

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

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Presentation of the Lord

2nd Feb 2020



Joseph and Mary took baby Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, according to the law of Moses. When they reached the temple, they were to offer a sacrifice of two turtledoves or pigeons, in keeping the law of the Lord. Then, Joseph and Mary presented baby Jesus to Simon, to perform the custom of the law in regard to him. At the end of the Gospel reading, it says that after they had fulfilled all of the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee.

Did you notice that the common thread through this gospel is that Joseph and Mary fulfilled the law of the Lord?

We should stop for a moment to consider this, and not just skim over this fact, before we begin focusing on the main theme of this Gospel. So many modern people feel like the “rules” are a hindrance to their freedom. It’s a very good thing Mary and Joseph, and Jesus himself, did not feel this way.

Laws and “rules” were not created by God to impose His will on mankind, or limit their freedom or enjoyment in life. Laws, “rules” do not limit our freedom, but enhance it. We undergo a great deal more suffering when we ignore the laws or the rules in the long run. Not adhering to the rules, or breaking the law is a short term pleasure that usually results in long term suffering for oneself and those whose lives we affect.

The main point of today’s feast though, is about baby Jesus’ presentation in the temple. Simon and Anna both gave prophecies about who he was, and what the future would hold for him, their people, and for Mary too. These two holy people recognized who Jesus was when they first saw him, much like John the Baptist recognized who Jesus was when he was still in the womb.

Their testimony validated the importance of who Jesus really was, along with many other eye witness accounts of his life.

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 :

5th in Ordinary Time

Is 58:7-10.

Ps 111:4-9.

1 Cor 2:1-5.

Mt 5:13-16.

St. Joseph & St. Benildus	1st/2nd Feb 2020	8th/9th Feb 2020
6.30pm Saturday	Liam O'Connell	Gerard & Tish Sheridan
10.00am Sunday:	James & Eugene Power	
12 noon Sunday	M.M Mary Burke Michael Flavin	Betty Wadding
St. Mary's, Ballygunner		
7.00pm Sat:	Michael Carroll	Special intentions : 3 ill parishioners
11.00a.m Sun :	Davy Doyle John & Stasia Meade	Michael & Kathleen Conway John McDonald

Please pray for those who died recently

Paddy "Bonnie" Nolan



Those who died about a month ago

Mary Burke (née Moynihan)

Evelyn Lee

And those whose anniversaries occur

Ann & Adrian Neijenhuisen,

Paddy McCarthy, Nicholas Power,

Tom Walsh (Dublin) ,

John McDonald (1st Anniversary) Co. Meath

LOURDES : 62nd annual Diocesan Pilgrimage of Waterford & Lismore.

Weds 3rd June to Monday 8th June 2020.

Pilgrimage Bookings:

Lourdes Office, St. John's Pastoral Centre, John's Hill, Waterford: 051

878900

Information for sick people:

Waterford Area:

Mary Power: 086 0685213

Book to work as a helper:

Adults (18+).

No experience required.

Doctors, Nurses &



Healthcare Professionals also required.

Cost: € 785pps, inclusive of tax, insurance, airport transfers.

Full board basis.

*Last Sunday's
Collection
€2,571*



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Live Streaming of Masses

www.churchservices.tv/stjosephswaterford

www.churchservices.tv/stmarysballygunner

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.

There will be a meeting of the **Liturgy Group** on **Monday 3rd Feb at 7pm** in the Parish Centre. If anybody would like to become involved in the group, please contact the office 051 878977. We meet approximately once a month, and are involved in organising the liturgy on occasions such as Good Friday, Pentecost, etc. More volunteers would be very welcome !!

Finbar Wright, Ireland's best-loved popular entertainer and award-winning recording artist, returns to the Church of St. Joseph & St. Benildus, Waterford, **this weekend, 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

The 11th of February is the **28th World Day of the Sick**. This is an observation started by Pope John Paul II as a way for believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illness. The day coincides with the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes. Special prayers will be said at Masses in the parish on the day.

5K Colour Run: Feb 2nd, from 12.30 to 3.30pm.

RSC Waterford. In aid of CRANN : Trees for Ireland.

Featuring: Waterford Waxhands, Carousel, Teacups and other fun activities. Cost: €10 per person. Family of 4: €30. Family of 5: €35.

Kids under 6 go free.

Credo 2020—

**Vatican II & The New Springtime of Evangelisation
A Weekend of Prayer & Study for Young Catholics
(18-35)**

- The Church: Sacrament of Christ
- The Universal Call to Holiness
- *Verbum Dei* on Scripture & Tradition
- Church, State & Liberty of Religion
- Sacred Liturgy: Tradition & Renewal
- Evangelisation, Culture, *Communio*

Emmaus Centre, Swords, Co. Dublin

Sat 29 Feb—Sunday 1 March 2020

For more details & Bookings aeosulli@tcd.ie or

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

Friday 7th Feb is the **First Friday** of the month. As always, Holy Communion will be delivered to the sick and housebound. If you would like to be included, please contact the office: 051 878977. *Mass in St.Mary's at 9.30am.*