

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

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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

16th Aug 2020

Reflections 16th August 2020

A Reflection for the Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time (MT 15: 21-28 )

Emmeline Pankhurst, the noted political activist and early feminist advocate struggled to convince Victorian and Edwardian Britain of the glaring injustice to women that denial of voting rights brought about. Her Suffragette movement not only protested vocally, but often resorted to violent, sometimes even deadly, methods. As a consequence, she was viewed as not just an “uppity woman”, but a “dangerous uppity” woman. She could not be silenced though, Quite a religious woman, she regularly exhorted her listeners to “Pray to God, and she will help you”.

The New Testament is replete with “uppity women” and none is more notable than the Canaanite woman whom Jesus encounters in today’s gospel. A member of a persecuted minority tribe, she is further disadvantaged by being female and, even worse, the mother of a sick child.

An intelligent woman, she recognizes the potential in Jesus to answer her needs. In spite of loud deterrence by the disciples and testing remarks by Jesus, she persists in her efforts to help her daughter. Her faith, her persistence, her “uppitiness” is rewarded. She asked of God and she received. Like Mary, the sister of Martha and Lazarus, she chose the better part and is commended by Jesus for refusing to be put back in her place.

Like the Canaanite woman, we too could not do better than persisting in demanding of God. She may well help us. Perhaps the modern Church needs to learn from Jesus’ attitude towards “uppity” women and put them in their place?”  
( from Noel Moynihan, C.C.Sp) (catholicreadings.org)

## MASS TIMES

**ST. JOSEPH & ST. BENILDUS**

**MONDAY TO SATURDAY( EXCEPT  
HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION )**

**7.30A.M AND 10.30AM**

**Sun: Vigil 6.30pm**

**Sun:10am and 12 pm**

**Holy Days: 6.30pm Vigil and  
11am.**

**No 7.30am Mass Bank Hols**  
**CONFESSIONS**

**Confessions immediately  
after 10.30 Mass Saturdays  
and by request via the  
parish office.**

**Mass Times,**

**St. Mary's,Ballygunner**

**Sun: Vigil 7pm**

**Sun: 11am.**

**Holy Days: 7pm Vigil & 11am.**

## NEXT

### SUNDAY'S READINGS :

*21st Sunday in Ordinary  
Time*

Is 22: 19-23.

Ps 137:1-3, 6, 8.

Rm 11:33-36.

Mt 16:13-20.

**St. Joseph & St. Benildus**

**15th/16th Aug 2020**

**22nd/23rd Aug 2020**

6.30pm. Sat

10.00am Sunday:

William Kennedy

12 noon Sunday

Mary Sweeney

**St. Mary's, Ballygunner**

7.00pm Sat:

Pierce Dower  
Fr. Joe Cullen  
Fr. Martin Crowe

Milo Corcoran  
Frances, Joe & Mary  
Sharpe

11.00a.m Sunday:

Patrick Nugent

Biddy & Niall Warren

Please pray for those who died recently



Eugene Murphy

Liam Murphy

Mary Kenny

Those whose Birthday  
or Anniversary occurs:

Joseph & Bertie Sherman

*Last Sunday's  
Collection  
€1268*

*Thank you for  
your generosity*

**Livestreaming of Masses:**

[www.churchservices.tv/stjosephswaterford](http://www.churchservices.tv/stjosephswaterford)  
[www.churchservices.tv/stmarysballygunner](http://www.churchservices.tv/stmarysballygunner)

**PARISH OFFICE**

Please note that access to the Parish Office is through the Parish Centre ( via the outside door at the rear of the building ), and not through the church. It can also be contacted by phone 051 878977 or email : [parishofficejbm@gmail.com](mailto:parishofficejbm@gmail.com)

**CONGRATULATIONS TO FR. JOHN TREACY**

Congratulations to Fr. John on his appointment as Parish Priest of Ss. Peter & Paul's parish, Clonmel. Before he leaves us, we would like to give parishioners the opportunity to say goodbye, so we hope to have an afternoon of tea and cake on **Wednesday August 26th** from 2pm to 4pm, socially distanced outdoors, in the carpark behind St. Joseph & Benildus church. If you would like to drop in during that time, please let Anne or Betty know in the Parish Office—Tel : 051 878977. ( Parish Pastoral Council )  
*In the meantime, hopefully there won't be a mad dash of parishioners relocating to Clonmel !*  
( Newsletter Ed. )

**PARISH OF ST. JOSEPH, ST. BENILDUS  
& ST MARY'S  
ALPHA ONLINE  
STARTING VIA ZOOM**

Thursday 3rd September  
2020 8.00pm – 9.30pm  
Venue: **THE COMFORT  
OF YOUR HOME!**

**BOOK YOUR PLACE !**

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**EVENING PRAYER : WEDNESDAY 7.30PM**



You are invited to join us in person or via livestreaming every Wednesday evening at 7.30pm for Evening Prayer of the Church, with quiet prayer and reflection.  
The evening concludes with Benediction.

**St. Mary's Rotas**

The September and October Rotas for Ministers of the Word and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist in St. Mary's are now available in the Sacristy.

**Please note: No 10.30am Mass on Friday 21st August St. John of God Confirmation and No Mass on Saturday 29th August St. John of God First Holy Communion.**

**First Holy Communion and Confirmation  
Ceremonies**

Congratulations to the pupils of St. Mary's N.S. Ballygunner who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Saturday 8th August, and to the pupils of Gaelscoil Phortlairge who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday 7th August. Many thanks to their teachers and families who prepared them for the ceremonies.

**Please note: items for inclusion in the Newsletter must be received by Tuesday 11am of the week prior to printing.**

**CHURCH CLEANING AFTER MASS**

Please be aware that St. Joseph & St. Benildus church is closed for cleaning after daily Mass.  
It reopens for private prayer from 1.00 to 4.00pm.

**ATTENTION ALL MUSICIANS !!**

Do you play a musical instrument and would you be willing to share your talents with the congregation ?? We are looking for volunteers to provide music at church ceremonies in the parish. The commitment will be on a rota basis, so will not take up too much time.

Please contact the parish office 051 878977

