



Parish of St Joseph & St Benildus & St Mary

SUNDAY 29 DECEMBER 2024 - THE HOLY FAMILY



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PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS

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PARISH SHOP OPENING HOURS

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NEWSLETTER EMAIL ITEMS

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BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS & CERTIFICATE REQUESTS

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FACEBOOK PAGE

www.facebook.com/josephandbenildus/

LIVE STREAMING OF MASSES

St. Joseph & Benildus Church

<https://www.mcn.live/Camera/st-joseph-and-st-benildus-waterford>

St. Mary's Church

<https://www.mcn.live/Camera/st-marys-church-waterford>

MASS & SERVICE TIMES

St Joseph & St Benildus Church

Mass: Sunday

5.45 pm Vigil (Saturday)
10.00 am - Children's Liturgy Mass
12.00 noon

Mass: Monday to Friday

7.30 am & 10.30 am

Mass: Saturday

10.30 am & Novena Prayer

Holydays of Obligation

5.45 pm Vigil, 7.30 am & 10.30 am

Confessions

Saturday after 10.30 am Mass

St Mary's Church, Ballygunner

Mass: Sunday

7.15 pm Vigil (Saturday)

10.45 am

Holydays of Obligation

10.45 am

BOOKING MASS INTENTIONS

All intentions must be made through the Parish Office only, either in person or by telephone.

SAFEGUARDING

The Safeguarding Representatives for the Parish of St. Joseph & St Benildus & St. Mary's are Michael Maher and Mary O'Sullivan. If you have a safeguarding concern, contact the Diocesan Designated Liaison Person, Fr John Harris at 087 966 1959 or Anne Walsh at 089 485 8845.

LOOP INDUCTION SYSTEM

Hearing aid users at St. Joseph & Benildus Church: digital aids work automatically, while others should switch to "T" for clear PA sound.

NO ADORATION on Wednesday 1st January. Resuming on Wednesday 8th January 2025.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Patrick (Paddy) Keating, Three Gables, Dunmore Road, Waterford

ANNIVERSARIES / REMEMBRANCE

Michael, Mary & Catherine Hearne, Billy Hearne, Liam Flynn, Bryan Fitzgerald, Richard & Maureen Dunne, Josephine Murphy, Jim & Eileen Jackman, Des Kelly

REMEMBERING IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEKEND 28/29 DECEMBER 2024

St. Joseph & St. Benildus Church, Newtown

5.45 pm: Joan Sheedy (1st Anniversary)
Niall Larkin (Anniversary)
(Special Intention)

10.00 am:

12 Noon: Mary Burke (Anniversary)
Michael & Eileen Kearney (Anniversary)
Bea Kearney (Remembrance)

St. Mary's Church, Ballygunner

7.15 pm: Pierce Dower (Anniversary)
John & Bridget Keane (Anniversary)
Fr. Pat Burrows (Anniversary)
Fr. Joe Cullen (Anniversary)

10.45 am: Tony Clancy (Month's Mind)
Michael (Micheál) Brennan (Month's Mind)
Nicholas (Nicky) Kennedy (1st Anniversary)
Colm O'Connell & deceased members of the O'Connell & Rose families (Remembrance)

CHURCH COLLECTION

21/22 December - € 2,793

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES UPDATE

From December 23rd 2024 to January 12th, 2025, there will only be the 10:30 am Mass from Monday to Saturday. There will not be any 7:30 am Mass during this period. The 7.30 am Mass will resume on Monday 13th January.

HOLY MOTHER OF GOD (JANUARY 1)

Mass will be celebrated at 10.30 am at St Joseph and St Benildus church.

JUBILEE 2025 - PILGRIMS OF HOPE

The 2025 Jubilee or Holy Year officially opened on December 24, 2024 at 7pm, with the rite of Opening of the Holy Door of the Papal Basilica of St. Peter by the Holy Father, who presided over the celebration of the Night Mass of the Lord's Birth. To join in this great event every parish has received the Jubilee logo, which is displayed on the church door. The Jubilee prayer card will be distributed this Sunday 29th December - the Feast of the Holy Family. On this Sunday also, in each diocese, bishops in Ireland will celebrate Mass as the solemn opening of the Holy Year, and thereafter events will be organised locally.

A heartfelt thank you

As we reflect on the past year, Fr. Bobby, Fr. Liddane, and I would like to express our deep gratitude to everyone who has contributed to the life and mission of our parish community. Your dedication and involvement ensure that our parish continues to be a vibrant, welcoming, and supportive place of faith.

We extend special thanks to those who work tirelessly behind the scenes to support the daily running of our parish. We are very fortunate to have a very well organised and administrative centre in our parish office. Church maintenance is also of a very high standard. The parish shop is another cornerstone of our community life, and we are grateful for the creativity and commitment of those who keep it running successfully. The care of our graveyard, which is always beautifully maintained, is another example of this quiet but invaluable work, which is deeply appreciated by parishioners mourning the loss of loved ones.

We are grateful to our sacristans and those who assist them. Their behind-the-scenes dedication ensures that everything is prepared and runs smoothly for Mass and other liturgical celebrations. Their attention to detail enriches our worship and is a vital part of parish life.

Our liturgical groups continue to enhance our worship with their dedication. We are grateful to the choirs, liturgy coordinators, and ministers who serve at Mass, including the new members who have been recently commissioned as Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist.

The Funeral Ministry Team, whose compassion and care has brought comfort to many bereaved families, continues to develop. The IT and Communications Ministry has expanded, improving how we stay connected as a community through the newsletter, website, and technology.

In outreach and faith formation, we thank those who prepare families for Baptism, coordinate programs like Alpha and Connect, and nurture adult and youth faith development. Special appreciation goes to those who organise coffee mornings, friendship lunches, parish activities, and other initiatives that strengthen the bonds within our community and promote a spirit of welcome and belonging.

The Parish Pastoral Council, Parish Leadership Team, and Finance Council have been instrumental in guiding our parish's vision and supporting its mission. Their leadership and planning provide essential direction for initiatives that foster faith and community while ensuring the smooth operation and future development of our parish.

We are most grateful to our envelope distributors whose commitment throughout the year is invaluable.

This year, we said goodbye to Cecily Maher as a parish pastoral worker. However, we are grateful that she continues to contribute to initiatives she inspired, such as the Eco Awareness and Litter Pickers' groups, which remain an important part of our parish life. At the same time, we warmly welcome our new pastoral administrator, who brings fresh energy and perspective to our parish community.

We also wish to highlight the efforts of Darragh, our youngest helper, who assists with the collections. It is heartening to see the next generation engaging so positively in parish life and bringing fresh energy to our community.

As we prepare for a new year, let us carry forward the spirit of gratitude and unity. We wish you and your families a peaceful and prosperous year ahead.

Fr. Liam