

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

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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

30th Aug 2020

## A Reflection for the Twenty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

**MT 16: 21-27**

In St. John's account of the trial and subsequent execution of Jesus, Jesus tells Pontius Pilate that "I was born for this, I came into the world for this, to bear witness to the truth". Pilate asks the most profound of questions, "What is Truth"?

In today's gospel, we hear Jesus introducing his disciples to "the Truth". Jesus has become aware that he has been commissioned by his Father to live, to die, and to be raised from the dead as the definitive act of Atonement by humankind. He will be true to this commission in the time remaining to him.

Peter, representing the disciples, fails to recognize the veracity of Jesus' words and the extraordinary mercy of the Father. He remains mired in a world of human concerns and cannot grasp what an awesome Truth he is being introduced to.

It is only after the death and resurrection of Jesus that the truth dawns on Peter and his entourage. Now they understand why Jesus never wavered from the road to Jerusalem. He was witnessing to the truth. He was completing his task.

For those early witnesses to the Resurrection, acknowledging the Truth meant much more than a mental affirmation. The power of The Truth enabled them to share in the means of Jesus' triumph and gain a share in his triumph. That's true for us too.

( Noel Moynihan C.S.Sp )

## 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 :**

*23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Ez 33:7-9.

Ps 94:1-2, 6-9.

Rm 13:8-10.

Mt 18:15-20.

| <i>St. Joseph &amp; St. Benildus</i>  | <i>29th/30th August 2020</i> | <i>05/06 Sept 2020</i>   |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| 6.30pm. Sat                           | John Hearne                  | John Walsh   |
| 10.00am Sunday:                       | Michael & Breda O'Hanlon     |  |
| 12 noon Sunday                        | Ita Keyes                    | Mary Mescall   |
| <b><i>St. Mary's, Ballygunner</i></b> |                              |  |
| 7.00pm Sat:                           | Helen Cummins                | John & Bridget Keane<br>Rosie Morrissey<br>Tony Barden                 |
| 11.00a.m Sunday:                      |                              | M.M Mary Kenny<br>( & Luke Kenny / Mary Kenny<br>Wedding Anniversary ) |

**Please pray for those whose Birthday or Anniversary occurs:**



John Murray  
Bernadette Balfe  
Reginald & Constance Nolan  
Richard & Sheila Morgan

**A MESSAGE FROM FR. JOHN**

Farewell !

I would like to thank everyone who offered me messages of congratulations, prayers and good luck on my new appointment to Clonmel.

I enjoyed ministering in the parish for the past thirteen years. I will miss you all.

Thanks,  
Fr. John

*Last Sunday's  
Collection*  
€1,588

Thank You for  
your generosity

**Livestreaming of Masses:**

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[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)

**EVENING PRAYER will not take place this week.**  
**Keep an eye on the Newsletter for updates.**

**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.

# Back to school blessing

Dear Heavenly Father,

For all the children returning to school, send your Holy Spirit as their guide and protector.

Keep them free from danger and unnecessary harm.  
Put our sons and daughters in the right place, at the right time, to receive your grace.  
Let them learn and grow strong. May the presence of your Spirit fill their hearts.  
Help us to mature as parents and caregivers.

Bless every family, oh Lord.

We entrust our children to you, dear God.  
Since from the beginning, they are yours to keep.

In the name of the greatest Son of all, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

[prayerforanxiety.com](http://prayerforanxiety.com)

**Mass: Seating Arrangements**

For the next few weeks we will Not have reserved seats at weekend Masses, but will assign seats on a "first come" basis.

Seats are marked with a green tick and are 2 metres apart. Where there are 2 or more ticks together, only those from the same household can sit there.

Above all, Please maintain social distancing and Do Not sit too close to anyone else.

**First Holy Communion and Confirmation Ceremonies**



Congratulations to the children from Gael Scoil Phort Lairge, St. Mary's National School, Newtown School and St. John of God who recently received the

Sacrament of First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Thanks to their families and teachers who prepared them for the ceremonies.

The ceremonies took place in St. Joseph & Benildus church throughout the month of August.

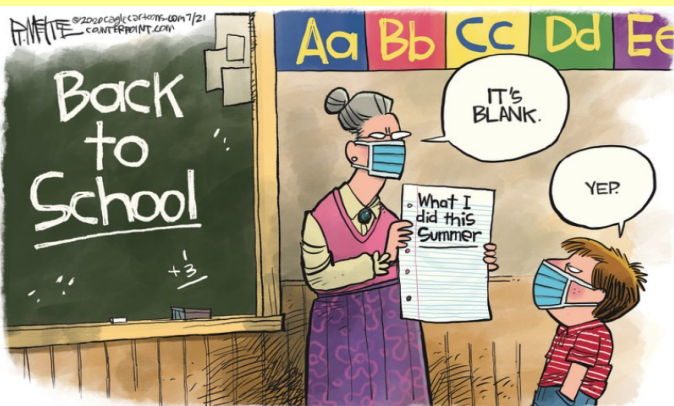
**PARISH OF ST. JOSEPH, ST. BENILDUS & ST MARY'S ALPHA ONLINE**

**STARTING VIA ZOOM**  
**Thursday 3rd September 2020 8.00pm – 9.30pm**

**Venue: THE COMFORT OF YOUR HOME!**  
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