

# 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 ( unless on a Sat )**

6:30 vigil, 7.30 am & 10:30 am

**Night Prayer** 8 pm - 8.30 pm ( via  
Zoom only )

**Saturday Vigil Mass:** 6:30 pm

**Sunday Mass:**

10:00 am & 12:00 noon

### St. Mary's

**Saturday Vigil Mass:** 7:00 pm

**Sunday Mass:**

11:00 am

**Holy Days**

11:00 am

## The 7.30am Mass

**Mon—Fri has resumed  
in St. Joseph & Benildus  
church**

## Gospel Reflection for the Baptism of the Lord New Beginnings

09 Jan 2022



Now when all the people were baptised, and when Jesus also had been baptised and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

This is a great moment for Jesus, a moment when he receives affirmation from God his Father. For the rest of us it is also a momentous occasion. This is the beginning of Jesus' public ministry and a promise of great things to follow. What a shame that our own baptisms aren't as momentous. At best we might have got a party, though of course we were far too young to share the sausage rolls and champagne. Perhaps there's a bit of video footage somewhere in the loft, but it's not likely that we got doves from heaven or God's voice from the clouds. This doesn't however make our baptism unimportant.

Jesus' baptism came at the start of his public ministry and marked a new beginning for us all. The story invites us to look at our own beginnings in light of Jesus' ministry. What have we made of our lives so far? Is there anything we can point to that we feel might have particularly pleased God? Perhaps we have done nothing to please God. Perhaps we have made rather a rocky start. Perhaps we haven't done much to be proud of at all. It doesn't matter; coming so close to the beginning of the year, this feast day is a perfect invitation to start again.

The second thing we learn from this gospel reading is that Jesus was not alone; he was enabled by the Holy Spirit who descended in the bodily form of a dove. The really exciting news is that according to John, we too receive the Holy Spirit in our baptism. We are not alone in our struggles. We too are enabled. That's a genuinely powerful belief.

As we begin yet another new year, we set about facing our challenges with a renewed courage and a renewed faith in the Holy Spirit. We begin again with an appreciation that our baptism is more than just a distant childhood memory.

<i>Upcoming Masses</i>	<b>08/09 Jan 2022</b>	<b>15/16 Jan 2022</b>
<b><i>St. Joseph &amp; St. Benildus</i></b>		
6:30 pm Vigil	Paul Rogers	James & Esther Hoey
10:00 am	Paddy Troy	Aidan & Margaret O'Reilly
12 noon	Barbara & Donal Costigan Evelyn Hayes	Michael Wallis Gerry Harrington
<b><i>St. Mary's, Ballygunner</i></b>		
7.00 pm:	Sissie Gough	John Gear Lily Gaffney Anna O'Sullivan
11.00am:	Joseph V. Augustine	Tom Mulcahy



## Pray for those whose Birthday or Anniversary occurs around this time

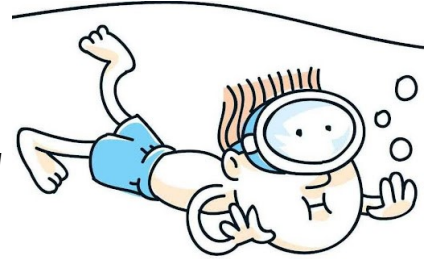
Michael Lane, Barbara Costigan,  
Ellen Cunningham, Tom Sheridan,  
Tom Dolan, Elizabeth O'Hegarty,  
Peggy Brett

## Best wishes to Fr. Liam

The Newsletter Team would like to wish Fr. Liam a very rewarding sabbatical in the U.S. He will be away for the Spring semester, beginning Jan 10th and finishing at the end of April. We wish him all the best and look forward to his return !! **Go n'éirí an bóthar leis**

## Ishiara Sponsored Swim

Sincere thanks to all who participated and contributed to the sponsored swim in aid of our partner parish of Ishiara, Kenya. So far, over €4000 has been raised. The swim took place on St. Stephen's day at 12noon in Councillor's Strand, Dunmore East and a simultaneous event took place in Curracloe, Co. Wexford. We will have a final figure in the next few weeks. The money raised will go to help the projects being undertaken in Ishiara, which are supported by our parish.



## 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 943 588 4859



## Readings for Sunday 16th Jan: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 62:1-5. Ps 95:1-3, 7-10. 1 Cor 12:4-11. Jn 2:1-11



## CORONAVIRUS HELPLINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE

**0818 222 024**

If you have concerns or queries about COVID-19  
call ALONE's dedicated support line everyday, 8am - 8pm.  
To volunteer your help, visit [www.alone.ie](http://www.alone.ie)

## ALPHA ON LINE VIA ZOOM

BEGINNING THURSDAY FEB 3RD 2022!  
8PM - 9.15PM FOR 10 WEEKS



WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US VIRTUALLY AS WE EXPLORE  
QUESTIONS LIKE:

DOES GOD REALLY EXIST?  
HOW DO WE COPE WITH PANDEMIC?  
WHO WAS THE HISTORICAL JESUS?  
WHAT IS FAITH AND WHERE ARE WE ON THAT JOURNEY?

COME AND EXPERIENCE OUR GATHERING IN A VERY  
DIFFERENT WAY! IT IS ALSO AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET  
OTHERS AND EXPLORE TOGETHER...EVERYONE WELCOME!

CONTACT PARISH OFFICE 051 878977


IF YOU ARE UNSURE ABOUT ZOOM - LET US HELP YOU WITH A  
PERSONAL SESSION BEFORE ALPHA BEGINS!

## Friendship Lunch Cancelled

Unfortunately, due to the ongoing Covid situation, the  
Friendship Lunch on Jan 10th has been cancelled.

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.**

## Bitesize

The obstacles of your past can become the  
gateways that lead to new beginnings.

Ralph Blum

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday	9am to 5:00pm	Lunch 1-2pm
Tuesday	9am to 5:00pm	Lunch 1-2pm
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Thursday	9am to 2.30pm	Lunch 1-2pm.
Friday	9am to 5:00pm	Lunch 1-2pm
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