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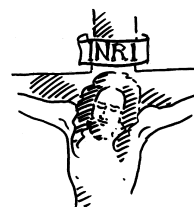
St Joseph & St Benildus Fr Liam
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Gospel Reflection The 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time

12 September 2021

Picking Up Our Crosses

Today Peter recognises Jesus as the Son of God, but he completely fails to grasp the implications. He certainly doesn't understand the necessity for Jesus to die on the cross and he tells him so. Jesus puts Peter straight. "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." "For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake and for the sake of the gospel will save it."



Taking up our crosses is essential to being a Christian, and far from being a burden, it can be the source of huge happiness and fulfilment. Taking up our crosses, means understanding the needs of others, and putting the needs of others first. We need to forget about our own problems and look to the problems of others. We don't have to look far. The news is full of other people's problems at the moment, and it certainly puts our own problems into perspective. Taking up our crosses means imagining how others feel and how we would like to be treated if we were in their shoes. Empathy is key to taking action. Taking up our crosses means giving up our time and our skills and our money for the happiness of others. Jesus didn't need to choose the road to Jerusalem and crucifixion, but he did. In the same way, Christians need to be pro-active about choosing their crosses. Do we see the need of others and take action, or do we sit back and leave things to others? Being pro-active requires us to be strong, caring and deeply discerning.

There are an estimated 2.1 billion Christians on our planet. How very different the world would be if each and every one of us picked up our crosses.

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

Upcoming Masses

11/12 September

18/19 September

St. Joseph & St. Benildus

6:30 pm Vigil

10:00 am

12 noon

St. Mary's, Ballygunner

7:00 pm:

11.00am:

Michael Smyth

Catherine Bell-Howlett &

Michael Christopher Howlett

Tony & Mary Mescall

Michael & Margaret O'Sullivan

Anna Doyle

Frank Malthouse (1st A)

Brian McGovern (A)

Biddy & Niall Warren

Kitty Lyons, Marie Lyons

Matt Holohan (4th A)

Robert O'Keeffe (1st A)

Pray for those who died recently,

Bridget Madden, Michael Halpin, Liam Grace, Margaret (Madge) Condon

And those whose Birthday or Anniversary occurs this week:

Cyril O'Regan (4th A), Stuart Walsh, Christina Murray

Pray for healing for Mary Hirschman - may she get well soon



FRIENDSHIP LUNCH

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

**This Week at a glance in the Parish and in the Diocese:
Week of Sunday September 12th - Saturday September 18th, 2021**

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

Sun 12th	4:00 pm Mass	Syro-Malabar Catholic Church (St. Benildus)
Mon 13th	7:30 am Mass	
	10:30 am	Mass Intention: Stuart Walsh
	12:30 pm	Friendship Lunch - The Cove Bar
	7:00 pm	Confirmations: St. Mary's - Mr. O'Leary's Class
Tues 14th	7:30 am Mass	
	10:30 am Mass	
	7:00 pm	Confirmations: St. Mary's - Ms. Murphy's Class
Weds 15th	7:30 am Mass	Mass Intention: Christina Murray
	10:30 am Mass	
	11:15 am	Wednesday Morning Coffee Hour
	4:45 pm	Evening Prayer of the Church
	7:30 pm	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Thurs 16th	7:30 am Mass	
	10:30 am Mass	
	7:00 pm	Confirmations: St. Mary's - Mr. Kirwan's Class
	8:00 - 9:15 pm	Alpha 
Fri 17th	7:30 am Mass	
	10:30 am Mass	
Sat 18th	10:00 am	First Communion: Gaelscoil
	11:30 am	First Communion: St. John of God

CONFIRMATIONS 2021

St. Mary's School Ballygunner	Monday, 13th Sep, 7:00 pm Mr. O'Leary's class
	Tuesday, 14th Sep, 7:00 pm Ms Murphy's class
	Thursday, 16th Sep, 7:00 pm Mr Kirwan's class
St. John of God	Monday, 20 Sep. 7:00pm Rehearsal: Weds. 15th Sep 6:00 pm
Gaelscoil	Tuesday, 21 Sep. 7:00pm Rehearsal: Weds. 15th Sep 6:30 pm
Newtown Junior School	Thursday, 23rd Sep 7:00 pm Rehearsal: Weds. 15th Sep 7:00 pm

FIRST COMMUNIONS 2021

Gaelscoil	Saturday, 18th Sep., 10:00 am Rehearsal: Fri. 17th Sep 6:00 pm
St. John of God	Saturday, 18th Sep., 11:30 am Rehearsal: Fri. 17th Sep 6:30 pm
Newtown NS	Sunday, 19th Sep., 10:00 am Rehearsal: Fri. 17th Sep 2:30 pm
St. Mary's School Ballygunner	Saturday, 25th Sep., 10:00 am Mr. O'Neill's class Rehearsal: Fri. 24th Sep 6:00 pm
	Saturday, 25th Sep., 11:30 am Ms. Kennedy's class Rehearsal: Fri. 24th Sep 6:30 pm
	Saturday, 25th Sep., 1:00 pm Ms. Walsh's class Rehearsal: Fri. 24th Sep 7:00 pm