

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

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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 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 :**

*Presentation of the Lord*

Mal 3:1-4.

Ps 23:7-10.

Heb 2:14-18.

Lk 2:22-40

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

26th January 2020

Gospel Reflection for the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time  
What Are You Doing With Your One And Only Life?



What if Jesus had asked Peter, Andrew, James and John, “How do you see yourself in five years from now?” Do you think they might have replied, “Still fishing for a living, in the same old fishing boats on the same old lake!” Not likely! The early disciples knew exactly where their priorities lay and they understood the urgency of Jesus’ ministry. There was a whole world that needed to hear what Jesus had to say and not much time to complete the job.

What if Jesus levelled the same question at us?

“Where do you see yourself in five years time?” Do you see yourself doing the same thing you do right now? Do you see yourself doing the same things day in and day out for the rest of your one and only life? Jesus has a better idea. Jesus asks each of us to be fishers of men. Do we jump to it with the same immediacy as the early disciples or do we hunt for an excuse? Many of us feel uncomfortable about evangelising. We associate evangelisation with the eccentric or the holier than thou. We associate evangelisation with the man laden with bill boards in the city precinct or the woman handing out leaflets through the crack in the front door.

We have a ‘live and let live’ ethos today that doesn’t sit comfortably with trying to persuade others to adopt our own beliefs. Funnily, this wasn’t really Jesus’ style either. Being a fisher of men doesn’t have to be about notching up conversions. Being a ‘fisher of men’ is more about making a real difference in the lives of others. Being a disciple of Jesus means attracting others to our lifestyle by our shining example. Being a disciple is most certainly not about being overly holy or wearing sackcloth.

Discipleship could be about writing a song or a book, it might be about bringing our children up with a conscience or giving an elderly relative somewhere to live. Discipleship might be about starting a meaningful conversation in the local pub, or just being a good friend to someone lonely.

Whatever mode of discipleship we choose, we only have one life left to do it.

<b>St. Joseph &amp; St. Benildus</b>	<b>25th/26th January 2020</b>	<b>1st/2nd Feb 2020</b>
6.30pm Saturday	Gerard O'Byrne	Liam O'Connell
10.00am Sunday:	John Kennedy	James & Eugene Power
	Joe McGrath	
12 noon Sunday	Niall Byrne	M.M Mary Burke
		Michael Flavin
<b>St. Mary's, Ballygunner</b>		
7.00pm Sat:	Harry, Maureen & Maria Sharpe	Michael Carroll
	Piery Cummins	
11.00a.m Sun :	Kathleen Hennessy	Davy Doyle
		John & Stasia Meade



**Please pray for those whose  
anniversaries occur**

Jimmy Kinsella,  
Patrick, Margaret & Noreen Phelan,  
Martina Noonan

**Volunteers Needed.**

Br Thomas Walsh and the Lasallian Volunteers are seeking volunteers to go on their Indian Project 2020 to Suranam in Southern India. It's to construct a multi-purpose building for the school and region, for four weeks in July. Fundraising will be necessary. For more information contact Br Thomas at brtwalsh@hotmail.com or 0863453092.

*Last Sunday's  
Collection  
€2,785*



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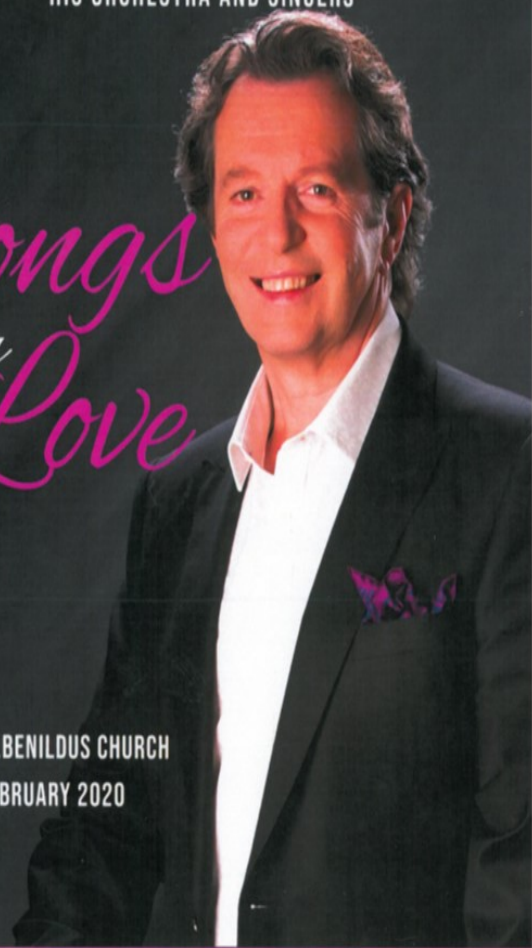
**NEWSLETTER NEWS**

In an attempt to make the Newsletter more inclusive, parishioners are invited to submit items of local interest ( of a non-commercial nature ) for inclusion in the Newsletter. Please note that the deadline is 11am on the Tuesday before printing.

**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.

**Finbar Wright**  
HIS ORCHESTRA AND SINGERS

*Songs  
you  
Love*



ST. JOSEPH & ST. BENILDUS CHURCH  
SUNDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 2020  
8.00 P.M.  
TICKETS €25

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM THE PARISH OFFICE 051-878977  
THEATRE ROYAL BOX OFFICE 051- 874402

62nd Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage of Waterford & Lismore

**LOURDES**

WEDNESDAY 3RD JUNE – MONDAY 8TH JUNE 2020

PILGRIMAGE BOOKINGS: INFORMATION FOR SICK PILGRIMS:

Lourdes Office  
(OPEN 6th JANUARY)

St. John's Pastoral Centre,  
John's Hill, Waterford

051 878900

WATERFORD AREA:

Mary Power 086 0685213

DUNGARVAN AREA:

Noel Devereux 058 41113

CLONMEL AREA:

Mary Anne Hartigan 052 6123207

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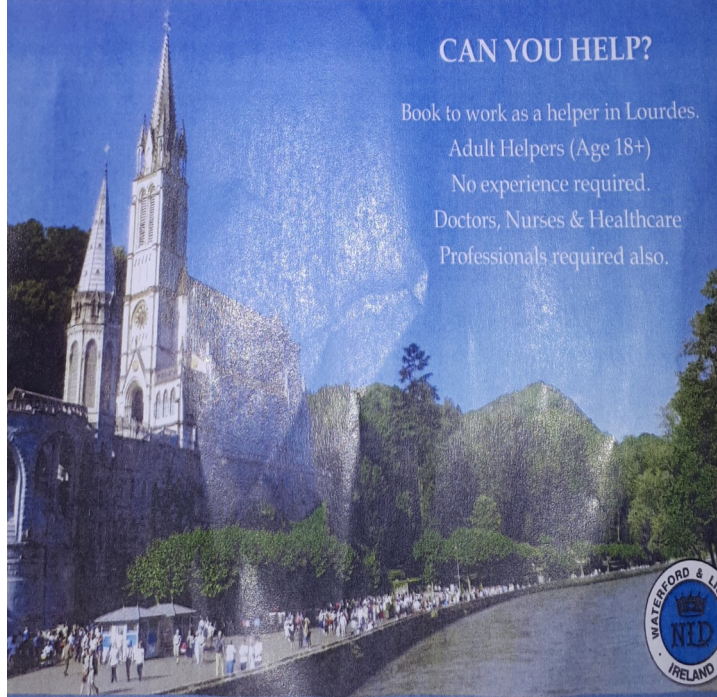
Book to work as a helper in Lourdes.

Adult Helpers (Age 18+)

No experience required.

Doctors, Nurses & Healthcare

Professionals required also.



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