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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:**

3rd Sunday of Advent Is 35:1-6, 10. Ps 145:6-10. Jas 5:7-10. Mt 11:2-11.

2nd Sunday of Advent

8th Dec 2019

Gospel Reflection for the Second Sunday of Advent: Choose A New Direction



In today's gospel, John the Baptist preaches "Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand." Repentance doesn't mean throwing ourselves round in fits of Catholic guilt, it simply means having a change of heart, and becoming new and better individuals as a result.

There are areas in all our lives that can be improved or turned around. The idea of repentance is actually quite exciting. John's Advent call for a change of heart is for each and every one of us. We might think we are good enough as we are, but

that's probably how the Pharisees and Sadducees in today's reading also felt. True enough they turned up for John's baptism, but had they really turned up in a spirit of repentance? John is clearly suspicious of their motivation, and challenges them to prove their commitment.

At this time of year, every year, we are asked to change our lives. For the less optimistic amongst us, the idea reminds us of new year resolutions; easily made, easily broken and all a little bit pointless. John's message is a tough one. Changing our lives is far from easy. One of the problems of course is that when we try to change we usually rely solely on our own will power, which is notorious for letting us down. John the Baptist reminds us that when we are baptised in the name of Jesus we will receive the Holy Spirit, a divine power that will help us towards God when our will power fails. All we have to do is ask and keep on asking.

Change is not beyond any of us however much you think it probably is. The message is clear. "There is none so lost, they cannot be found, none so helpless that their life cannot be changed."

St. Joseph & St. Benildus	7th/8th Dec 2019	14th/15th Dec 2019
6.30pm Saturday	Rosemary Goff	Stephen Rogers
10.00am Sunday:	Denis & Sarah Murphy	Margaret ( Peg ) Power
12 Noon Sunday:	Ben Wadding	Frank Rushen
	Michael Gallagher	
	Elizabeth Kirimlidis	
St. Mary's, Ballygunner		

7.00pm Sat: Harry, Maureen & Maria Sharpe

Eddie Doyle

Gary Murphy

M.M Alison Murphy ( née Tierney )

Paddy & Rosie Morrissey

11.00a.m Sun: Kathleen & Richard Power

# Please pray for those whose anniversary or birthday occurs

Maureen & Mick Coyne & Family, Sean & Lynne Quinn & Family, Marie Madigan, Dolores French, Margaret Murphy, Mick Troy, Edward Nevins, Pat Gahan, Mary Murphy, Jackie Goode, Amy Cooke, May, Bob, Maeve & Robert Quinn, Kevin O'Riordan



#### **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.

## Tree Planting



Pictured are Olive Ruane (our Parish Catechist ) and children from St. loseph & Benildus Parish who are preparing for First Holy Communion. They are shown planting a tree to mark their First Holy Communion. The

tree was presented by Tree Planters of Ireland, and the event took place in the grounds of St. Joseph & Benildus church.

Poster found in a Church in France... (translated):

it may be possible that you hear "the call of God" However, it is unlikely that He will call you on your mobile. Thank you for turning off your phones. If you want to quiet place and talk to Him. If you want to see Him, send Him a text while driving.





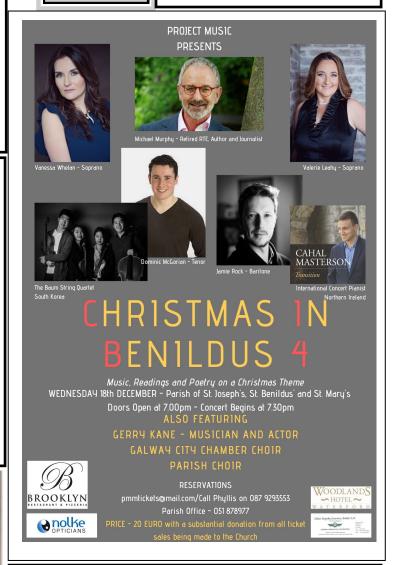
### Live Streaming of Masses

www.churchservices.tv/ stjosephswaterford AND

www.churchservices.tv/ stmarysballygunner

**Newsletter "News"** 

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 Ham on the Tuesday before printing.



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.





## Christmas Dinner

On your own on Christmas Day? You are most welcome to a Christmas Dinner (free of charge )...from 2.30—2.00pm in St. Joseph's School, Parnell Street, Waterford. Contact John 087 688 9047