

# PARISH OF ST. JOSEPH, ST. BENILDUS & ST. MARY'S

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## Mass & 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 :2nd Sunday in Lent ( 013/03)

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18.

Ps 26:1, 7-9, 13-14.

Phil 3:17-4:1.

Lk 9:28-36.

## Gospel Reflection for the First Sunday of Lent

6th Mar 2022

### **Tempted to Distraction?**



*If we are not criminals, and we don't particularly consider ourselves to be sinners, do we really need to worry about the devil, or the dangers of temptation? If the temptations in our lives are simply to sit at the computer too long, or indulge in the odd tittle, how much does that really matter?*

*On the first Sunday of Lent we are always treated to the same lesson. We are asked to consider what we are about, how the devil might put spanners in the works, and what we can do about it. Today the devil finds Jesus in the wilderness. He finds him when he is hungry and weak and tempts him with attractive options, food, fame and protection. We don't see Jesus dithering, not even for a minute. Jesus is able to put the temptation behind him because he knows what he is about. Jesus understands his mission and it isn't about materialistic benefit or power. Jesus is able to put aside the temptation because he is confident that the same Holy Spirit that has taken him into the wilderness will lead him back out.*

*The wilderness comes in all shapes and sizes. For us it could be moments when we're feeling lost, broken, unloved, tired or overburdened. In these moments of weakness this is when we are most at danger. These are moments when the devil can come to us offering comfortable and attractive options. Comfortable and attractive options can tempt us to make poor decisions; decisions that provide distractions. The devil can be subtle. Temptations rarely lead the majority of us into crime or even into sin. Being tempted to finish off a bottle of wine or spend longer than we ought on Facebook doesn't seem so bad, but are the tens of little distractions we succumb to each and every day taking us away from who we really are, and from what is genuinely important?*

*Every day the Holy Spirit is guiding us towards our specific missions in life. Do we say 'yes' to the work God has lined up for us, or do we fall for all those comfortable little distractions?*

## Upcoming Masses

5th/6th Mar 2022

12/13 Mar 2022

### **St. Joseph & St. Benildus**

6:30 pm Vigil

Gerard & Tish Sheridan

John Hogan

10:00 am

Betty Wadding

Patrick White

12 noon

Breda & Michael O'Hanlon  
M.M Catherine O'Connell

Breda Gormley

### **St. Mary's, Ballygunner**

7.00 pm:

Jack & Bridget Tierney  
& baby Kayla Tierney

11.00am:

Bernard Hayes

Mary & John Lyons



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

Thomas & Mary Kennedy, Oliver Power, Ellen Glasheen

## For those recently deceased :

Alice Power (née Gaynor)

Carrie Barry (U.K)

Eileen Dowley ( nee Devitt)

**For those whose Month's Mind occurs:** Catherine O'Connell

### Changes to COVID restrictions

From Monday, Feb 28th, the wearing of masks became optional as more restrictions were removed. However, those who wish to wear masks in our churches are welcome to do so. Sanitisers will remain in place for some time to come. We look forward to welcoming more of our parishioners back to church over the coming weeks and months

### 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](mailto:info@joewalshstours.ie)

*In the interest of Health & Safety, it has been decided that this year no Assisted Pilgrims will be taken to the Accueil. 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.*



### Night Prayer

“Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am with you “ (Matt 18:20)

With Lent starting on Wednesday, we invite you to join

us for Night Prayer

( Mon—Fri,  
8.00—8.25pm).

Approximately 20/25

people gather on Zoom for

music, reflection and Psalm.

Have no fear, no one is obliged to

speak ! Why not give it a go?

Log in I.D : 943 588 4859



### First Communion Class, Ballygunner

On Saturday, March 12th, and Sunday March 13th, the First Communion pupils from Ballygunner NS will attend the Sunday Masses as part of their preparation for First Holy Communion

### First Confession

Over this coming week, pupils from each of the primary schools in the parish will make their First Confession/ Penance in preparation for First Holy Communion. We keep our pupils in our prayers this week as they prepare for these important sacraments, sacraments which they can repeat throughout their lives.



**Anam Cara Waterford** is launching a monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Tuesday 8th March at 7:20pm in the Woodlands Hotel, Waterford. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. Please contact us on [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) or 085 2888 888 for any queries.

The monthly SVP collection will take place after Masses in the parish this weekend.



Thank you for your continued generosity.



### Bridge Club

The Bridge Club resumed 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](mailto: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.

### 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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