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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

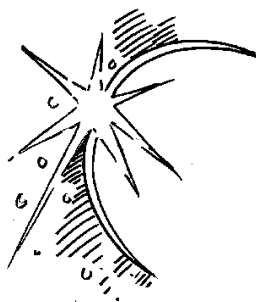
Sunday Mass:

11:00 am

Thirty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

When the Chips Are Down

14th Nov 2021



Is it human nature only to do our best when the chips are down? We work our hardest when there's an exam or an inspection on the horizon. We struggle to finish our accounts when the tax department deadline is looming. We rush round putting our house in order when visitors are announced, and sadly, many of us leave it until we are elderly or ill before we patch up relationships.

In a way we live our lives 'playing dixie', not living the way we ought all of the time, but only when we get some kind of wake up call.

Today's gospel warns us to be alert to the signs of the end of the world and the coming of judgement day, but not in a 'playing dixie' kind of way! It would be immature discipleship to prepare for judgment day only when we suspect that we are close to the end of life. In any case we are warned that we do not know the hour or the day of the world's end, and therefore we must live every day as though it were our last. We do not aim to live in a state of permanent fear of being caught out, but because we know that abiding by Jesus' teaching is the most fruitful way to live.

The trick is, to prioritise on a daily basis. How much of what we do is 'life and death'? How much of what we do is genuinely important? Everything in the heavens and earth will pass away. Everything that we consider important will end, but Christ's teaching, and God's priorities will endure.

Upcoming Masses

13th/14th Nov

20th/21st Nov 2021

St. Joseph & St. Benildus

6:30 pm Vigil

Danny O'Kane

Gerard Hogan
Georgina Butler
May Keohan
May Power

10:00 am

P.J Moloney

12 noon

Beryl Roche

Margaret (Rita) Stack

St. Mary's, Ballygunner

7.00 pm:

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

Frank O'Sullivan
Christopher & Teresa Harrington
John, Ann Jim & Margaret
Morrissey

11.00am:

John Foskin
Maurice Gough
M.M Ross Daniels

M.M Tony Murphy
Tom Broderick Snr.,
Michael Kiely
Marilyn Brennan



Pray for those whose Birthday or Anniversary occurs around this time

Nuala Smyles, Anna Jennings, Anne Hearne, Arthur Blake,
Philip & Noel Brady, May Barriscale,
Deceased members of the St. Joseph & Benildus Bridge Club,
Barbara Costigan & Costigan family

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

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 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.

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.

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

NEWS ITEMS

The Newsletter Team would be delighted to receive News Items (of a non-commercial nature) that may be of interest to the parish community.
Please contact jbmnews@gmail.com by the Tuesday before printing.

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.

Reminder: Training and Refresher evenings for Ministers of the Word and Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist in St. Mary's, Ballygunner

The evenings are

Tues, Nov 16th : Ministers of the Word/Readers
Thurs, Nov 18th : Extra-ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist.

The evenings will begin at 7.00pm in the church, and will conclude with tea / coffee.

Readings for next weekend Christ, King of the Universe : Dn 7:13-14. Ps 92:1-2, 5. Apoc 1:5-8. Jn 18:33-37.

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 9435884859

Prayer requests may be sent to the parish office .



Trócaire : Emergency Collection for East Africa



Trócaire will be collecting at Mass this weekend to fund humanitarian work in east Africa where millions of people have been pushed "to the very edge of starvation".

The Irish Catholic Bishops have launched an emergency appeal to support Trócaire's work and expressed "deep concern" at the triple threat of Covid-19, climate change and conflict.

Up to 30 million people in Ethiopia, Somalia, South Sudan and South Kordofan are struggling in the face of life-threatening food shortages and rising costs. Trócaire is responding in east Africa targeting the most vulnerable, including children, the elderly, people with disabilities and those who have been displaced from their homes by climate change and conflict. In the countries where Trócaire works, less than 5% of people have been vaccinated and infection rates are up to 50%. An additional 200 million people have fallen into poverty globally because of the Covid-19 crisis. Wealthier countries, while protecting their most vulnerable citizens, also have a moral responsibility to ensure that the populations of developing countries have equal, rapid and effective access to Covid-19 vaccine coverage,
Info from Trócaire CEO Caoimhe de Barra, and Chair of Trócaire Bishop William Crea