

# 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 for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time : In It Together



We can't go through life without being part of a group, a club, or an organisation. Schools, the workplace, and organised religions are all like being part of a club. When we're in a club we enjoy a sense of belonging, friends, shared values and an agreed way of doing things. But being part of a group also has its dangers. We can tend to see

our club as our territory, and woe betide anyone who treads on our patch. We see the newcomer as an outsider.... worse, a mistrusted outsider. A new teacher arrives in school with some radical new views. In church, someone arrives from a different parish with their own ideas about how something should be done. We don't like it. Routine gives us a sense of security, and when that routine is changed, particularly by an outsider, we resist. If the outsider is successful at what they do, we resent it even more because we are left feeling threatened

In today's gospel reading, the disciples complain to Jesus about an exorcist who is working as an outsider to their group. That the exorcist is working successfully is making them feel all the more threatened. Jesus' answer is very plain. "Whoever is not against us, is for us." In other words, if someone is working towards the same end, it doesn't matter whether or not they are in the same 'club', or whether their ways are quite the same as ours.

Jesus' lesson is very relevant to us today. Catholicism is not served by rejecting other religions. Accepting other Christian religions doesn't have to mean a watering down of our own beliefs. God is bigger than any 'club' and by following Jesus' example we are working 'for' each other and not 'against'.

## Upcoming Masses

**26/26 September**

**2nd/3rd Oct 2021**

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

6:30 pm Vigil

Pat Ellickson

Carmel Clarke

Eileen Power

Gay Murphy

10:00 am

Tom, Eileen,  
Joan & Harry Lupton

James & Mary Quinlan

12 noon

Grace Connolly  
Martin Carroll

Brenda Dwyer  
John B. O'Sullivan

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

7.00 pm:

Tom Molloy

Paddy Walsh  
Stuart Walsh ( M.M)

11.00am:

John, Joan & Pat Pierce  
Nancy O'Sullivan &  
husband Charlie, 2 sons, Pat  
& Jim O'Sullivan, Grandson  
Darren O'Sullivan, and  
Phyllis O'Sullivan (nee Griffin)

Ned Donegan



**Pray for:**

**Those who recently died:** Jack O'Hare, Loreto Power

**Those whose Month's Mind occurs this week:** Noel Guing (Sr. Una's brother)

**Those whose Birthday or Anniversary occurs this week:**

Bridget Douglas, Anastasia & Philip Lahert, Paul Foley, Timothy Moynihan



## Save the date: **FRIENDSHIP LUNCH**

**Next Monday, October 11th -  
The Cove Bar at 12:30pm**

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

Please ring Parish Office or just turn up

All Masses can be viewed via livestream:

[St. Joseph & Benildus](#) or [St. Mary's Ballygunner](#)



If you wish to donate, all payments to  
the Parish can be made via  
the donate button on our website **Thank you.**

**WANTED  
FOR HAITIAN ORPHANAGE PROJECT  
ESPWA ( HOPE )  
info@4haiti.ie**

**CHILDRENS' TOYS**  
Scooters, Bicycles, Tricycles, Prams, Balls,  
Lego, Toy Cars, etc etc.  
**NO STUFFED / SOFT TOYS  
CAN BE ACCEPTED AS ITEMS MUST BE  
SANITISED.**

**ALSO NEEDED : Childrens' Zimmer  
Frames, Crutches, Wheelchairs.  
For further Information, call 086  
7367129 ( 10am - 6pm )  
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### **Parish Leadership Summit**

On Wednesday evening 29th Sept, we will have our  
first Leadership Summit in the Parish.

Representatives from the different Ministry groups  
will meet to share and discuss the challenges facing  
ministries at present and to explore ways in which  
ministries can be more in line with the overall vision  
for our Parish.

The summit will be facilitated by the Chair of the  
Parish Pastoral Council Mr. James Brennan and is  
organised by the Support Leadership Team.

Ministry groups have already completed a  
questionnaire clarifying the purpose of the ministries,  
the challenges they face and the support they need.



Next weekend (October 2nd & 3rd)

St. Vincent de Paul will take up its  
monthly collections at all Masses in  
both churches.

**We appreciate all donations.  
Thank you.**

### **AUTUMN DUES COLLECTION**

The Autumn Dues Collection for the support of  
the Priests of the diocese will be taken up during  
the weekend of Sat/Sun 2nd /3rd October.

**We appreciate your generosity.**

*Note to Distributors: we would appreciate if collectors  
could please collect the envelopes from outside the  
Sacristy if you haven't already done so. Thanks to all  
distributors for your help*

### **Many thanks !**

Thank you to all who acted as Stewards for the  
Confirmation and First Communion practices and  
ceremonies. We really appreciate your presence  
and support. !

### **Prayer & Praise**

The weekly Prayer & Praise group has resumed  
in the parish. They meet in the Parish Centre on  
Thursday after the 10.30am Mass.

### **GAELSCOIL ENROLMENTS**

Gaelscoil Phortláirge will accept enrolment applications  
for September 2022 from the 4th to the 25th of October.  
Forms are available to download from the web-  
site, [www.gaelscoilphortlairge.ie](http://www.gaelscoilphortlairge.ie) or from the office at (051)  
879736. *Fáilte romhaibh.*

### **Alpha in our Parish**



We are now beginning our 3rd week of Alpha. Now is the time to  
"Come and See"...even if you are unsure of what to expect !  
After this week we will not be taking any new guests.

The next season of Alpha will be in March 2022.

Alpha is NOT a programme or a course, but it is a series of  
interactive sessions exploring Christianity. The sessions are open to  
all. "Come and See". Contact the Parish Office if you would like to  
attend. ( 051 878977 )

### **DIOCESE OF WATERFORD & LISMORE**

Applications are invited for a training course for parish  
catechists. The 3 year **Ministry of Catechist** programme  
is sponsored by the Diocese.

For Information and Application forms, email  
[emma.sisk@waterfordlismore.ie](mailto:emma.sisk@waterfordlismore.ie) or call 085 862 3705

### **Readings for next weekend, 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Gn 2:18-24. Ps 127. Heb 2:9-11. Mk 10:2-16.

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)