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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 Kirimidis

St. Mary's, Ballygunner

7.00pm Sat:

Harry, Maureen & Maria Sharpe
Eddie Doyle

M.M Alison Murphy (née Tierney)
Gary Murphy
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. Joseph & 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):

"When you enter this church 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 talk to God, enter, choose a quiet place and talk to Him. If you want to see Him, send Him a text while driving."



Last Sunday's Collection
€4,710



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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 11am on the Tuesday before printing.

PROJECT MUSIC
PRESENTS



Vanessa Whelan - Soprano



Michael Murphy - Retired RTE, Author and Journalist



Valerie Leahy - Soprano



Dominic McGorran - Tenor



Jamie Rock - Baritone



International Concert Pianist
Northern Ireland

The Baum String Quartet
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



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

