

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

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## Online Mass Times

Weekdays Masses: 10:30am.

Evening Prayer (New Time):

**Wednesday 4:45 pm**

Saturday Vigil Mass: 7:00 pm

Sunday Mass: 12 pm

All Masses will take place in  
Ss. Joseph and Benildus and  
can be viewed via livestream:  
[www.churchservices.tv/stjosephswaterford](http://www.churchservices.tv/stjosephswaterford)

Church Access for Private Prayer

**St. Mary's**

Daily from 10:00am - 4:00 pm.

**St. Joseph & Benildus**

Daily from 1.00pm - 4.00pm.

## NEXT

### SUNDAY'S READINGS:

*2nd Sunday of Advent:*

*Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11*

*Psalms 84:9-14, R/ v.8*

*2 Peter 3:8-14*

*Mark 1: 1-8*

## First Sunday of Advent

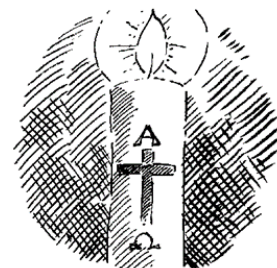
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### Gospel Reflection for the First Sunday in Advent

#### Cosmic Dixie

A man goes on a journey leaving his slaves in charge, each with a job to do. A doorkeeper keeps watch to alert the slaves as to his master's return. The story illustrates the time of waiting between Jesus' first coming as a little baby at Christmas to his second coming on Judgement Day. But did the slaves really need a doorkeeper to alert them to the master's return? Could it be that the slaves were guilty of only doing their jobs once they thought the master was returning. There's a greater point here of course.

Waiting for the second coming shouldn't be a big cosmic game of 'Dixie'. The point is not to wait for the master's return before hurling ourselves into a great whirlwind of things we should have been doing all along. We're not waiting for Jesus' return in the same way we would wait for a bus, we have to spend our waiting time in preparation and constant readiness.



"Keep alert," we are told "keep awake." We are asked to keep alert and awake not for fear of being caught out like naughty school children, but in a spirit of 'keeping our eye on the ball.' We all know how we would like to contribute. Each of us is aware of our unique place on the planet and how we would like to be remembered. Sadly, all too often it is easy for us to 'take our eye off the ball' and get caught up in other concerns.

At the moment the news is full of people who have reached the end of their life unexpectedly. None of us has been afforded an exact time and date for our final preparations. We cannot afford to play 'Cosmic Dixie' Instead we are asked to live in a permanent state of readiness seizing every opportunity on a daily basis to prepare for God's Kingdom. Our Advent goal needs to be about waiting in readiness from this day onwards.

### St. Joseph & St. Benildus

6.30pm. Saturday

### 28/29 Nov

Elizabeth Moynihan

### 5/6 Dec

Maureen Kavanagh (MM)  
Rosemary Goff  
John Goff

10.00am Sunday:

Paddy Dempsey (A)

Francis & Josephine Hamm  
Nicholas & Richard Hamm

12 noon Sunday

Susan Flavin (4th A)  
Michael Walsh (1st A)

Ben Wadding  
Elizabeth Kiriimidis  
Kevin Doyle

### St. Mary's, Ballygunner

7.00pm Sat:

Paddy & Rosie Morrissey  
Margaret & Helen Power

Harry, Maureen & Maria Sharpe  
Nancy O'Gorman (A)  
Agnes Lea (A)

11.00a.m Sunday:

Nicholas & Joan Phelan  
John & Eileen Mooney  
Hugh Nugent (1st A)

Kathleen & Richard Power  
Jo White (2nd A)

**All of the above will be remembered and prayed for at the 7pm Vigil Mass and the Sunday 12 noon Masses as detailed on this page of the Newsletter.**



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

John & Mary Meade, Rina (Catherine) Aylward  
Joe & Joan Costello (A), Helen Walsh, Heather Fay, Freddy  
Hennessey (18th A), Nancy O'Gorman (A), Agnes Lea (A)

**Recently died:** Rita Foley



**EVENING PRAYER - Wednesdays at 4:45 pm**

You are welcome to join us via livestreaming at:  
[www.churchservices.tv/stjosephswaterford](http://www.churchservices.tv/stjosephswaterford)



**Prayer and Praise**

**Thursday mornings from 10 a.m. on Zoom**

The programme includes readings from the Psalms, hymns and a short litany. Participants can share and discuss readings from works that have inspired them. A reading from the following Sunday is examined, intercessory prayers are offered, followed by the Angelus. All are welcome.

**Contact: Fintan Power :086 321 5773.**

*Depending on the level of restrictions, the following Schedule of Services for Advent and Christmas are planned.*

**Sunday Masses:**

**St. Joseph and St Benildus**

Vigil Mass 6.30pm, 10.00am, and 12 noon

**St. Mary's Church**

Vigil Mass 7.00pm, 11.00am

**Saturday 19th December:**

Special Vigil Mass at 6.30pm including Carol Service with pupils from St John of God School.

Mass will be live-streamed on our YouTube channel and from our regular live streaming service.

**Penitential Service:**

**Monday December 21st at 7.30pm.**

Live-streamed from Church Services platform

**Carol Service:**

**Tuesday December 22nd at 7.30pm.**

Carol Service from St Joseph and St Benildus Church: Live- streamed on our YouTube channel.

**Christmas Eve: Liturgy around the crib with children at 6.00pm**

This liturgy will be live-streamed on our YouTube channel. You might like to join us on the live-stream with the family around the crib at home.

**CHRISTMAS MASSES**

**St Joseph and St Benildus :**

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass: 7pm and 9pm

Christmas Day Masses: 10.00am and 12 noon

**St. Mary's Church**

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass: 7pm and 9pm

Christmas Day Masses: 10.00am and 12 noon



**ADVENT LECTIO DIVINA**

We invite you to a time of personal reflection, and prayer as we explore Gospel readings for the Sundays of Advent.

**Do come and join us!**

**Thursday Evenings**

**8:00 - 8:45pm via Zoom**

**Meeting ID: 879 5816 6968**

**Passcode: 673713**

**MASS READINGS Mon 30 Nov—Sat 5 December**

Mon 30 Nov	St Andrew, Apostle (Feast) Rm 10:9-18, Ps 18:2-5, R/ v 5, Mt 4:18-22
Tues 1 Dec	1st Week of Advent Is 11: 1-10, Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17, R/ v7, Lk 10:21-24
Wed 2 Dec	1st Week of Advent Is25:6-10, Ps 22, R/ v6, Mt 15:29-37
Thurs 3 Dec	St. Francis Xavier, Priest (Memorial) Is 26: 1-6, Ps 117:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27, R/ v26, Mt 7:21, 24-27
Fri 4 Dec	St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church (optional) Is 29:17-24, Ps 26:1, 4, 13-14, R/ v1, Mt 9:27-31
Sat 5 Dec	1st Week of Advent Is 30: 19-21, 23-26, Ps 146: 1-6, R/ Is 30:18, Mt 9:35-10:1, 6-8

**“O LORD, you are our father...we are all the work of your hands...”**

**How is God trying to mould you? Is it to be of service to Him as a priest or in the consecrated life?**

Speak to your local priest or email the National Vocations Office on [info@vocations.ie](mailto:info@vocations.ie)

**As we predict that numbers will be limited to 80 in St Joseph and St Benildus and 40 in St Mary's, Parishioners are asked to call the parish office if they wish to attend any of our Christmas liturgies.**