

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

Thirty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Giving Our All

7th Nov 2021



Jesus sits down opposite the treasury, and watches the crowd putting money into the collecting boxes. Many rich people put in large generous looking sums, but nevertheless large sums that they can easily afford. Then along comes a poor widow and puts in two small copper coins, doubtless all she has. Jesus points out that because she has given her all, her contribution is worth far more than the rich people's contribution. Jesus teaches us a difficult lesson in generosity.

We have to give until it hurts, whether it's a giving of our money or of our time and energy. If we only give a small part of ourselves then the question we have to ask is, what is it that we are holding back, and more importantly, why?

Do we only give a fraction of our resources because we lack faith? Do we hold back from giving because we imagine that the money we give might not reach its intended destination, or that it might not make any difference? Do we hold back because we lack empathy, or have become immune to the plight of the disadvantaged? Do we hold back because we feel we have better ways to spend our money and our time? Do we hold back because we imagine there are plenty of other people better fixed to help out than us? Or do we simply hold back because we feel our own needs should come first?

It would be useful if God advised exactly what percentage of our money and time we should give, but the only clue we are given in today's gospel is that we are judged not by our outward show of generosity, but by what is in our hearts.



Pray for those whose Birthday or Anniversary occurs around this time

Dick Fitzgerald (M. M), Dick Mahony, Bridie Flynn,
Mary Cunningham, Nuala Smyles, John (Jackie) Walsh, Anna Jennings,
Margaret (Peggie) Hartley

Upcoming Masses

6th/7th Nov 2021

13th/14th Nov

St. Joseph & St. Benildus

6:30 pm Vigil

Danny O'Kane

10:00 am

12 noon

Martin Lawrence

Beryl Roche

St. Mary's, Ballygunner

7.00 pm:

Della Keane,
Helen Walsh
Alice, Mick, Jack &
Helen Parle

Liam O'Donnell,
Roseanne, Henry,
John & Nancy Sharpe

11.00am:

Maria Cheasty
Paddy Dempsey

John Foskin
Maurice Gough

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.**

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.

Irish Bishops' Pilgrimage to Knock and Mass for those who died during the pandemic

The Covid-19 pandemic has been a particularly difficult time for those who have lost loved ones and have often had to cope with their grief without many of the usual spiritual and community supports. To pastorally support everyone who has suffered the pain of bereavement during the pandemic, and in the context of the month of November as the traditional time when we remember our dead, on next Sunday, 14 November at 3.00pm, the Bishops of Ireland will undertake a pilgrimage to the International Eucharistic and Marian Shrine in Knock. The bishops will concelebrate Mass for all those who have died in our country during the pandemic, and for their families.

At the Mass the bishops will also offer prayers of thanksgiving for all those who so selflessly sacrificed so much during the pandemic. This Mass will be live-streamed on www.knockshrine.ie and broadcast on the RTÉ News Now digital television channel and online.

The bishops invite everyone to join with them in prayer on this solemn occasion.

Alpha Update ! Oct 2021

Our Alpha group have now almost completed their 10 week journey. They have explored so many serious topics and questions. Please remember to continue to pray for Alpha guests and team. Next Alpha season is March 2022. come and see !!
(from the Alpha team).



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.

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. jbmnews@gmail.com



Save the date:

FRIENDSHIP LUNCH

Monday, November 8th -

The Cove Bar at 12:30pm

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

Please ring Parish Office or just turn up

Night Prayer of the Church

Night Prayer of the Church is held via Zoom Mon to Fri from 8-8.30pm (051 878977) Log-in I.D

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Prayer requests may be sent to the parish office .



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



We appreciate all donations.



Reminder: Training and Refresher evenings for Ministers of the Word and Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist in St. Joseph & St. Benildus church

The evenings are: Tuesday, Nov 9th: Ministers of the Word/Readers

Wednesday, Nov 10th: Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

The evenings will be held in the church, beginning at 7pm, and will conclude with tea/coffee.

Advice to Parishes on Covid-19 Precautions –

(from Irish Episcopal Conference)

Among our hopes as we approach 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.

Readings for next weekend 33rd Sunday in Ordinary

Time .Dn 12:1-3. Ps 15:5, 8-11. Heb 10:11-14, 18. Mk 13:24-32.