

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 All Saints.....31st Oct / 1st Nov2021



Blueprint for Sainthood

We are asked to emulate the lives of the saints, but how do we even begin to live our lives like one of those slightly impossible to believe-in-people whose faces we find on our church medals, cards and statues. Could they ever have been just normal people like us? Today we hear the 'Sermon On the Mount', sometimes called the 'greatest sermon of all time'. It begins with a list of revolutionary statements, which we now know as the 'Beatitudes'. The Beatitudes give us a blue print for living our lives, and a key for entering the Kingdom of God.

Be poor in spirit we are told, not allowing our lives to be governed by money or material concerns. We should be meek, always seeking to serve rather than seeking the power with which to lord it over others. Hunger for righteousness we are told, never tolerating injustice, always having the integrity to suffer for what we believe in if needs be. We should be merciful, not only with those we feel deserve mercy like the poor but with those who need our forgiveness and consideration. Are we peace-makers, or do we fuel battles against neighbours, workmates or people from different communities?

The Beatitudes are a list of ideals and challenges designed to shape our lives for the better, but are we left looking at the list and feeling that it's just too much of a tall order? As in anything that initially seems too difficult are we in danger of simply 'switching off'? On this the feast of 'All Saints' we celebrate the lives of those saints whose lives we aim to imitate. But what is interesting is that a saint is not necessarily a perfect person, but someone who has sought his or her hardest to be faithful to God. When we determine to live our lives by Jesus' ideals what matters is our commitment and integrity, not our measure of success.



Pray for those whose Birthday or Anniversary occurs around this time

Margaret (Peggie) Hartley, Joan Davis, Michael Watt, Jack Power, Pat Murnane, Dick Mahony, Breda Crotty (Special Intention), Tess Brown & her son Tom

Upcoming Masses

30th/31st Oct 2021

6th/7th Nov 2021

St. Joseph & St. Benildus

6:30 pm Vigil

John Flynn

10:00 am

Michael Byrne

12 noon

Paddy & Kitty O'Connor

Martin Lawrence

St. Mary's, Ballygunner

7.00 pm:

Gerry Coade M.M
Maureen Kavanagh

Della Keane,
Helen Walsh
Alice, Mick, Jack &
Helen Parle
Maria Cheasty
Paddy Dempsey

11.00am:

Maura Carley

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.**

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 by Tuesday 2nd Nov if they wish to attend.

Night Prayer of the Church

Night Prayer of the Church is held via Zoom 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



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.

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.

Readings for next weekend 32nd Sunday in Ordinary

Time 1 Kg 17:10-16. Ps 145:7-10. Heb 9:24-28.

Mk 12:38-44.

Prayer and Praise takes place on Thursday in the Parish Centre after 10.30am Mass. All are welcome

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.

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"He follows your 'tweets'. That's how God always knows what you're doing."

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.

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.

All Saints Holyday Masses

There will be no Vigil Masses on Sunday night (31st Oct).

- On Monday, the Feast of All Saints, Mass will be celebrated in St. Mary's at 11.00am.
- Mass will be celebrated at 7.30am and 10.30am in St. Joseph & Benildus church.

Please note: Tuesday 2nd Nov is the Feast of All Souls. It is NOT a Church holyday, so daily Masses will be at the usual times.

Holy Souls envelopes are available at the back of the church (please take one if you didn't receive one at home).

Advice to Parishes on Covid-19 Precautions –(from Irish Episcopal Conference)

Recent announcements, north and south, regarding the easing of Covid-19 restrictions offer at least some hope that the worst of the coronavirus pandemic is behind us. Among our hopes as we approach the month of November and the Season of Advent is that more of our parishioners will feel confident in gathering again with their parish community, especially for the Sunday Mass. We also continue to recommend the use of face coverings in all Church buildings and ask that people be encouraged to exercise strong personal responsibility with regard to good social distancing at all church gatherings. We are advised that Covid-19 will remain a threat, and so we will all need to be respectful and protective of the well-being of others, taking sensible precautions and allowing space to those around us.

Alpha Update ! Oct 2021

Our Alpha group have now almost completed their 10 week journey. They have explored so many serious topics and questions. Who is God ? How can we have faith?

Scripture. The problem of evil in the world. This Saturday, they gathered (via Zoom) to pray and to explore the role of the Holy Spirit in our lives. At times, we forget that we all have this hidden presence in our lives. Yes, we received the Holy Spirit at our Baptism and refreshed at Confirmation, But we can forget to call on this hidden power. This session on the Holy Spirit is an extremely important part of Alpha.

Please remember to continue to pray for Alpha guests and team.

Next Alpha season is March 2022. come and see !!
(from the Alpha team).

