

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

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

16th Feb 2020

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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 :**

*7th in Ordinary Time*

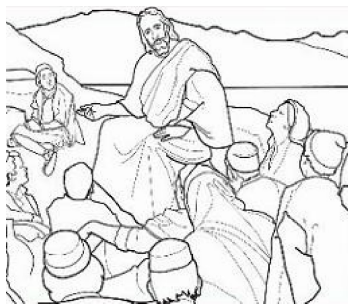
Lev 19:1-2, 17-18.

Ps 102:1-4, 8,10,12-13.

1 Cor 3:16-23.

Mt 5:38-48.

## Background on the Gospel Reading



Matthew continues the Sermon on the Mount with a three part instruction by Jesus on the Way of Life in the kingdom of heaven. Today's reading is part one and deals with the Law.

When Matthew speaks of "the Law and the prophets" he means the whole Scripture. When the Messiah brings the fullness of the kingdom none of scripture will be done away with. Instead it will be fulfilled. Matthew's Jesus

does not overturn the Law of Moses, nor does he set his followers free from the Law. He requires his followers to go beyond the Law by doing more than the Law requires.

The Law condemned murder. Jesus condemns anger. The Law condemned adultery. Jesus condemns even lustful looks. As Jewish Christians who had always been faithful to the Law, Matthew's community need a way to understand the difference Jesus and the kingdom he brings have made. They affirmed that God had always been at work in history through "the Law and the prophets."

But God's work goes beyond that to be embodied by the Messiah who reveals the definitive will of God. The written scriptures and their interpretation in tradition are surpassed by Jesus, whose life and teaching are the definitive revelation of the will of God.

**St. Joseph & St. Benildus**

**15th/16th Feb 2020**

**22nd/23rd Feb 2020**

6.30pm Saturday

Kathleen Byrne

William Smith  
Jim Carroll

10.00am Sunday:

Anna Maher

12 noon Sunday

Monica & Dick Kervick

**St. Mary's, Ballygunner**

7.00pm Sat:

Daniel O'Connell

Anastasia & Phillip Lahert,  
Paddy Morrissey, Bridget Keane,  
Nancy & William Sharpe

11.00a.m Sun :

Damien Upton  
Francis O'Keeffe  
Michael Mullan



**Please pray for those  
whose anniversaries occur**

Brian Moloney, Nora Gough,  
Michael Cull, Kitty Quinn,  
Thomas & Anastasia Watkins

**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.

**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.

**Holy Family Mission, Glencomeragh House,  
Co. Tipperary  
Couples Retreat Day : Sunday 23rd February  
2020.**

A one-day healing and renewal retreat for married  
couples of all ages.

- Dealing with your past
- Taking stock of the present
- Building your future
- Healing and renewal

*Led by Martin and Mary Moran.*

The day starts with Mass at 10.00am and finishes at  
4.00pm.

Includes talks, testimony, time to reflect and a healing  
service.

*Martin and Mary have been married 33 years and live in  
Dublin. They have 5 children and 5 grandchildren. They are  
involved in the healing ministry and are passionate about  
building strong family life and Catholic community. They have  
years of experience in Couple to Couple support, and pre  
marriage courses.*

€50 per couple ( includes lunch ). Booking is essential.

Please let us know of any dietary requirements.

052 613 3181 or: info@holymission.ie

*Last Sunday's  
Collection  
€2,192*



*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)**

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

For more details & Bookings : aeosulli@tcd.ie

Or: Chaplain @ 01 8961260

**LENT :** Lent this year begins on Ash Wednesday 26th  
February 2020. Ashes will be distributed at Masses.

**Holy Land Pilgrimage:**

**Sept 16th to 29th ( 13 Nights ).**

3 nights Nazareth, 2 nights Tiberias, 4 nights Bethlehem,  
4 nights Jerusalem. Cost: €1,690pps ( incl taxes).

Bookings now accepted. 087 2701311 ( Tom O'Dwyer )

**Accord Marriage and Relationship Counselling  
Service**

Are you experiencing difficulties in your Marriage or  
Relationship? If you can't talk to one another, why not  
talk to us? Accord Clonmel offers a confidential Couple,  
or One to One, low cost Counselling Service, with high-  
ly trained and experienced Counsellors.

Phone Ita at 052 612414

**Day of Prayer and Healing :** Sunday Feb 16th in the  
Edmund Rice Chapel, Waterford with Fr. Patrick Cahill  
(Glencomeragh). 11 am to 5.30 pm. All welcome.

Contact Síle 086 8590394

**Lent Online Retreat**

Do a free 3-day online retreat focusing on Prayer, Fasting  
and Almsgiving. Available throughout Lent.

Register Now: prioryinstitute.com 01 404 8124

**St. John's Church, Parnell Street, Waterford.**

*Lenten Prayer Service Around the Cross*, will be celebrated  
on Wednesday 26th Feb at 7.00pm. Blessed Ashes will  
be distributed.

**UPPER ROOM: A TIME OF MUSIC AND  
FUN !!**

Bring your own favourite instruments & music.

St Joseph & Benildus Parish Centre, every Weds from  
7-8.45pm. Secondary School Students.

By Netministries Ireland.