

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

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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9th Feb 2020

Background on the Gospel Reading



Following upon the teaching of the [Beatitudes](#), Jesus uses the now familiar metaphors of salt and light to describe the life of discipleship.

We take salt and light for granted in our society, but these commodities were more precious in ancient cultures. Just as now, salt was used in Jesus' time for flavouring, as a preservative, and as a healing agent. Similarly, the widespread use of electricity in the modern world makes us less aware of the value and importance of light in our lives.

Still, our familiarity with this passage from Matthew's Gospel speaks well to the abiding power of the imagery that Jesus presented. Jesus' call to be salt for the earth and light for the world powerfully states our mission as Church and as Christians.

Our commitment to social justice flows from the exhortation that Jesus gives us in today's Gospel. Some of the activities that this commitment leads us to are given more concrete expression as the Corporal and Spiritual [Works of Mercy](#). When we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, console those who mourn, and so on, we show ourselves to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. When we do these things with the community of faith, the Church, we are indeed acting as "a city set on a mountain" that cannot be hidden!

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 :

6th in Ordinary Time

Eccles 15:15-20.

Ps 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34.

1 Cor 2:6-10.

Mt 5:17-37.

St. Joseph & St. Benildus

8th/9th Feb 2020

15th/16th Feb 2020

6.30pm Saturday

M.M Paul Rogers

10.00am Sunday:

12 noon Sunday

Betty Wadding

Monica & Dick Kervick

St. Mary's, Ballygunner

7.00pm Sat:

Special intentions : 3 ill parishioners

Daniel O'Connell

11.00a.m Sun :

Michael & Kathleen Conway

Damien Upton

John McDonald

Francis O'Keeffe

Michael Mullan

Please pray for those who died recently

John O'Connor



Those who died about a month ago

Evelyn Lee, Paul Rogers

And those whose anniversaries occur

Nicholas Power, George Lyons,
Ethel & Jack Warren, Sheila Heffernan,
Gerard & Tish Sheridan,
Kathleen Byrne.

**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.

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 is also the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes.
Special prayers will be said at Masses in the parish on the day.

There will be Anointing of the Sick at the 10.30am Mass.

Vocations Afternoon: Saturday Feb. 22nd, from 2-

4pm. Poor Clare Monastery, College Road, Cork.

"Come and See". For young women considering a vocation.

Email: vocationspoorclarescork@gmail.com

www.poorclarescork.ie



WATERFORDNETTEAM: Hike With Us !!

Fellowship, Chats, Fun & Adventure.

The Doneraile Walk, 4-6pm, Sunday 10th February.

Ages 18+.

For more information, follow the

WATERFORDNETTEAM on Facebook.

Mass of Thanksgiving:

Friday 3rd April, at 7.30pm,

St. Joseph & St. Benildus Church.

There will be a Mass of Thanksgiving for all those
involved in Ministry in our Parish, on Friday 3rd April,
at 7.30p.m. This will be followed by refreshments in the
Parish Hall. *On this occasion we will also mark Tom*

O'Brien's many years of dedicated service in our Parish.

For those wishing to attend, it is essential to RSVP to
the Parish Office before Friday 6th March 2020.

Last Sunday's

Collection

€2,650



*Thank you for
your generosity*

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.

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;g

Verbum Dei on Scripture & Tradition; Church, State & Liberty of

Religion;

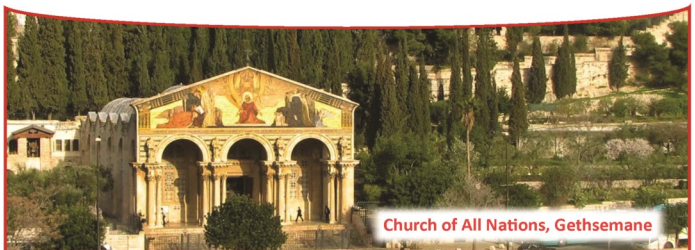
Sacred Liturgy: Tradition & Renewal; Evangelisation; Culture.

Emmaus Centre, Swords, Co. Dublin. Sat 29 Feb—Sunday 1 March 2020.

For more details & Bookings : aeosulli@tcd.ie

Or: Chaplain @ 01 8961260

Holy Land Pilgrimage 2020



Experience a new encounter with the Lord Jesus

September 16th - 29th (13 Nights)

3 nights in Nazareth,
2 nights in Tiberias
4 nights in Bethlehem
4 nights in Jerusalem

**€1,690 pps
incl. taxes
(Single Supplement €540)**

Half-Board Accommodation - close to many religious sites

Ex Dublin. - Full Programme. - Group Limit: 30 Persons

Bookings now accepted. Deposit €400 secures a place.

Leaders: Tom O'Dwyer and Sile Grant

Spiritual Director: Fr. Liam Power (Waterford)

Further Information:

Tom O'Dwyer - 0872701311 - tomdrumdowney@gmail.com

Sile Grant - 0868590394 - sbgrant@live.com

Organised with Word of God Outreach and
Icon Travel, Hyper Centre, Morgan St., Waterford - Reg No: 397948

The monthly **Friendship Lunch** will take place in the Cove
Bar at 12.30pm on Monday 10th February. Please be there by
12.30 in order to facilitate the bar staff. All are welcome !

You might never get to go to **Lourdes** in person, but you can still **post a petition online**. When you post online your
petition / prayer request will be placed at the Grotto in Lourdes, as quickly as possible. Millions of pilgrims visit Lourdes each
year and many of them place their prayers at the Grotto. Visit www.lourdesprayerrequest.com