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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 :5thSunday in Ordinary Time (06/02)

Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalm 137:1-5, 7-8, R/v1

I Corinthians 15:1-11

Luke 5: 1-11

Gospel Reflection for the Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

30th Jan 2022

Pitfalls of a Prophet



There's an old saying, "An expert is someone who carries a briefcase and works two hundred miles from home." The saying finds resonance in Jesus' own words, "No prophet is accepted in his own native place".

In today's reading Jesus is invited to preach back in his hometown synagogue. At first, Jesus' audience are impressed, but then they start to mutter to each other. Surely this is just the son of Joseph the carpenter! When this truth dawns on them they are enraged and drive him out of town. It doesn't matter how successful or famous or distinguished one has become, once you return home you will always be that little runny nosed seven year old who refused to wash behind his ears.

The readings over the Epiphany season are all about human kind coming to understand who Jesus is and what he is about. In particular, the readings tell us how this understanding is communicated. Jesus was an excellent communicator, but not even he was free of prejudice. The business of communicating with others on the subject of God is not without problems and pitfalls. There is nothing elite about being a prophet. A prophet is anyone who stands up and speaks the truth. As Christians we are all required to stand up for the truth. There is plenty of injustice in the world to speak out against, but before speaking out, we are warned of the pitfalls. Today's gospel warns us of the pitfall of familiarity breeding contempt. What other pitfalls might we encounter in speaking out? It is easy for instance to imagine that everyone's faith should be the same as one's own. Might we misjudge the mood, readiness or interest of our audience? Might we be tempted to patronize, or worse, bore out listeners?

For two thousand years inspirational communicators have stood up in Jesus' wake and amplified his words. Today we are invited to choose our own words, weigh up our audience, examine the pitfalls and add our voice.

Upcoming Masses

29th/30th Jan 2022

5th/6th February

St. Joseph & St. Benildus

6:30 pm Vigil

Liam O'Connell

10:00 am

John Kennedy

James & Eugene Power

12 noon

Kate Hennessy

Maureen Kelly

St. Mary's, Ballygunner

7.00 pm:

John O'Connor

Michael & Kathleen Conway

11.00am:

Michael Flavin
John & Stasia Meade

Davy Doyle
Damien Upton



Pray for those whose Birthday or Anniversary occurs around this time

Philip O'Keeffe, Marie & Fred Levis, Peter Gannon,
Sheelagh Byrne, and Kathleen Conway

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



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.

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.

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.

A Message of Thanks : St. Vincent de Paul

We would like to take a moment to thank
everyone who supported Vincent De Paul over
the Christmas period.

We are moved by people's generous acts of
charity, and you continue to make a real difference
in the lives of those less fortunate in our
community.

God Bless,
Liam O'Connor.

(conference chairman)



Candlemas, February 2nd



Candlemas is a traditional Christian festival that
commemorates the ritual purification of Mary forty
days after the birth of her son. The Feast of Purifi-
cation is called 'Candlemas' because that was the
day on which the year's supply of candles for the
church were blessed. Christians were observing 'Candlemas' in
Jerusalem as early as the fourth century A.D. By the middle of the
fifth century, candles were lit on this day to symbolize that Jesus
Christ was the light, the truth and the way.

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

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

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

The Blessing of St Blaise : Weds. 3rd February

For many decades Catholics sought this annual 'St.

Blaise blessing' for their throats.

"Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and
martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the
throat and from every other evil. In the Name of the
Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."
St. Blaise died in 315A.D. He was bishop of Sebaste
and was martyred in Armenia. Tradition says that he
was a physician before becoming a bishop. Since the
8th century he has been venerated as patron of
those who suffer from disease of the throat.

There will be a "Blessing of the Throats" in Sts. Joseph &
Benildus church after both Masses that day.

Bitesize

Familiarity breeds contempt, while rarity wins admiration.
Apuleius Roman philosopher, rhetorician, & satirist (124 AD -
170 AD)