

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

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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

20th Sept 2020



## Queuing for Heaven?

One of the most expensive department stores holds a sale and shoppers form a queue. The most ardent bargain hunters bring sleeping bags and queue overnight. Other shoppers arrive five minutes before the sale. When the store finally opens the doors the queue surges forward in a frenzy. Shoppers 'push in' from every direction greedy for the bargains. Does this make us cross? Of course it does and rightly so. The people who arrived first should get the bargains first. Most of us would agree that that is only fair.

The problem comes when we try to use this same sense of 'justice' in earning a place in God's Kingdom. Surprise surprise! Gaining God's grace is not like queuing for bargains, neither has it got anything to do with how many more hours we have worked in a vineyard, nor has it got anything to do with measuring how many years we have served as disciples. Once again we are reminded that things that count for so much in this world are turned upside down in God's world. .

The employer in today's parable pays his employees exactly the same amount regardless of the time they arrived at the vineyard. Jesus is telling us that there are no 'partial benefits' in God's kingdom. If we have earned a place in heaven we have earned a place, there won't be some places better than others. God's love is God's love. We are each promised the same measure of his grace.

"... So the last will be first and the first will be last." We would be foolish to expect some kind of pecking order at heaven's gates. We would be even more foolish to expect some kind of organised queuing system or loyalty cards for the longest serving. Those who arrive late should certainly not be regarded as somehow cheating the system.

We must recognise God's generosity in giving a level field for all and emulate it. We must be happy for the latecomers, especially if we have played a part in attracting them by our shining example!

## 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 :

26th Sunday in Ordinary  
Time

Ez 18:25-28.

Ps 24:4-9.

Phil 2:1-11.

Mt 21:28-32.

### St. Joseph & St. Benildus

19th/20th Sept 2020

26th/27th Sept 2020

6.30pm. Sat

Martin Carroll  
Eileen Power  
Gay Murphy

10.00am Sunday:

James & Mary Quinlan

12 noon Sunday

Brian McGovern  
Matt Holohan

Pat Ellickson

### St. Mary's, Ballygunner

7.00pm Sat:

Anthony Bolger

11.00a.m Sunday:

Kitty & Marie Lyons  
Tom Molloy  
John & Mary Lyons

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



Fr. Stephen Maher,  
Kevin O'Brien,  
Bridget Douglas,  
Ingrid Walsh,  
Patricia Duggan

### ANNUAL AUTUMN COLLECTION

The annual Autumn Collection for the support of the priests of the parish will be taken up on the last weekend in September ( Sat/Sun 26th/27th Sept ).

*Thank you for your generosity.*

### ATTENTION : ENVELOPE DISTRIBUTORS



The envelopes for the annual Autumn Collection are available in the Parish Office. We appreciate your help in distributing same.

### Message from Alpha Team

During Covid, free help with computers is available to all, both those with and without computer skills.

#### Contact:

generation tech.ie 01 9633288  
Free age action kit 01 475 6988

### PARISH PASTORAL WORKER

The parish of St. Joseph, St. Benildus & St. Mary's is now inviting applications for the position of Parish Pastoral Worker. Applicants must have a primary degree in theology / religious education, or equivalent, as well as relevant experience.

The closing date for receipt of applications including C.V is Friday 2nd October at 5pm.

Please send applications to  
liampowerwaterford@gmail.com

Shortlisting will take place immediately thereafter.

Interviews are scheduled to take place in October. The Job Description is available from the Parish Office at parishofficejmb@gmail.com

### LaSallian donation to Ishiara School

Many thanks to Br. Tom, who has donated €12,000 from the LaSallian Project for the construction of a classroom in St. Peter's secondary school, in Ishiara.

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

*Last Sunday's  
Collection  
€1,220*

**Thank You for  
your generosity**

### 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. phone 051 878977 or email : parishofficejmb@gmail.com

### PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS

Monday & Tuesday 9am - 5pm / Lunch 1pm - 2pm  
Wednesday 9am to 2.30pm  
Thursday 8.30am to 2.30pm  
Friday 8.30am to 4.30pm

**EVENING PRAYER will take place on  
Wednesday, at 6.30pm**

### 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.

### Church Seating Arrangements

*In St. Joseph & Benildus church, seats are divided into 2 pods of 50, each being within guidelines. 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.*



### Computers in Ishiara school

Our parish has funded the installation of 15 PCs in St. Peter's primary school, Ishiara. The project was undertaken in collaboration with CAMARA, which reboots used computers for use in education in the third world. They have been very gratefully received, and will be of very practical use in our partnership parish when schools reopen.

### Livestreaming of Masses:

www.churchservices.tv/stjosephswaterford  
www.churchservices.tv/stmarysballygunner

THIS PARABLE BUGS ME.  
THE FIRST GUYS GET  
TOTALLY RIPPED OFF!

YOU KNOW, WHEN YOU  
THINK ABOUT ALL THE  
PEOPLE JESUS CALLED,  
YOU AND I HAVE COME  
LATE IN THE DAY.

I LOVE  
THIS PARABLE!



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MATTHEW 20:1-16