

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

Night Prayer 8-8.30pm (via Zoom
only)

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 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

24th Oct 2021

Believing Without Seeing.



Have we lost our belief in what we cannot see? Do we start to pray for something but stop mid sentence feeling sure that God can't be listening. Even if he is listening, why on earth would he grant our unimportant prayers? Perhaps we cannot remember a time when a prayer was answered and so lose hope. Perhaps we have had a prayer answered but imagine it was more likely to be some great coincidence or a stroke of luck than God at work.

Today's gospel is a lesson in faith and prayer. The story starts in a place many of our prayers begin, in a place of darkness, desperation and raw need. Bartimaeus the blind beggar shows us what faith is all about. He knows that Jesus is passing by and knowing that this might be his one and only chance of a cure, seizes his opportunity. He shouts out and keeps shouting despite others telling him to pipe down. He is eager, assertive, and full of hope. Bartimaeus shows us that faith is all about believing that God can do something for us that we cannot do for ourselves; and to persist in asking. It becomes clear that the story is not just about a physical healing but a spiritual awakening. Once Bartimaeus had encountered Jesus, he must surely have embarked upon a life of commitment to Christ.

So it is with our own lives. Once we have understood how Jesus works in our lives, it will become the most natural thing in the world to place Christ at the centre of everything we do.

<i>Upcoming Masses</i>	23rd/24th Oct 2021	30th/31st Oct 2021
<i>St. Joseph & St. Benildus</i>		
6:30 pm Vigil		John Flynn
10:00 am		Michael Byrne
12 noon	Mary Barry	Paddy & Kitty O'Connor
<i>St. Mary's, Ballygunner</i>		
7.00 pm:	Maggie Hearne	Gerry Coade M.M Maureen Kavanagh
11.00am:	Joan English Hugh Sweeney	Maura Carley



Pray for those whose Birthday or Anniversary occurs around this time

Mary & John Breen, Peig Coffey, Anastacia & Thomas Watkins

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.**

Night Prayer of the Church

Night Prayer of the Church has commenced via Zoom. It is held Mon to Fri from 8-8.30pm. If anyone needs help with Zoom, please contact the parish office
(051 878977) Log-in I.D 9435884859



NEWS ITEMS

If you know of upcoming events (of a non-commercial nature) that may be of interest to the parish community, please let the Newsletter Team know by the Tuesday before printing.
jbmnews@gmail.com

Readings for next weekend 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Deut 6:2-6. Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51. Heb 7: 23-28.
Mk 12: 28-34.h

World Mission Sunday: October 24th

World Mission Sunday is the Holy Father's annual appeal for spiritual and financial support so that the life-giving work of overseas mission and missionaries can continue. It falls on the second last Sunday in October, meaning this year it will be celebrated over this weekend, Sunday Oct. 24th. In Ireland, Mission Ireland is responsible for coordinating World Mission Sunday. They are part of a global network serving the Church in over 120 countries. The donations received on World Mission Sunday provide Church centred infrastructure by helping communities build schools, clinics, parish halls, and churches; prepare the future leaders and carers of the Church by supporting the training of sisters, priests, religious brothers and catechists; support missionary programmes that protect and care for children's wellbeing by offering safe shelter, healthcare, education, and hope for the future. This year's theme 'We Cannot Remain Silent – We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard (Acts 4:20)' is twofold. It is a message of hope – Jesus Christ is risen and we cannot keep his love, compassion, and mercy to ourselves. It also challenges us to stand up and speak out on behalf of those who are weaker. All too often, the voices that need to be heard are not the loudest. For them, we cannot remain silent.

Prayer and Praise will take place on Thursday 28th October in the Parish Centre. after 10.30am Mass. All are welcome

ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE MASS

The annual Remembrance Mass for those who passed away in the past year will be held on **Sat 6th November at 4:30p.m.** Invitations have been sent to the bereaved families.

PARISH BOOKCLUB

A Parish Bookclub will meet every two weeks in the Parish Centre to read and discuss works by authors who were inspired by the Christian vision. Contact the Parish Office and keep an eye on the Newsletter for more information.

Thanksgiving Ceremony for Tom O'Brien

Tom has served as financial administrator in a voluntary capacity in our parish for over 50 years. To honour those years of dedicated service, Bishop Cullinan will celebrate a special Mass of Thanksgiving on Saturday November 13th at 2.00pm in St Joseph and St Benildus Church and present a medal to Tom. Light refreshments will be served after Mass. *To facilitate catering, parishioners are asked to contact the parish office if they wish to attend.*

Volunteer Ministers

On October 30/31 we hope to recruit new volunteers for the Ministries of Reader of the Word and Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist for both churches in our parish.

These are important and very obvious ministries which enhance our liturgies. An information sheet is available in each church. Training will be provided in November for those who volunteer. Garda Vetting will be required before they can begin ministry.

Sacramental Classes, BALLYGUNNER NS

Given the restrictions due to Covid 19, our normal start to preparation for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation has been delayed this year as we completed last year's programme. We will begin the preparations for the current Second and Sixth Class pupils in Ballygunner NS at the start of November with evening meetings for parents. It is important that at least one parent for each child be present at their meeting as this is the occasion when application forms for the Sacraments will be made available. The meetings will take place in **Ballygunner NS** at 7pm :Parents of pupils for First Holy Communion : Wed, Nov 3rd, Parents of pupils for Confirmation: Thursday, 4th Nov 2021. We look forward to seeing you on the night.

Pope Francis calls for a consultation process in every diocese

Pope Francis asked that the launch of the Synod scheduled to take place in Rome in 2023 would take place in each diocese around the world on the weekend of 16th/17th October 2021. The theme is 'Synodality' and it will seek to explore ways in which the Church can authentically embrace the synodal process at every level. The concept of synodality is an ancient one in the tradition of the church. It expresses the true nature of the Church as a people journeying together in faith in the power of the Holy spirit. It is based on the fact that all the People of God are called by virtue of baptism to be active participants in the life of the church. Pope Francis has emphasised that as a people journeying together, it is vital that we listen to one another in order to hear the promptings of the Holy Spirit. Listening challenges us to take on board opinions of others who hold different views to us. It is envisaged that consultations take place throughout every diocese to reflect on our experience of synodality (have we had an opportunity to share our views? Have we been listened to? What is needed for us to become a more Synodal Church?

Fr Conor Kelly has been appointed to lead the consultation process in our diocese. We will keep parishioners informed about the plans for our local church when they are finalised.