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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

19th January 2020

Gospel Reading : John 1:29-34

John testifies that Jesus is the Lamb of God, God's own Son.

Background on the Gospel Reading

We heard Matthew's account of Jesus' baptism last Sunday, on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Today, we hear John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus as found in John's Gospel. John's Gospel differs from the other Gospels because John does not describe Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist. Instead, John the Baptist announces that he knows that Jesus is the Son of God.

In today's reading, John the Baptist sees Jesus approaching and cries out, giving witness about who Jesus is. In John's testimony he says that he saw the Spirit descend upon Jesus. By this sign, John the Baptist knew that Jesus was the one who is to come after him.

John the Baptist uses two titles for Jesus that are familiar to us. John calls Jesus the "Lamb of God" and the "Son of God." By using these titles, John the Baptist identifies Jesus' ultimate purpose: to redeem sinful humanity.

John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus clearly distinguishes John's baptism from the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John baptizes with water; Jesus will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John also puts his practice of baptism in the context of Jesus' ministry.

The purpose of John's baptism was to make Jesus known to Israel. John the Baptist's sense of purpose is clearly identified in this reading: he baptized in order to prepare for and make known the ministry of the One who was to follow.

John's witness is an excellent example of what it means to be a disciple. By our Baptism, we are called to make Jesus known to all the world by our words and by the witness of our lives.

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 :

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 8:23-9:3.

Ps 26:1,4,13-14.

1 Cor 1:10-13, 17.

Mt 4:12-23.

St. Joseph & St. Benildus

18th & 19th January

25th/26th January 2020

6.30pm Saturday

Tom Keane

Gerard O'Byrne

10.00am Sunday:

Geraldine Walsh

John Kennedy

Joe McGrath

12 noon Sunday

Frank O'Callaghan

Niall Byrne

Seán Caraway

St. Mary's, Ballygunner

7.00pm Sat:

Margaret Hogan

Harry, Maureen & Maria Sharpe

Monica Reals

Piery Cummins

11.00a.m Sun :

Lily Gaffney

Kathleen Hennessy

Please pray for those who died recently

Paul Rogers



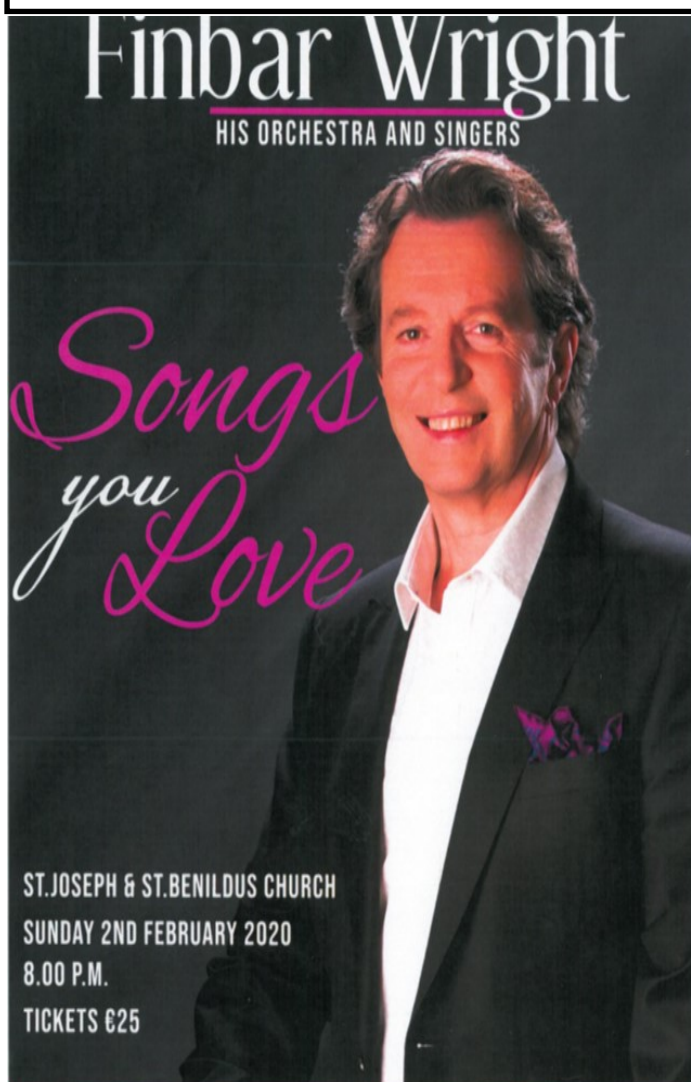
Please pray for those whose anniversary occurs.

Margaret (Gretta) Walsh

Thomas Coffey

Tom Mulcahy

Finbar Wright, Ireland's best-loved popular entertainer and award-winning recording artist, returns to the Church of St. Joseph & St. Benildus, Waterford, on Sunday February 2nd, 2020 for another concert packed with great humour and passionate music. Celebrating his greatest hits and all of your favourite music, Finbar will be joined by an impressive line-up of fine musicians in sparkling performances to delight all music lovers.



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www.churchservices.tv/stmarysballygunner

ECUMENICAL SERVICE

An Ecumenical Service will be held in the Cathedral of the Most Holy Trinity, Barronstrand Street, on Sunday the 19th January at 7.30pm. Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan will preside. Revd Dr. Christine O'Dowd- Smyth will give the address. All are welcome.

Waterford & Lismore Diocese

Alpha Training Day

Saturday 25th January 2020

... a day to be inspired, encouraged & equipped to run Alpha in your parish.



10:00 am - 3:30pm

St. John's Pastoral Centre, John's Hill, Waterford. X91 HW9D.
Morning session: How to get Started/Run Alpha, How to Run a Holy Spirit Day/Prayer Ministry, How to Lead a Small Group,

What Happens After Alpha.

Afternoon session: Alpha Experience - an ideal opportunity to experience a complete Alpha session as a guest! It is essential to book your place for this session!!

Lunch will be provided on the day!

There is no fixed charge for the day but donations are gratefully received to contribute towards costs.

RSVP to theresa@alphaireland.org to book your places and for further details.

Evening with Fr. Michael Mullins: The Bible

On Wed. 22nd January, 7.30pm in the Parish Centre, in response to Question Box Sunday which was held recently, we have invited Fr. Michael Mullins to discuss questions which were raised in relation to the Bible (such as 'Should the Bible be read in a literal fashion?' or 'What do we mean when we say that the Bible is the Word of God?') All are welcome.

Sunday of the Word of God

26th January 2019

Pope Francis has dedicated the third Sunday of Ordinary time to the Word of God.

To mark this special day and to highlight the importance of the Word of God, all Ministers of the Word are invited to a recommissioning of Readers in St. Joseph & St Benildus Church on Sunday 26th January at 10am and in St. Mary's Church at 11am.

Alzheimer Society of Ireland: Family Carer Trainer Course for insights into Dementia. This course runs for 6 weeks every Wednesday from 22 Jan to 26th Feb 2020, from 7-9.30pm, in the ASI Pinegrove Day Centre, Passage Road, Waterford. Info at 01 207 3834