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Service Times

St. Joseph & Benildus

Weekday Masses:

7:30 am & 10:30 am

Saturdays 10:30 am only

Holy Days

6:30 vigil & 10:30 am

Evening Prayer of the Church

Wednesdays 4:45 pm

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-second Sunday of Ordinary Time 29 August 2021 Heart of the Matter

Could it be true that at one stage or another we have all been guilty of hypocrisy? It's hard to get through life without finding that our actions and our words don't quite marry up. We know the tell tale signs all too well. We go to the polling booth to vote, or commit our opinions to 'Facebook', and experience a slight discomfort. It's a discomfort we know of old, but have become very good at ignoring. It's the discomfort that comes of saying one thing but doing another. It's the discomfort that comes of teaching something but not practising it. The discomfort is telling us that we might be guilty of hypocrisy. In today's gospel Jesus warns us against religious hypocrisy. Is there a danger that we have all become very good at saying the right things, but of doing something else?

Today we see Jesus voicing exasperation with rules that had become burdensome, unimportant and hypocritical. In biblical days there were a great many traditions and rules on the proper way to prepare food. There were rituals regarding the washing of hands, pots, and bowls. The Pharisees challenge Jesus on allowing his disciples to eat with dirty hands, but Jesus shocks the Pharisees by suggesting that their man made laws are irrelevant. Without actually throwing the rulebook out of the window, he suggests that we concern ourselves with matters of greater importance. Outer appearances are all well and good, but what lies beneath? What really matters is what comes from our hearts. "Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person," he tells them, "but the things that come out from within are what defile."

Key to guarding against hypocrisy is to remember before condemning others, that our own hands mightn't be as clean as we think. The person who goes to church on Sunday and appears to be doing all the right things, is not necessarily a good person if he or she doesn't do good deeds during the rest of the week. Similarly, the person who breaks man made laws is not necessarily a bad person. Jesus tells us to use what is in our hearts when it comes to moral yard sticks, and not the rules made by others. What really matters is how well we listen to what is in our hearts, and how well we act upon it.

Upcoming Masses 28/29 August

St. Joseph & St. Benildus

6:30 pm Vigil

John Hearne

10:00 am

Mai & Nicky O'Regan

12 noon

Ita Keyes

St. Mary's, Ballygunner

7.00 pm:

Helen Cummins

11.00am:

Patrick 'Pat' Nugent

4/5 September

John McGailey

William Kenneally

Tony Barden

John & Bridget Keane

Paddy & Rosie Morrissey



Pray for those who died recently,

Pauline Hopkins, Stuart Walsh

And those whose Birthday or Anniversary occurs this week:

Sheila Morgan, Kathleen Crowley, Michael O'Connor,

Lighting of Candles for Intentions

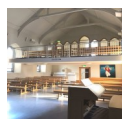
The candle stand has been returned to the church in St. Joseph & St. Benildus & you may light a candle for your intentions. If you do so, please ensure that your hands are dry.

To comply with Covid regulations, please stay in your pod before and after mass when lighting candles

**This Week at a glance in the Parish and in the Diocese:
Week of Sunday August 29th - Saturday September 4th**
[For the full texts of Daily Mass Readings, click here](#)

Mon 30th	7:30 am Mass	
	10:30 am	Mass Intention: Shelia Morgan
Tues 31st	7:30 am Mass	
	10:30 am Mass	
Weds 1st	7:30 am Mass	Mass Intention: Kathleen Crowley
	10:30 am Mass	Mass Intention: Michael O'Connor
	11:15 am	Wednesday Morning Coffee Hour
Thurs 2nd	7:30 am Mass	
	10:30 am Mass	
	7:00 pm	Little Way Healing Ministries - Evening of Healing Online (Tom 087 274 9643)
Fri 3rd	7:30 am Mass	
	9:30 am Mass	First Friday Mass - St. Mary's Ballygunner
	10:30 am Mass	Mass Intention: Reginald & Constance Nolan
Sat 4th	10:30 am Mass	
	Priests are available to hear confessions every Saturday morning after Mass in St. Benildus Church	

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 23RD SUNDAY OT
Isaiah 35:4-7, Psalm 145:7-10, R/v1
James 2:1-5, Mark 7:31-37



St. Mary's Ballygunner Rotas
The rotas for **Eucharistic Ministers** and **Readers** for
September 2021 are available for collection in the

7.30am Mass resumes on Monday 30th August, 2021 in St. Joseph & St. Benildus Church.



Next weekend (September 4th & 5th)
St. Vincent de Paul will take up its
monthly
collections at all Masses in both churches.

Back to School: Best of luck to all pupils and teachers as they return to school this week. We ask God to bless our Parents, Families and Teachers. May they have a wonderful year and stay safe in these difficult times.



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Alpha



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

THURSDAY NIGHTS
STARTING SEPT 16th - 8PM - 9.15PM
CONTACT PARISH OFFICE
WE HOPE YOU MAKE CONTACT!
ALPHA TEAM

Pope Francis' Universal Intention for September: An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle

We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.