dec 2019

Gospel Reflection for the First Sunday of Advent :The Here and Now



Does Christmas seem to come round faster every year? Do you ever feel that the sand of time is running fast though your fingers and that life is passing you by?

The hardest thing about living our lives is finding time to live our lives! Our days are ruled by the clock. Few of us can wake up and choose what to do. Our time is dictated by routine and before we know it life has passed us by before we've had time to live it. The biggest theme of Advent is 'change' but in the busy run up to Christmas, changing the way we live our lives is probably the last thing on our minds. We are much more likely to be comparing prices of the latest iphone!

Today we are given the biggest life changing piece of advice that we could ever have. Preparation! Preparation is essential whether we are setting out to buy a new washing machine or setting out to change the world. Without preparation we will end up wasting years of our time and missing all those heaven sent opportunities. We might not think that we have the time to live our lives any differently from the way we do now, but with the right kind of planning we can transform who we are and what we do and still manage to fit in the day job.

We hear a lot in the news of natural disasters around the world. Men women and children across the globe have lost their lives unexpectedly and prematurely. Death comes like a thief in the night, and so we must glive in perpetual readiness. Jesus doesn't tell us this to frighten us but to encourage us to take responsibility for the here and now.

The monthly First Friday Mass will be celebrated at 9.30am in St. Mary's, Ballygunner, on 6th Dec.

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 :

2nd Sunday of Advent
Is 11:1-10.

Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17.
Rm 15:4-9.
Mt 3: 1-12.

<i>St. Joseph & St. Benildus</i>	<i>30 Nov / 1st Dec 2019</i>	<i>7th/8th Dec 2019</i>
6.30pm Saturday	Susan Flavin	Rosemary Goff
10.00am Sunday:	Anthea O'Donoghue	Denis & Sarah Murphy
12 Noon Sunday:	Kitty Fitzpatrick	Ben Wadding
	Harry Flynn	Michael Gallagher
	Joe & Joan Costello	
<i>St. Mary's, Ballygunner</i>		
7.00pm Sat:	Ann Tierney Margaret & Helen Power	Harry, Maureen & Maria Sharpe Eddie Doyle
11.00a.m Sun :	Kevin Doyle Jerry & Evelyn O'Regan Jo White	Kathleen & Richard Power

Please pray for those whose anniversary or birthday occurs

 Agnes Lea, Nancy O'Gorman,
Kathleen Hearne & Family, Marie Cullinan,
Brendan Lea, Brenda Keane, Lily O'Neill,
Kate & Pierce Dalton,
Malachy Heffernan, Rosaleen Gallagher.

Penitential Service

A Penitential Service in preparation for Christmas will take place on Monday 16th December, 2019 at 7.30pm in St. Joseph & St. Benildus Church, Newtown Road.

This is for all parishes in the city.

In honour of Our Lady on the **Feast of Immaculate Conception**, a **Day of Holy Spirit** filled with healing and worship with Catholic evangelist Brendan Walsh will take place on **December 8th** at the **Bridge Hotel** from **11.00a.m to 4.30 p.m.** Admission is free. All welcome.

Healing and Remembrance Service 2019.

For those who have lost a loved one to suicide.

Christ Church Cathedral
1 Cathedral Square
Waterford.

Sunday, 1st Dec 2019 at 4pm




GAILLTÍR
Christmas Fair

JACK MEADES PUB
SUN, DECEMBER 1ST
2PM — 5PM

FRESH BAKE SALE
AUCTION
SPINNER
FACE PAINTING AND LOTS MORE

If anybody would like to donate items for the above Christmas Fair, please contact John C Flood on 087 668 4474

There will be an **Evening of Taizé** on **Friday 6th December** at **8pm** in **Mt.Sion, Barrack Street.**

This year, we celebrate the **Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Monday 9th Dec.** The normal weekday Masses will be celebrated on the day at 7.30am and 10.30am. There will be no Vigil Masses on Sunday evening.

Last Sunday's Collection



€2,240

Thank you

Live Streaming of Masses

www.churchservices.tv/
stjosephswaterford

AND

www.churchservices.tv/
stmarysballygunner

Newsletter "News"

Newsletter

If parishioners are aware of any forthcoming events (of a non-commercial nature) that might be of interest to readers, please contact jbmnews@gmail.com by 11am on the Tuesday before printing.



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International Concert Pianist
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South Korea

**CHRISTMAS IN
BENILDUS 4**

Music, Readings and Poetry on a Christmas Theme
WEDNESDAY 18th DECEMBER - Parish of St. Joseph's, St. Benildus' and St. Mary's
Doors Open at 7.00pm - Concert Begins at 7.30pm

ALSO FEATURING

GERRY KANE - MUSICIAN AND ACTOR

GALWAY CITY CHAMBER CHOIR

PARISH CHOIR

RESERVATIONS

pmmtickets@mail.com / Call Phyllis on 087 9293553

Parish Office - 051 878977

PRICE - 20 EURO with a substantial donation from all ticket sales being made to the Church



Bach & Handel Christmas Favourites

from **The Messiah** and **Christmas Oratorio**.

Sunday 1st Dec, 7.30p.m., St John's Church, Waterford.

Tickets €20 from theatreroyal.ie or on the door.

Conductor: Dr. Kevin O'Carroll; **Contralto:** Bridget Knowles; **Tenor:** Andrew Gavin; **Bass-Baritone:** Eoin Power.

Also featuring : Waterford Concert Orchestra and Notable Works Chorus of 70 singers.

