

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

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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 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

15 August 2021

The Job's Yours

We've got great plans for our lives. We're going to publish a book travel the world in a camper van, win X Factor of study for a Phd . Forgetting our own agenda to do God's will certainly isn't an appealing alternative. Who in their right mind would choose to work in a soup kitchen if they also had a job offer from Bill Gates? The other problem with doing the job God has planned for us is that it often isn't all that obvious. Some of us have a calling that is screamingly obvious, delivered by angels even. Others have a vocation that slowly becomes apparent over a number of years, but what if we suspect that God has no job lined up for us at all? Could our apparent lack of vocation mean that we're not really looking for one?

Today's feast is a celebration of Mary's life and her assumption into heaven. Mary is a model of vocation and fidelity, a fidelity that demands self-knowledge courage and sacrifice. For those of us who feel we have no vocation we could learn many lessons by studying Mary's brand of discipleship. Motivation is key. Mary's motivation was to support God's plan. Nothing Mary ever did or said was for her own glory. At the same time there can be few people who could claim to have led a more challenging or rewarding life than Mary's. Similarly, when we make plans it is useful to examine our motivation. God doesn't necessarily want us all to rush off and work in a soup kitchen (there aren't enough soup kitchens!) Nor would God have given us all different talents if he wanted us all to do the same thing. But if our plans are inspired by fame and impossible wealth, then God probably isn't behind the idea! If our plans involve changing the world for the better or improving the quality of someone else's life, the job's yours.



Upcoming Masses

14/15 August

21/22 August

St. Joseph & St. Benildus

6:30 pm Vigil

10:00 am

12 noon

St. Mary's, Ballygunner

7.00 pm:

11.00am:

Alan Murphy (MM)

John, Tracy & Johnny Byrne,
& Edward & Lelia Collins

Noleen & Connie Lonergan

Michael Furlong (1st A)

Kathleen Leahy (7th A) her husband,
Tom Leahy and their son, Alan Leahy,
her parents, Richard & Ellen Quilty,
and her brothers and sisters.
Richard Murray (Birth Rem.)

John Walsh

Tom, Bridget, Mary
& Anne Heraghty
Mary & Eddie Roles

Milo Corcoran
Frances, Joe, Mary &
William Sharpe



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

Alan Murphy

And those whose Birthday or Anniversary occurs this week:
Michael & Mary Walsh and son Thomas. Richard Murray

**This Week at a glance in the Parish and in the Diocese:
Week of Sunday August 15th - Saturday August 21st**

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

Sun 15th	12:30 pm Mass	St. Gregorios (St. Mary's Ballygunner)
Mon 16th	10:30 am Mass	
	12:30 pm	
Tues 17th	10:30 am Mass	
Weds 18th	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 19th	10:30 am Mass	
Fri 20th	10:30am Mass	
Sat 21st	10:30am Mass	
Priests are available to hear confessions every Saturday morning after Mass in St. Benildus Church		

Wednesday Coffee Morning

As long as the weather remains dry, the Coffee Morning will continue outdoors. But, at some point we will need to move indoors. When this happens, we will need to comply the Covid regulations and ask to see your Covid19 Vaccination



NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 21ST SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

Joshua 24: 1-2, 15 - 18,
Psalm 33: 2-3, 16 - 23 R/v9
Ephesians 5: 21-32
John 6:60-69

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

All Masses can be viewed via livestream:

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



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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

Alpha



THIS IS OUR 6TH SEASON OF ALPHA AND
AGAIN WE INVITE ANYONE INTERESTED TO
COME AND JOIN US.
A WARM WELCOME AWAITS YOU!

ALPHA IS A SERIES OF INTERACTIVE SESSIONS
– EXPLORING THE BIG QUESTIONS OF LIFE,
FAITH, AND MEANING.

WE WILL EXPLORE TOGETHER FOR A PERIOD
OF 10 WEEKS.
COME EVEN FOR THE FIRST SESSION AND SEE
HOW IT IS FOR YOU!

WE INVITE YOU PERSONALLY, AND ASK YOU
TO INVITE FAMILY AND FRIENDS

THURSDAY NIGHTS
STARTING SEPT 2ND 8PM -9.15PM
CONTACT PARISH OFFICE
WE HOPE YOU MAKE CONTACT!
ALPHA TEAM

*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*