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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 :6thSunday in Ordinary Time (13/02)

Jer 17:5-8.

Ps 1:1-4, 6.

1 Cor 15:12, 16-20.

Lk 6:17, 20-26.

Gospel Reflection for the Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

God's Helping Hand

6th Feb 2022



It is tempting to think that today's gospel is about rushing about to see how many people we can convert. The wider implication holds a deeper meaning.

Jesus is telling us that when we are feeling broken and disheartened, God is there to put us back on track. A relationship has hit rock bottom, and although we agree to go to counselling, in our heart of hearts we can't believe that there is a way forward. We have stuck in the same job for years, a job that was once fruitful, but has now become an exercise in going through

the motions. Someone we have loved has died and taken with them any hope of the bright future we once lived for. Suddenly there is no light at the end of the tunnel.

We have all been in situations like these. We all know what it's like to face loss or the pain of defeat. We know that picking ourselves up is difficult impossible even. The last thing we want to do is to try again. To try again would only result in further pain and further disappointment.

Peter must have felt something like this when he spent all night fishing only to pull up empty nets. When Jesus tells him to put out into deeper water and lay down the nets again, Peter is sceptical. The last thing he wants to do is set himself up for further defeat, but he trusts Jesus enough to give it one more try. The rest of the story is an inspiration. Peter catches more fish than his net can carry. He recognises the hand of God and immediately feels unworthy. "Leave me Lord," he says, "I am a sinful man." Fortunately Jesus is not worried that Peter is a sinner, he can see Peter's true worth.

What if God was to notice your worth? What if he worked a miracle in a part of your life where you thought all was lost? Would you recognise God's hand, and would you give him credit? Being a fisher of men doesn't necessarily mean notching up conversions like an award winning sales man. Being a fisher of men means letting other people know how your faith has helped you through difficulties. Being a fisher of men means letting other people know that God could put their lives back on track. We need to trust in God and recognise his helping hand.

Upcoming Masses

5th/6th Feb 2022

12/13th Feb 2022

St. Joseph & St. Benildus

6:30 pm Vigil

Liam O'Connell

Do This in Memory

10:00 am

James & Eugene Power

Paddy Doyle

12 noon

Maureen Kelly
Eileen Power

M.M William Murphy
Monica & Dick Kervick

St. Mary's, Ballygunner

7.00 pm:

Michael & Kathleen Conway

Francis & baby Thomas
O'Keeffe

11.00am:

Davy Doyle
Damien Upton

Ann Collins
Desmond Kelly



Pray for those whose Birthday or Anniversary occurs around this time

Noel Cooke, Gerard & Tish Sheridan,
Mary Frances Keane, Ann & Adrian Neijenhuis, O'Hegarty Family

ALPHA ON LINE VIA ZOOM

BEGAN ON THURSDAY FEB 3RD 2022!

The sessions are held from 8PM -9.15PM and will run for ten 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 .

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

This weekend *St. Vincent de Paul* will take up its monthly collections at all Masses in both churches.



We appreciate all donations.

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.**

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

Friday 11th February is World Day of the Sick. Special prayers will be said in Sts. Joseph & Benildus Church at the 10.30am Mass. All welcome.

Commitment Ceremony : St. John of God School

Congratulations and best wishes to the pupils of St. John of God School who will have their Commitment Ceremony in Sts. Joseph & Benildus Church on Thursday 10th February at 7pm.

First Holy Communion preparation Do This In Memory Of Me

On Saturday 12th February, pupils from Newtown School who are preparing for their First Holy Communion will attend the 6.30pm Mass in Sts. Joseph & Benildus Church. As a result, there will be more people at that Mass, so if you wish to attend a different Mass that weekend, please do so.

Tarsus Scripture School Programme for Lent and Easter 2022



In this year's programme, we focus on the portrait of Jesus as prophet and the story of salvation in Luke—Acts. There will be 9 presentations, one webinar and one meditation session.

Cost is 30€ per household.

Registration :

www.tarsusscriptureschool.ie

Going live : 22 March 2022

Bitesize

Sometimes you feel like giving up, but then you look at other people who have given up, and the results aren't that good. *Robert Brault*

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
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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.