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Service Times

St. Joseph & Benildus

Weekday Masses:

No 7:30 am mass in August

Monday - Saturday 10:30am

Holy Days

6:30 vigil & 10:30 am

Evening Prayer of the Church

Finished for the summer

Saturday Vigil Mass: 6:30 pm

Sunday Mass:

10:00 am & 12:00 noon

St. Mary's:

Weekday Masses:

First Fridays 9:30 am (Sep-Jun)

Holy Days

11:00 am

Saturday Vigil Mass: 7:00 pm

Sunday Mass:

11:00 am

Gospel Reflection for the Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

1 August 2021

Filling the Void

Money can't buy happiness, but neither can poverty. We need money to pay the bills and so we spend most of our lives striving to earn it. Then when we've got enough to pay the bills, it's nice to have a little extra for birthdays and Christmas and for holidays. Money doesn't buy happiness, but it can certainly buy security and comfort. The trouble is striving to earn money can become an end in itself.

There comes a point where we are left uncertain as to whether we are working to live, or living to work. Money can easily become a trap where however much we have, there always seems a need for more. Enough it seems is never enough. The thirst for money is a thirst that cannot be quenched. We only have to look at the lives of the rich and famous, in some cases very tragic lives, to know that material pursuits don't bring happiness. However hard we strive, if material pursuits are our only goal, there will always be a void in our lives. Jesus tells us that only God can fill this void. "Do not work for food that perishes," he tells the Galileans, "but for the food that endures for eternal life."



In today's gospel reading we hear how the crowd followed Jesus because they were impressed that he had fed five thousand with only five loaves and two fishes. They followed him because they wanted more. But Jesus knew that they had missed the point. "You are looking for me not because you saw signs," he says, "but because you ate the loaves and were filled." The true bread, he tells them, is the bread of God, which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world. Then Jesus takes the crowd one step further, he tells them that to share in the bread of eternal life they must believe in the one that God sent.

This must have been hard for the Galileans to take in, but in retrospect easier for us. We look around at those who live by Jesus' teaching, and observe that these people seem content with their lives. ... happy even. In what ways are the rest of us working for the food that endures for eternal life?

Upcoming Masses

31 July/01 Aug

7/8 August

St. Joseph & St. Benildus

6:30 pm Vigil

Bridie & Pierce Caulfield

Billy & Mary Murphy

10:00 am

Gene Murphy (1st A)

12 noon

Maureen Quinn

St. Mary's, Ballygunner

7:00 pm:

Rita & Michael Quinton

11:00am:

Pat McNamara

Mary Kenny (1st A)

Maura Phelan



**Pray for those who died recently,
whose Month's Mind Occurs this week,**

And those whose Birthday or Anniversary occurs this week:


Maureen Meade-O'Brien, Joseph (Joe) Smyth,
Andrew Murtagh, Liam Murphy, Geoffrey Brett

Pope Francis' Universal Intention for August: The Church

Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel

**This Week at a glance in the Parish and in the Diocese:
Week of Sunday August 1st - Saturday August 7th**

[For the full texts of Daily Mass Readings, click here](#)

Sun 1st	12:30 pm Mass	St. Gregorios (St. Mary's, Ballygunner)
Mon 2nd	10:30 am Mass	Mass Intention: Geoffrey Brett (A)
Tues 3rd	10:30 am Mass	
Weds 4th	10:30 am Mass	
	11:15 am	Wednesday Morning Coffee Hour (outdoors, weather permitting) In case of inclement weather, please bring your Covid certificate to allow us to gather indoors safely and in compliance with current Covid 19 restrictions.
Thurs 5th	10:30 am Mass	Mass Intention: Liam Murphy (1st A)
	7:00 pm	 Evening of Healing online Join Zoom Meeting: https://zoom.us/j/98503370245 Meeting ID: 985 0337 0245 Password: 643344
Fri 6th	10:30am Mass	
Sat 7th	10:30am Mass	Mass Intention: Andrew Murtagh
Priests are available to hear confessions every Saturday morning after Mass in St. Benildus Church		



THANK YOU

Thank You to all who supported our Lough Derg Pilgrimage last weekend. We were joined by people from local Parishes and Bernadette & Margaret who travelled all the way from Kerry.
A very special Thank You to Fr Liddane whose support and guidance touched all the Pilgrims.

St. Vincent de Paul is appealing for donations.



This weekend (July 31st & August 1st)
St. Vincent de Paul will take up its monthly collections at all Masses in both churches.

The Society needs and appreciates any donations
Thank You

All Masses can be viewed via livestream:

[St. Joseph & Benildus](#) or [St. Mary's Ballygunner](#)



If you wish to donate, all payments to the Parish can be made via the donate button on our website **Thank you.**

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday 9am to 5:00pm Lunch 1-2pm
Tuesday 9am to 5:00pm Lunch 1-2pm
Wednesday 9am to 3:00pm Lunch 1-2pm
Thursday 9am to 3:00pm Lunch 1-2pm.
Friday 9am to 5:00pm Lunch 1-2pm
The Parish Office is **closed to the public** until further notice but may be contacted by phone on 051 878977 or email : parishofficejbm@gmail.com



LITTLEWAY
HEALING MINISTRIES

All welcome to monthly
Evenings of Healing Online
(first Thursday of the month)
5th August at 7pm, please see
<https://littlewayhealingministries.com/public-virtual-events/>
or phone **Tom at 0872749643.**

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

19th Sunday of Ordinary Time
1 Kings 19:4-8
Psalm 33:2-9 R/v9
Ephesians 4:30-5:2
John 6:41-51

Items for inclusion in the Newsletter must be received by Tuesday 11 am of the week prior to printing:
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