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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 :7thSunday in

Ordinary Time (20/02)

I Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-
23. Ps 102:1-4, 8,10,12-
13. ICor 15:45-49.
Lk 6:27-38

Sunday, February 13, 2022

The readings for the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C are all about being blessed, which might also be translated happy or lucky. The gospel reading is from the Sermon on the Plain in the Gospel of Luke. The Beatitudes given in this gospel include both blessings and woes.

In the first reading we hear that those who trust in God are blessed and will bear fruit. In the second reading Paul reminds us that our hope is in the risen Christ. In the gospel Jesus turns upside down the notion of what it means to be blessed by giving us the Beatitudes.

In some ways our society is not that dissimilar to Jewish society at the time of Jesus. The world values power, wealth, fame, the esteem of others, and such. But if those things get in the way of loving and serving God and his people, then they are a curse rather than a blessing.

We may think that we can purchase products which will increase our happiness and give us satisfaction. But despite rampant consumerism, many are still empty. So we continue to try to fill ourselves with comfort and wealth. But that leads to the danger of being so focused on ourselves that we forget about the needs of other.

The blessings in the beatitudes show us how to grow closer to God. They tell us not to focus on our own comfort and our own abilities. This is the warning in the reading from Jeremiah also. Instead of believing in our own strength and power we need to understand our dependence on God and trust in him to care for us.

Reflection Questions

- Do I trust more in myself or in God?
- Is there an area of my life where I seek my own comfort over God?
- Which of the Beatitudes am I drawn to today? Why?

Blessed are the poor in spirit ... theirs is the kingdom of heaven

Blessed are the mourning ... they will be comforted

Blessed are the meek ... they will inherit the land

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness ... they will be satisfied

Blessed are the merciful ... they will receive mercy

Blessed are the clean in heart ... they will see God

Blessed are those who work for peace ... they will be called children of God

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness ... theirs is the kingdom of heaven

Upcoming Masses

12/13th Feb 2022

19/20 Feb 2022

St. Joseph & St. Benildus

6:30 pm Vigil

Do This in Memory

Maeve Twomey

10:00 am

Paddy Doyle

Rodger Reynolds (1st Ann)

12 noon

M.M William Murphy
Monica & Dick Kervick

Mary O'Beirne

St. Mary's, Ballygunner

7.00 pm:

Francis & baby Thomas
O'Keeffe

11.00am:

Ann Collins
Desmond Kelly

George Harvey



Pray for those whose Birthday or Anniversary occurs around this time

Ethel & Jack Warren, Noel Kavanagh, Daniel O'Connell,

Eddie & Delia Grant, Michael Quillinan

For those whose Month's Mind occurs: William Murphy

Update on ALPHA in our parish, February 2022



A big Thank You to all our parishioners who have been praying for our ALPHA guests and team. Prayer is essential as

we journey together.

This season of ALPHA is now full !!

However, we invite anyone interested in ALPHA to give your name to the parish office for our next season, beginning in September.

A special word of thanks to everyone attending our Night Prayer—your support with prayer is invaluable.

As a Parish, let us continue to pray for the ALPHA team and guests.

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



Friendship Lunch is recommencing on Monday 14th February 2022 at 12.30 pm in the Cove Bar, Dunmore Road, Waterford.

Commitment Ceremonies : Ballygunner
Congratulations and best wishes to the pupils of Ballygunner school who will have their Commitment Ceremonies at 7pm on the following dates:
Ballygunner A : Monday 14th Feb
Ballygunner B : Tuesday 15th Feb
Ballygunner C : Wednesday 16th Feb.



Bridge Club

The Bridge Club will recommence on Tuesday March 1st in The Parish Centre from 7.30—10.30pm.
Contact Catherine O'Keeffe 083 843 8114 for further details.

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.

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 week-end's Newsletter.

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



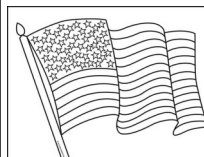
PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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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News from Fr. Liam



Fr. Liam is on Sabbatical in Berkeley, California, having been encouraged by Bishop Phonsie to apply for the Renewal Programme at the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley. He has signed up for the Spring Semester, so it's back to student life, living in student accommodation, attending classes and tutorials. After 42 years of Ministry he feels privileged to be afforded such an opportunity to update and renew theologically and spiritually, and is settling in well to life in sunny California ! We look forward to his return at the end of April.

64th Waterford & Lismore Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 2022

5 Nights Full Board: 8th—13th June 2022

- Fly from Cork to Lourdes
- Optional return Coach to Cork Airport €27pp.
- Single Supp €33/€38 per night
- Walking Tour of Lourdes
- Daily programme
- Daily Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

From €729pps fully inclusive.

Enquiries: Joe Walsh Tours 01 2410800

Email info@joewalshstours.ie

In the interest of Health & Safety, it has been decided that this year no Assisted Pilgrims will be taken to the Acceuil. Hopefully 2023 will see a return to normal. All Staff and Pilgrims must be happy and capable of staying in hotels. There will be a full daily programme for the 5 days. Booking is open and can be made by contacting JWT (details above).

There will Not be a Lourdes Office in Waterford this year.

