

# 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 Twenty-first Sunday of Ordinary Time 22 August 2021

### Believe or Leave

Like a barrister, St. John sets Jesus' case before us. He sets it out in measured bite sizes so that we can digest one fact before moving onto the next. We see Jesus healing people and curing the sick. We see him present us with a sign of his divinity in the feeding of the five thousand. We see Jesus teaching people about the more enduring bread sent to nourish us spiritually, and finally we learn that Jesus himself is that living bread come down from heaven to give us everlasting life. The case is complete, but the audience have a sticking point. There were those amongst Jesus' disciples who could not accept that Jesus had come down from heaven, and they turned their backs and left. What was Jesus to do? Should he call them back and make the truth easier for them to understand? Should he work another miracle to convince them that little bit more? No! Jesus turns to those who are left and gives them a choice, they have heard what he has said about eating and drinking his flesh and blood, and now they have a choice. So, are they going to remain his followers or are they too going to turn their backs. The same choice is levelled at us today. We can believe or we can leave?

Difficult choices always have something in common; there is always some kind of sticking point. To make a difficult choice we often need a missing piece of information, or a new perspective. Peter gives us that perspective. "Master," he says, "to whom shall we go. You have the words of eternal life." To Peter, the choice was easy. To Peter there was really no choice to be made. Who else was there to follow but Jesus?

We make the same choice as Peter every week in Mass when we celebrate the Eucharist. In celebrating the Eucharist we make a choice to follow where Jesus may lead.

#### *Upcoming Masses*

#### **21/22 August**

#### **28/29 August**

#### *St. Joseph & St. Benildus*

6:30 pm Vigil

John Walsh (A)

John Hearne

10:00 am

Tom, Bridget, Mary  
& Anne Heraghty

Mai & Nicky O'Regan

12 noon

Mary & Eddie Roles

Ita Keyes

#### *St. Mary's, Ballygunner*

7.00 pm:

Milo Corcoran

Helen Cummins

Frances, Joe, Mary &  
William Sharpe

11.00am:



**Pray for those who died recently,**

Alan Byrne, late of Havenwood

**whose Month's Mind Occurs this week,**

Ernie Walsh

**And those whose Birthday or Anniversary occurs this week:**

Michael & Breda O'Hanlon

**This Week at a glance in the Parish and in the Diocese:  
Week of Sunday August 22nd - Saturday August 27th**

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

Sun 22nd	4:00 pm Mass	<b>Syro Malabar Catholic Church (St. Benildus)</b>
Mon 23rd	10:30 am Mass	
	8:00 pm	<b>Ishiara Parish Partnership Meeting via Zoom</b>
Tues 24th	10:30 am Mass	
Weds 25th	10:30 am Mass	<b>Mass Intention: Michael &amp; Breda O'Hanlon</b>
	11:15 am	<b>Wednesday Morning Coffee Hour</b>
Thurs 26th	10:30 am Mass	
	3:00 pm	<b>Senior Leadership Team Meeting - Parish Centre</b>
Fri 27th	10:30am Mass	
Sat 28th	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: 22ND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME**

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8  
Psalm 14:2-5, R/v1  
James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27  
Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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