

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

Readings :4thSunday in Ordinary Time (30/01)

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19.

Ps 70:1-6, 15, 17.

1 Cor 12:31-13:13

Lk 4:21-30

Gospel Reflection for the Third Sunday Ordinary Time
Great Words

23/01/2022



Everyone loves listening to a great orator. Everyone appreciates an orator's ability to captivate and inspire audiences with powerful and motivational speeches. Great speeches create a sense of purpose and continuity. Successful orators recognise that great truths can be remembered best by one small quote. Keeping things short and succinct will make one's words more memorable than a great big rambling speech. Then of course it takes a big personality to put the weight of truth and integrity behind his or her words.

When Jesus is invited to stand up and preach back at his own hometown synagogue he chooses his reading with care. What Jesus chooses to read is to be a statement about his own mission priorities. He chooses to speak of social injustice. "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me," he reads, "... because he has anointed me to proclaim glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, sight to the blind, freedom to the oppressed." Then Jesus points to himself as the fulfilment of the ancient prophecy before handing back the scroll and sitting down.

Jesus has obeyed all the rules of public speaking, he has considered the purpose of his reading, chosen words that will best convey his purpose, and delivered them powerfully and succinctly.

How will Jesus' listeners respond to his claim? Today's reading doesn't give us the listeners' response so we have time to imagine what our own response would have been. Would we have been inspired and motivated to hear Jesus speak these words? Would we suddenly see the ancient prophecy as just that, an ancient prophecy, or as mission to be fulfilled under Jesus' exciting new leadership? Can we hear the poetry of these words resonating two thousand years later?

Upcoming Masses

22nd/23rd Jan 2022

29th/30th Jan 2022

St. Joseph & St. Benildus

6:30 pm Vigil

M.M Brenda McElroy

M.M Elizabeth Hale

Carmel & Dearbhla Clarke

10:00 am

Geraldine Walsh

Ernie Walsh

John Kennedy

12 noon

Jack Deegan

Seán Caraway

Niall Byrne

Kate Hennessy

St. Mary's, Ballygunner

7.00 pm:

Michael Carroll

John O'Connor

11.00am:

Michael Flavin



Pray for those whose Birthday or Anniversary occurs around this time

Jack Deegan, Ernie Walsh, Joe Haran, Jimmy O'Neill, Tom Leahy, John Leahy, Peter Gannon, James Kinsella.

Deceased members of the Daly Family: Eddie, Ellen, Jim, Pdraig, Maura.

and for those whose Month's Mind occurs: Brenda McElroy, Elizabeth Hale.

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

Prayer requests can be submitted through the parish office 051 878977



First Holy Communion Preparation

Do This in Memory of Me

On Saturday evening, January 29th, First Communion pupils from St John of God School will attend the 6.30pm Mass in Sts. Joseph & Benildus Church as part of their preparation for Holy Communion. There will be more people at that Mass, so if you wish to attend a different Mass that weekend, please do so.

NEWS ITEMS

Please contact : jbmnews@gmail.com

OR the Parish Office by lunchtime on the Tuesday before printing, if you wish to have items included in the following weekend's Newsletter.

Lectio Divina: Want to include more scripture in your life this new year?

Join us for *lectio divina*.

We read, pray, and share about the Gospel for the coming Sunday. Cuppa too!

Join us any week you are available.

Resuming 3rd February. Thursdays, 7:30-9:00pm Sacred Heart Parish Centre, The Folly.

Questions? 087-4042785 or waterford@ascjus.org

SENIORS ALERT SCHEME : What is it?

Its purpose is to enable older persons of limited means to continue to live securely in their homes. Older people get a free personal alarm or pendant. When pressed, it connects wirelessly to a base unit, usually attached to a phone. The base unit contacts a 24hour monitoring centre.

Simply contact a local community or voluntary group operating the scheme and they will apply on your behalf. A List of approved registered groups is on the

Pobal website: www.pobal.ie

Contact Family Carers Ireland 051 872626

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday 9am to 5:00pm Lunch 1-2pm

Tuesday 9am to 5:00pm Lunch 1-2pm

Wednesday 9am to 5.00pm Lunch 1-2pm

Thursday 9am to 2..30pm Lunch 1-2pm.

Friday 9am to 5.00pm Lunch 1-2pm

Phone: 051 878977

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Grandparents' Day,

Wednesday 26th January 2022

As part of Catholic Schools Week, the First Holy Communion pupils of St. John of God School will attend the 10.30am Mass in Sts. Joseph & Benildus Church on Wednesday 26th January along with their grandparents. As a result, more people than usual will be present at that Mass, so if you wish to attend a different Mass on that day, please do so.

St. Mary's Ballygunner Rotas

The Rotas for Ministers of the Word and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist in St. Mary's is available in the Sacristy.

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.

New Series: Hear what all the buzz is about!

The Chosen is a dynamic series on the life of Jesus.

We'll watch one episode each week and have time for sharing and a cuppa too!

Tuesdays (1st February – 29th March) 2:00-3:30 pm St. John's Pastoral Centre, Waterford City.

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You need to register for this so please do this by calling 087-4042785.

Bitesize

Speak properly, and in as few words as you can, but always plainly; for the end of speech is not ostentation, but to be understood.

William Penn (English religious leader) 1644—1718