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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 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time

19 September 2021

Success, Power and Wealth

If you took a survey out onto the street asking, "Which people would we regard as the most successful?" celebrities like Bill Gates or Simon Cowell might figure highly on the list. Favourite pop idols, film stars, sports people and royalty might be up there too. It seems that we measure success in terms of popularity, glamour, money and power. Even in our own not so famous circles, we strive for status and job promotion. With promotion comes extra responsibility and with that extra responsibility, increased power to our elbow.

The disciples may well have been feeling bemused in today's gospel story. Jesus tells them that man will hand him over to his death. The disciples were probably wondering why Jesus should succumb to this kind of ignominy. After all, wasn't he the Son of God? Couldn't he exercise some power? Who knows, perhaps it was this idea that prompted their conversation on the way to Capernaum. We are told that the disciples were discussing amongst each other, which of them was the greatest. They must have known deep down, that Jesus would not approve of this discussion, because when Jesus asks them what they were talking about, they fall silent with shame.

Jesus places a small child in their midst to teach them a lesson. He is asking them, and us, to accept the child's world as our own. We are asked to accept a world of vulnerability and absence of status. We are asked to take stock. Who do we look up to in our society? Do we look down on those who appear to lack ambition or position? Today we remember that Jesus' way is not of pomp and circumstance, but of servitude and humility. We have to learn that success is not about what we have, but about who we are.

Upcoming Masses

18/19 September

26/26 September

St. Joseph & St. Benildus

6:30 pm Vigil

Frank Malthouse (1st A)

Pat Ellickson

Eileen Power

Martin Carroll

10:00 am

Mona & Tom Kiersey (10th A)

Tom, Eileen,

Joan & Harry Lupton

Grace Connolly

12 noon

Brian McGovern (A)

St. Mary's, Ballygunner

7.00 pm:

Biddy & Niall Warren

Tom Molloy

Kitty Lyons, Marie Lyons

11.00am:

Matt Holohan (4th A)

John, Joan & Pat Pierce

Robert O'Keeffe (1st A)

Nancy O'Sullivan &

husband Charlie, 2 sons, Pat

& Jim O'Sullivan, Grandson

Darren O'Sullivan, and

Phyliss O'Sullivan (nee Griffin)



Pray for those whose Birthday or Anniversary occurs this week:

Kevin O'Brien, Kathleen Shine, Patricia Duggan

**This Week at a glance in the Parish and in the Diocese:
Week of Sunday September 19th - Saturday September 25th, 2021**

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

Sun 19th	12:30 pm Mass	St. Gregorios (St. Mary's)
Mon 20th	7:30 am Mass	
	10:30 am	
	7:00 pm	Confirmations: St. John of God
Tues 21st	7:30 am Mass	
	10:30 am Mass	
	7:00 pm	Confirmations: Gaelscoil
Weds 22nd	7:30 am Mass	
	10:30 am Mass	
	11:15 am	Wednesday Morning Coffee Hour
	4:45 pm	Evening Prayer of the Church
	7:30 pm	
Thurs 23rd	7:30 am Mass	
	10:30 am Mass	Mass Intention: Patricia Duggan (2nd Anniversary)
	7:00 pm	Confirmations: Newtown
	8:00 - 9:15 pm	Alpha 
Fri 24th	7:30 am Mass	
	10:30 am Mass	
Sat 25th	10:00 am	First Communion: St. Mary's School - Mr. O'Neill's Class
	11:30 am	First Communion: St. Mary's School - Ms. Kennedy's Class
	1:00 pm	First Communion: St. Mary's School - Ms. Walsh's Class

CONFIRMATIONS 2021

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

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 26TH SUNDAY OT

Numbers 11:25-29, Psalm 18:8, 10, 12-14, R/ v9, James 5:1-6
Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

*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.

FIRST COMMUNIONS 2021

Gaelscoil	Saturday, 18th Sep., 10:00 am Rehearsal: Fri. 17th Sep 6:00 pm
St. John of God	Saturday, 18th Sep., 12:00 noon 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	Saturday, 25th Sep., 10:00 am Mr. O'Neill's class Rehearsal: Fri. 24th Sep 6:00 pm
Ballygunner	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