

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

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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 Lent*

Ex 17:3-7.

Ps 94:1-2, 6-9.

Rm 5:1-2, 5-8.

Jn 4:5-42.

## 2nd Sunday in Lent

8th March 2020

## Background on the Gospel Reading



## The Transfiguration

For the second Sunday of Lent, we move from Jesus' retreat to the desert to his Transfiguration. Each year on the first Sunday of Lent, our Gospel tells the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert. On the second Sunday of Lent each year, we hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration.

The story of Jesus' Transfiguration is told in the three Synoptic Gospels: Matthew, Mark, and Luke. In each of those Gospels, the Transfiguration follows Jesus' first prediction of his death and his teaching about the costs of discipleship. Jesus' Transfiguration is a promise of Jesus' glory, his Resurrection.

On a mountain in today's reading, a voice affirms that Jesus is God's Son in words reminiscent of the voice at Jesus' baptism. In addition, the appearance of Moses and Elijah on the mountain connects this story with God's relationship to the people of Israel. Moses and Elijah represent the Law and the Prophets, respectively. Together with Jesus, they represent God's complete Word.

The Transfiguration occurs in the presence of just three of Jesus' disciples: Peter, James, and John. In Matthew's Gospel, those disciples are among the first whom Jesus calls. The three men are identified as an "inner circle" among Jesus' disciples when Jesus asks them to accompany him to the Garden of Gethsemane just before his arrest.

<i>St. Joseph &amp; St. Benildus</i>	<i>7th/8th Mar 2020</i>	<i>14th/15th Mar 2020</i>
6.30pm Saturday	Breda O'Hanlon	
10.00am Sunday:	Breda Phelan	
12 noon Sunday	Gay Aylward Gerard Prendiville John Hogan	Bertie, Nan & Downes Janet Walsh
<i>St. Mary's, Ballygunner</i>		
7.00pm Sat:	Mary & Tim Power Breda Gormley Paula Fogarty	Patricia Griffin
11.00a.m Sun :	Maureen & Gerald Fitzgerald Shirley Boyle Maureen Stone	Oliver Power Edward Collins Bernard Hayes



**Please pray for those  
whose anniversaries occur**

Nuala O'Connor,  
Richard Morgan,  
Patrick White

**ATTENTION SECONDARY SCHOOL  
STUDENTS:**

**UPPER ROOM: A TIME OF MUSIC &**

**FUN !!** Bring your own favourite instruments & music. Ss Joseph & Benildus Parish Centre, every Weds from 7-8.45pm. By Netministries Ireland.



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Collection  
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[www.churchservices.tv/stmarysballygunner](http://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.

**Trócaire Boxes** are available at the back door of each church. Please continue to support this cause. This year, there is a connection with Ishiara, our Parish Partner in Kenya.

**ALPHA IN OUR PARISH**

**March 2020**

Alpha begins again in our parish on Thursday March 5th ...7 pm -9pm.

Each evening features a meal, a video, and an opportunity to ask

questions on topics such as:

*Is there more to life than this?*

*Who is Jesus ?*

*Who is the Holy Spirit?*

*What about the Church?*

Everyone is encouraged to experience Alpha - it is a wonderful way to get to know others, discuss matters of life and faith and to build community. We invite parishioners and non parishioners, and especially those who have difficulty with the Christian faith. There is no cost and no commitment but of course any contribution is accepted!

Do contact us if interested in coming – we need to know our numbers for catering and especially if you have special dietary needs. This is our 4th season of Alpha and many who have completed Alpha are now meeting in our first Connect group – an opportunity to continue growing and sharing. At a later date we will give you an update on same. Do pray that many will be inspired to come and experience Alpha – if not for you at the moment perhaps you know someone who might like to attend? ( Alpha Team )



**Mass of Thanksgiving: Fri 3rd April, 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.

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**Ecumenical  
Gathering**

You are invited to a special

Ecumenical Evening which includes prayer,

scripture, reflection, music,

blessing and hospitality.

Wednesday 11th March 2020

7pm to 8pm

St. Joseph & St. Benildus Church

**All are Welcome**

**Child Safeguarding Policy Meeting:**

On Monday 9th March at 7.30pm there will be a meeting with Avril Halley, concerning an **Update on Child Safeguarding Policy**, for all those involved in Ministries in our parish. The meeting will be held in the Parish Hall.

**Anam Cara** the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Bereavement Information Evening on Monday 09th March at 7:00pm in the Solas Support Centre, Williamstown, Waterford.

This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents. Anam Cara will need to confirm numbers for teas, coffees, etc, please RSVP to [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) before Friday 6th March or call the Information Line on 085 2888 888.

**Lenten Movie:** On Tuesday 24th March 2020, there will be a showing of the movie 'The Two Popes' in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm. All are welcome

**Lenten Event in the Cathedral of the Most Holy Trinity:** Conversations in Carmelite Spirituality with Fr Edmond Cullinan, Tuesdays of Lent at 11.30 am, Choir Room, Holy Trinity Cathe-