

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

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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

13th Sept 2020

The Gospel is from St. Matthew 18:21-35.

On reading or hearing this story of the merciless servant, each one of us would rightly judge him a mean heartless man, who throttled his fellow-servant for a paltry debt, and would not listen to the poor man's plea for mercy. When we hear what the king did to this heartless servant we heartily approve and say: "It served him right, he got what he richly deserved."

We had better stop and think for a moment and reflect that we ourselves may be that merciless servant described in the parable. Every time we have sinned mortally we have incurred an unpayable debt to God. Each time we have received absolution we have come out of God's courtroom as a free person. A fate worse than generations of earthly imprisonment — that is, eternal slavery — has been spared us because of God's loving, infinite mercy. How then can it happen that we could be so heartless, mean, and foolish as to refuse to forgive a neighbour for some offence he has committed against us?

It may be that there are some among us here who continue to have enmity in their hearts against neighbours who offended them. They cannot forgive and forget. Are these not like the merciless servant? Will they not receive the punishment of the merciless servant — a punishment richly deserved? This will be the fate of all unforgiving Christians; they will meet an unforgiving God when they are called to settle their accounts.

That day has not yet come for us. We still can forgive all our enemies from our heart. If we do not, we are cutting ourselves off from the possibility of having our own sins and offences forgiven by God. We have the solemn word of our divine Lord from the parable "So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you (that is, deliver us up to eternal slavery) if you do not forgive your brother from your heart." Excerpted from The Sunday Readings by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

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 :

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55:6-9.

Ps 144: 2-3, 8-9, 17-18.

Phil 1:20-24, 27.

Mt 20:1-16.

St. Joseph & St. Benildus	12th/13th Sept 2020	19th/20th Sept 2020
6.30pm. Sat	Jimmy Shanahan Michael Christopher Howlett Catherine Bell Howlett	
10.00am Sunday:	(M.M) Eugene Murphy	
12 noon Sunday	Michael Smyth	Brian McGovern Matt Holohan
St. Mary's, Ballygunner		
7.00pm Sat:	(M.M) Michael Furlong Michael & Margaret O'Sullivan	
11.00a.m Sunday:	Anna Doyle Gary O'Keeffe	Kitty & Marie Lyons Tom Molloy

Please pray for those whose Month's Mind

occurs

Eugene Murphy
Michael Furlong



Those whose Birthday or Anniversary

occurs:

John Kehoe, Peggy Aylward
Christina Murray, Cyril O'Regan
Brian Harty, Teresa Whelehan

Getting Back on Track Financially

Most of us have some level of debt, but when unpaid debt becomes such a burden that it prevents you from getting out of bed in the morning, brings a sense of dread when answering the phone or opening the post, it is time to take control of the situation.

The unfortunate reality is that due to the impact of COVID-19 many more people in Ireland may be struggling to pay their debts having recently lost their jobs or struggling to make ends meet on reduced incomes.

The effects of problem debt on a person's wellbeing and mental health can be severe and can prevent them coming forward for help but there is a solution to every debt problem and this is where the Insolvency Service of Ireland (ISI) can help.

The ISI is the independent government body with four debt solutions to help people with all levels of problem debt - from credit cards to mortgages. It regulates debt advisors called Personal Insolvency Practitioners (PIPs).

You could be insolvent if:

- you can't pay your bills in full when they are due
- You're paying a little off each bill trying to keep creditors at bay
- You've had calls and letters about missed repayments and threats of repossession.

If you are insolvent and in arrears on your home mortgage you could also be eligible for a free consultation with a PIP under the State-funded Abhaile Scheme. The purpose of that Scheme is to help people in serious arrears to find the best available solutions, with the help of professional advisors. The priority will be to find a sustainable solution that keeps a person in their home, where possible. For more information visit www.backontrack.ie or freetext GETHELP to 50015 for a callback.

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

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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

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.

EVENING PRAYER will take place on Wednesday, at 6.30pm. Please note change of time.

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

Started Sept 3rd via Zoom. As this

Thursday is the 3rd session of the current series of Alpha, it is also the last chance to join this series.

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Church Seating Arrangements

In St. Joseph & Benildus church, seats are divided into 2 pods of 50, each being within guidelines. It must be emphasised that it is essential to follow the stewards' directions, as the 2 pods must remain separate. As a result, you are kindly asked not to move from one section of the church to the other. Please remain at the side of the church to which you were directed when you entered the building, in other words, move either to the right or left as directed, and please remain on that side. This is for the safety of everybody present, and to ensure that we can continue to remain open. The congregation in St. Mary's is still limited to 50 because of the size of the church.

The Class of 2020

Congratulations to all students of the Class of 2020 from the secondary schools in the parish who received their predicted grades and CAO offers in the past few days. Go n'éirí an t-ádh libh go léir.

