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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

First Sunday of Advent

Beware Fake Santas.

Nov 28th 2021

The trouble with Advent is that Christmas comes at the end.

We know that Advent is a time for taking stock, but with Christmas just around the corner, we're far too busy with shopping lists to think about the state of our souls.

It seems obvious that we should spend our lives in preparation for the final judgement day, but it is all too easy to take our eye off the ball. Life heaps demands on us day in and day out. We spend each and every day taking the children to school, going to work, cleaning the house, shopping, cooking, cleaning, fixing the car and paying the bills. At this time of year in particular it is easy to get swamped in the things that the TV ads convince us we must do before Christmas. We end up feeling trapped and unable to see the bigger picture. All of a sudden it's too late. We never get to do the things we know we should have done.

The gospel paints a frightening picture of the end of the world, but it is not meant to terrify us. Rather, the signs of the second coming are there to liberate us.

Advent is a time of waiting and of looking forward. We are looking forward not just to Christmas but to the second coming of Jesus. The signs of the second coming are there to liberate us from the material preparations of Christmas and all the other things that weigh us down. We are invited to take a step back from our fraught lives and take a long-term view. We are asked to find time to see the bigger picture. How much of what we do is important, and how much of what we do is not only a waste of time, but a waste of life.

It would be a pity to get to the other side of Christmas only to realise that a host of fake Santas had distracted us from contemplating the real direction of our lives.

Upcoming Masses

27th/28th Nov 2021

4th/5th Dec 2021

St. Joseph & St. Benildus

6:30 pm Vigil

Alison Tierney,
Anne Tierney

Micheál White
Freddy Hennessy & the little
angels

10:00 am

Anthea O'Donoghue

Nancy O'Gorman
Agnes Lea

12 noon

Bernie (Bridget)
Dunphy

Mary Smith

St. Mary's, Ballygunner

7.00 pm:

Harry, Maureen &
Maria Sharpe
Susan Flavin

Peter Grant
Rosie & Paddy Morrissey

11.00am:

Nicholas & Joan Phelan
John & Eileen Mooney

Richard & Kathleen Power
Kevin Doyle



Pray for those whose Birthday or Anniversary occurs around this time

Michael Walsh, Elizabeth Moynihan,
Peg & Paddy Hanley, Margaret & Helen Power, Jo White

All Masses can be viewed via livestream:

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



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APPEAL FOR ASSISTANCE WITH STEWARDING

Due to the increase in Covid numbers we are asking for your support for our Christmas Masses.

As priests, we are happy to celebrate two extra Masses, but this can only happen if we have stewards.

Your gift of stewarding will help others to celebrate Christmas Mass in Church.

Please contact the office if you are available. (878 977)

First Communion Preparation

The first of the "Do This in Memory of Me" Masses for pupils in Ballygunner N.S. will take place on the weekend of December 4th & 5th. Pupils and their parents will attend both the 7.00pm and 11.00am Mass in St. Mary's, Ballygunner, that weekend.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR, CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

- 1st Prize : Ladies or Gents Bicycle
- 2nd Prize : 43" Smart T. V.
- 3rd Prize : Christmas Hamper
- 4th Prize: Wine Hamper
- 5th Prize : Ryanair Voucher
- 6th Prize : Home Made Christmas Cake
- 7th Prize : Prestige Slow Cooker
- 8th Prize : Tassimo (Coffee Machine).

Draw : 19th December @ 12.30pm

IF YOU ARE NOT IN, YOU CAN'T WIN !

Tickets available now in the office and after the weekend Masses on Sunday 12th December. Tickets €2 each or a book of 6 for €10

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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 for more information.

Readings for next weekend Second Sunday of Advent . Bar 5:1-9. Ps 125. Phil 1:3-6, 8-11. Lk 3:1-6.

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

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ADVENT LECTIO DIVINA

We invite you to join us via Zoom for reflection and prayer on the Sunday Gospels of Advent

Come and See

Thursday nights
8.00pm - 8.30pm

Link for Zoom meeting 9435884859

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Night Prayer of the Church

Night Prayer of the Church is held via Zoom

Mon to Fri from 8-8.30pm

Log-in I.D 9435884859

Prayer requests may be sent to the parish office (051 878977)



Care of Our Common Home : Eco- Tip

Little by little we are picking up our Christmas supplies. If you are choosing your wrapping paper over the next couple of weeks, take care to choose plain paper, Not foil and Not paper with glitter. Buy your paper with recycling in mind.