

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

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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 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

05 September 2021

### A Sign of Our Times

A 'bag lady' gets on the bus ranting and swaying. We spread ourselves out on the seat hoping against hope that she chooses to sit somewhere else. An old man stumbles in the high street and doesn't get up again. We suspect he's had too much to drink and hurry on. Perhaps someone else better qualified will lend a helping hand. We respond with fear and discrimination. It's a good job that although many of us choose to close our eyes and ears, there are equally as many people who want to help. We only have to look at the number of aid agencies, charity campaigns and caring individuals to see signs of Jesus in our midst.



This is the significance of today's gospel story. What at first seems to be a straightforward account of the healing of a deaf man turns out to be much more. The story points to the miracle as a sign that Jesus was the Messiah the Jews had been expecting. It was prophesied that the ears of the deaf would be unsealed and that the tongues of the dumb would sing for joy. The curing of the deaf man was exactly the sort of miracle the Jews would have been expecting of the awaited Messiah. What seems like a straightforward account of a miracle takes us a step further. The deaf man happened to be a Gentile. In biblical times, orthodox Jews would have considered a Gentile unclean. By choosing a Gentile as the subject of his miracle, Jesus is telling us that there is no discrimination when it comes to God's salvation.

Today we ask God to help us see and hear the needs of others. There has never been a better time to show the world that Jesus is at the heart of our teaching. The migrant crisis that is on our news on a daily basis, shows some countries acting with empathy and others with inflammatory language and high barbed fences. We are reacting with the fear and discrimination that Jesus fought against. We cannot turn a deaf ear or a blind eye; we have to act like Christians in the way we speak, in the way we give, in the way we campaign and in our prayers.

#### Upcoming Masses

#### 4/5 September

#### 11/12 September

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

6:30 pm Vigil

John McGailey

Michael Smyth

10:00 am

William Kenneally

Catherine Bell-Howlett &

12 noon

John & Brian Sheridan

Michael Christopher Howlett

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

7.00 pm:

Tony Barden

Michael & Margaret O'Sullivan

John & Bridget Keane

Paddy & Rosie Morrissey

11.00am:

Anna Doyle



### Pray for those who died recently,

Frankie King

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

Bernadette Balfe, Timothy Daly, William & Bridget Flood

**This Week at a glance in the Parish and in the Diocese:**  
**Week of Sunday September 5th - Saturday September 11th, 2021**  
[For the full texts of Daily Mass Readings, click here](#)

Sun 5th	12:30 pm Mass	<b>St. Gregorios - St. Mary's Ballygunner</b>
Mon 6th	7:30 am Mass	
	10:30 am	
Tues 7th	7:30 am Mass	
	10:30 am Mass	
Weds 8th	7:30 am Mass	
	10:30 am Mass	<b>Mass Intention: Bernadette Balfe</b>
	11:15 am	<b>Wednesday Morning Coffee Hour</b>
	4:45 pm	<b>Evening Prayer of the Church</b>
Thurs 9th	7:30 am Mass	
	10:30 am Mass	
Fri 10th	7:30 am Mass	
	10:30 am Mass	
Sat 11th	10:30 am Mass	<b>Mass Intention: Timothy Daly (A), William &amp; Bridget Flood (A)</b>
	Priests are available to hear confessions every Saturday morning after Mass in St. Benildus Church	



**St. Mary's Ballygunner Rotas**

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



This weekend (September 4th & 5th) St. Vincent de Paul will take up its monthly collections at all Masses in both churches. **We appreciate all donations.**  
**Thank you.**



**Save the date:**

**FRIENDSHIP LUNCH**

**Next Monday, September 13th -**

**The Cove Bar at 12:30pm**

Cost: €9.50 per person for Lunch & coffee/tea

Please ring Parish Office or just turn up

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:**

**24TH SUNDAY OT- 12 SEPTEMBER 2021**

Isaiah 50:5-9

Psalms 114:1-6, 8-9 R/v9

James 2:14-18

Mark 8: 27-35

**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!

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday	9am to 5:00pm Lunch 1-2pm
Tuesday	9am to 5:00pm Lunch 1-2pm
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**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.