

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 :

2nd Sunday of Lent

Gn 12:1-4.

Ps 32:4-5, 18-20, 22.

2 Tm 1:8-10.

Mt 17:1-9.

1st Sunday in Lent

1 March 2020

Daily Choices



Famous artists depict Satan as a winged demon with goat horns and cloven hooves. If the devil really presented temptation to us in this obvious guise, we would easily be able to recognise and resist it. Sadly that is not the case. Temptation does not come with all the easily recognisable trappings of Satan.

More often than not temptation comes as an attractive choice. Satan presents easy ways out of our problems. Satan dresses up poor decisions as sensible options. Worse, the devil will help us to justify our poor decision making until we reach a point where we really cannot tell right from wrong. Many of us fail to recognise temptation, and the reason we fail is because we don't really know who we are or what we're about. It's surprising that we can get so far on in years without being about to answer simple questions like "What are you doing for God?" "How would you like to be remembered?"

The reason we struggle with questions like these is because as human beings we are governed hugely by self interest. Self interest is essential for survival and it's in all of us, but as Christians we have to put self interest on a back burner and put the time and effort into defining who we really would like to be. Once we have achieved this, then the devil's temptations are suddenly crystal clear. If we have no plan, we are hardly worth the devil's attention. When we choose to give up something this Lent, perhaps it should be something that reflects the path we have chosen and the temptation we are trying to transcend. If we decide to give up red wine for instance, with the intention of dropping a couple of dress sizes, God won't be hugely impressed and the devil won't be remotely interested. If we give up wine because we have identified that it is stopping us from doing some important work of God's making, our Lenten journey will take on a life changing significance. Jesus gives us an important clue; "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" When we make our daily choices ask, "Is this about me.... or is it about God?"

St. Joseph & St. Benildus	29th Feb/1st Mar 2020	7th/8th Mar 2020
6.30pm Saturday		Breda O'Hanlon
10.00am Sunday:		Breda Phelan
12 noon Sunday	Aidan McAvinue, Margaret Cleere	Gay Aylward John Hogan
St. Mary's, Ballygunner		
7.00pm Sat:	Helen O'Connor	Mary & Tim Power Breda Gormley Paula Fogarty
11.00a.m Sun :	M.M John O'Connor M.M Elena Jarofosok Alva Fitzgerald	Maureen & Gerald Fitzgerald Shirley Boyle Maureen Stone



**Please pray for those
whose anniversaries occur**

Alva Fitzgerald
Fr. Billy Lyons

Good Luck to the Gaultier Intermediate Camogie
Team in the All Ireland in Croke Park this Sunday.



**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.

**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.



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.

*Madris is a farmer and mother of 6, who receives
support from Trócaire's local partner, Ishiara Parish.
She has received chickens, has been taught new
methods of eco-friendly farming, how to harvest
rainwater and how to prevent livestock diseases. She has
been supported to join a savings and loans group, which
enables her to receive additional income during dry
months. This support makes all the difference to her
being able to feed her family, to pay school fees and to
plan for the future. To learn more, see [trocaire.org/
resources/parishes](http://trocaire.org/resources/parishes).*



Waterford Garden Plant Society
Séamus O'Brien, Head Gardener at the
National Botanic Gardens, Co. Wicklow,
and a multi award-winning gardener, will
speak on "The Footsteps of Sir Joseph
Dalton Hooker" in the Parish Centre on
Wednesday 4th march at 7.30pm.
Visitors Welcome: €5.
For further information, contact Tom
O'Brien 051 873937

*Last Sunday's
Collection
€2,571*



*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.

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)



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. 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.

Anam Cara the organisation that supports bereaved
parents, is holding a Bereavement Information Evening
on Monday 09th March at 7:00pm in the Park Hotel,
Dungarvan, Co. 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 before Friday 6th March or call the
Information Line on 085 2888 888.

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.