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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

Saturday and at the parish office by request <u>St. Mary's, Ballygunner</u> 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 : 1st Sunday of Advent Is 2:1-5. Ps 121 : 1-2, 4-5, 6-9. Rm 13:11-14. Mt 24: 37-44.

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Gospel Reflection for Christ the King : King of Mercy



Our lives are filled with such horrible instances of the abuse of power, that royal imagery seems out of place when talking about Jesus. But the reign of Jesus from the cross is based on a different vision of power altogether. Jesus' authority is nothing about oppression and everything about mercy. His is a power that never seeks to rule or dominate, but rather seeks to serve and lead by

example. His is a power that seeks to unify the world by promoting understanding, tolerance, justice, sharing and peace. His is a kingdom in which we will all be valued and loved. This week sees the close of Pope Francis's 'Year of Mercy'. It's apt that the year closes in a week where we consider Christ as a king not of power but of compassion and mercy. What must we learn from the year of mercy, and from the path Jesus chose? It's simple! We might see others as guilty or sinful. Jesus sees those same people as needy and vulnerable. If we have learnt any-

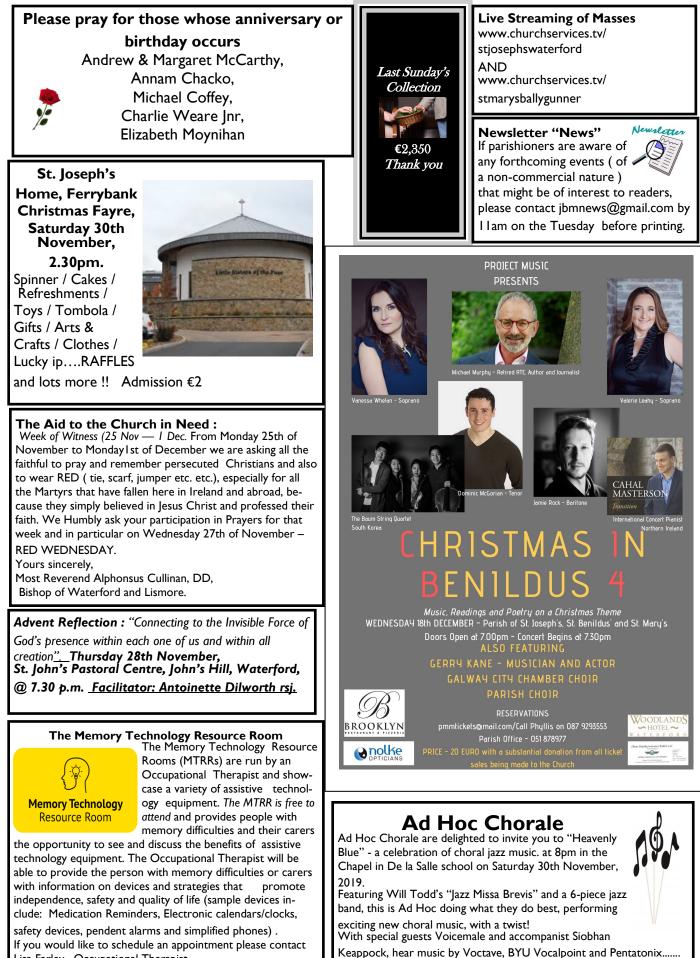
thing this year it should be that there is worth in everyone we meet. The vision of God's kingdom is a vision we can start living here on earth. We can begin realising it by challenging our own values, in how we treat others and how we respond to the world around us.

In today's gospel, we see a crown of thorns instead of a crown of jewels and a cross instead of a throne. It might seem a bit of a mystery to the nonbelievers who are governed by self-interest but to those who understand values such as self-sacrifice, love and forgiveness, this is where discipleship begins.

Feast of Christ the King: Sunday 24th November, Woodlands Hotel, from 10.00am to 4.00p.m Mass celebrated by Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan.

St. Joseph & St. Benildus	23rd/24th Nov 2019	30 Nov / 1st Dec 2019
6.30pm Saturday	Gerard Hogan Marie & Paddy White	Susan Flavin
10.00am Sunday:	Roy Power	Anthea O'Donoghue
12 Noon Sunday:	Phyllis Houlihan	Kitty Fitzpatrick
	Nicola Doheny	Harry Flynn
		Joe & Joan Costello
St. Mary's, Ballygunner		
7.00pm Sat:	Frank O'Sullivan Deceased members Ballygunner GAA	Ann Tierney Margaret & Helen Power
11.00a.m Sun :	Nicholas & Joan Phelan John & Eileen Mooney Paddy Dempsey	Kevin Doyle Jerry & Evelyn O'Regan Jo White

24th Nov 2019



Lisa Farley, Occupational Therapist, Deise Memory Technology Resource Room. Our Lady's Ward, St.Patrick's Hospital, Waterford. Phone Number: 051-858174 and let Ad Hoc start off your festive season with our stunning Christmas finale. Tickets from choir members €15/€10 concession.