



Parish of St Joseph & St Benildus & St Mary

SUNDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2025



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PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS

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PARISH WEBSITE

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NEWSLETTER EMAIL ITEMS

Email: jbmnews@gmail.com by
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BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS & CERTIFICATE REQUESTS

Email: parishofficejbm@gmail.com

FACEBOOK PAGE

www.facebook.com/josephand
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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

6.00 pm Vigil (Saturday)

11.00 am

Holydays of Obligation

11.00 am

BOOKING MASS INTENTIONS:

Requests must be made **through the Parish office** in person, by phone or email. **Please include your name and phone number.**

SAFEGUARDING representatives for our Parish are Michael Maher and Mary O'Sullivan. If you have a safeguarding concern, contact the Diocesan Designated Liaison Person, Mr Stephen Plunkett at 085 1651518 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.

NIGHT PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 8 pm. Zoom login: 943 588 4859

ADORATION: Wednesdays 11 am – 2 pm at St Joseph and St Benildus church

RECENTLY DECEASED:

John Warren, Ballygunnermore, Waterford
John (Jack) McGrath, Collins Avenue, Waterford
Anthony (Tony) Russell, Collins Avenue, Waterford

PRAYERS ALSO RECEIVED FOR: K. A. Sebastian, James & Bridget Griffin, Agnes Lea, Nancy O'Gorman, Elizabeth Collins

REMEMBERING IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEKEND 29/30 NOVEMBER 2025

St. Joseph & St. Benildus Church, Newtown

5.45 pm:

10.00 am: Katie & Michael Lee (Anniversary)

12 Noon: Canice Cantwell (Anniversary)
David & Margaret Fenton (Anniversary)

Anthea O'Donoghue (Anniversary)

Joe & Joan Costello (Anniversary)

St. Mary's Church, Ballygunner

6.00 pm: James O'Keeffe (Month's Mind)

James Hartley (Anniversary)

Sr M. Callistus Devine – St John of God (Anniversary)

Frances Sharpe (Anniversary)

John, Anne, Paddy, Rosie, Jim, May & Margaret Morrissey (Remembrance)

11.00 am: Liam Jackman (1st Anniversary)

Paddy & Breda Dempsey (Anniversary)

James & Patricia Griffin (Anniversary)

Hugh Nugent (Anniversary)

Gay Brannigan (Anniversary)

Mark O'Sullivan (Birthday Remembrance)

REMEMBERING IN OUR PRAYERS NEXT WEEKEND 6/7 DECEMBER 2025

St. Joseph & St. Benildus Church, Newtown

5.45 pm: John Hearne (Anniversary)

Breda Tyrell (Anniversary)

10.00 am:

12 Noon: Ben Wadding & Liz Wadding (Anniversary)

Michael White (Anniversary)

St. Mary's Church, Ballygunner

6.00 pm: Vincent Scanlon (Month's Mind)

Joe, William, Mary & Marian Sharpe (Remembrance)

11.00 am: Kyle Kearney (Anniversary)

Kevin Doyle (Anniversary)

Jo White (Anniversary)

Richard & Kathleen Power (Anniversary)

Margaret Power (Anniversary)

CHRISTMAS IN ST. JOHN'S: Wed 10 Dec at 7.30 pm, with St. John's Parish Choir, St. Declan's NS Choir, Waterpark NS Choir, Edmund Rice Choral Society, Sacred Heart Simply Singing Group, and The Barrack Street Concert Band. A collection in aid of the Order of Malta Ireland Ambulance corps – Waterford unit will be made after the concert.

WLR CHRISTMAS APPEAL TO FUND ST. VINCENT DE PAUL (SVP) in Waterford.

They will host a BINGO Night in the Forum on Tuesday Dec 2nd. A great way to catch up with some friends as season starts. Tickets in the parish shop €10 each.

FIRST CHILDREN'S CAROL SERVICE: We are delighted to host our first-ever Children's Carol Service on Wed Dec 17th at 7.30 pm in SS Joseph & Benildus Church. Through Scripture readings and much-loved carols, our children will lead us in preparing for the birth of Jesus. All families are warmly welcome to join us for this new parish tradition.

CHRISTMAS SALE IN AID OF MEDECINS SANS FRONTIERES (MSF)

GAZA: Sat Dec 6th, 10.00 am – 3.00 pm in the St Joseph & St Benildus Church Hall. Donations of unwanted gifts, cakes, toys, plants, and Christmas items are welcome. Tea, coffee, and a raffle on the day. If you cannot attend, you can donate at: www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/deisemsgaza.

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 15 Dec – 7.30 pm: Reconciliation Service (SS Joseph & Benildus)

Wed 17 Dec – 7.30 pm: Children's Carol service (SS Joseph & Benildus)

Mon 22 Dec – 7.30 pm: Christmas in Benildus (Concert)

CHURCH COLLECTION

22/23 November - €2,965

Due to **MAINTENANCE** of the ventilation system in SS Joseph and Benildus Church, from Mon 1st to Wed 3rd December inclusive, the 7.30 am Mass will be celebrated upstairs in the St Benildus Parish Centre, and the 10.30 am Mass will take place in St Mary's Church, Ballygunner. Thank you for your understanding.

HELPING THE HOMELESS: This will be our fourth year supporting Susie who feeds homeless men and women in Railway Square. Your kindness and generosity enabled us to gift 35 Christmas bags last year. All new clothes, toiletries, gifts, vouchers/gift cards etc. can be left in the boxes at the back of SS Joseph & Benildus church or St Mary's. Items can also be dropped into the Parish shop between 11.00 - 2.00. Closing date: Sun 14 Dec. Susie and her team of volunteers are so grateful for your support and kindness.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP are **recruiting new leaders** to support our present team.

WHAT is the Children's Liturgy Mass? It is making the Word of God more accessible to children in an age appropriate Mass, allowing them to participate more fully in Mass. Suitable for children of preschool & primary school age.

WHY do we need leaders? To keep the Children's Liturgy Mass running weekly we cannot do this without the help of new leaders.

WHEN is Children's Liturgy Mass? Sunday 10am Mass at St. Benildus & St. Joseph's.

WHO are the present leaders? We consist of parents/guardians/grandparents and are fully vetted by the parish.

If you are **interested in keeping the Children's Mass up and running to support families attending Mass with young children**, please contact the parish office for further information or speak to any of the leaders after Mass.

LECTIO DIVINA:

This Advent, join us for a peaceful hour of Lectio Divina – reflection and prayer on the Sunday Gospels – on Thursday evenings, December 4th, 11th, and 18th, from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm at the St. Joseph and St. Benildus Parish Centre. Just ring the doorbell to enter. Tea and coffee will be available beforehand, followed by a quiet time of prayer and reflection as we prepare for the coming of our Lord. Come for one evening or all three. All are welcome!

HAVE YOUR SAY ABOUT YOUR CATHOLIC SCHOOL:

The Department of Education is currently conducting a Primary School Survey that will determine the future provision of Primary Schools and could lead to lasting changes in your school. In simple terms, parents and guardians are being asked if they want their school to stay a Catholic school or if you want that to change. Have your say before 16 December: <https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-education/campaigns/primary-school-survey/>.

CHRISTMAS IN BENILDUS CONCERT:

Celebrate the season with us on Mon 22 Dec at 7.30 pm in SS Joseph & Benildus Church (doors open at 7.00 pm). Tickets are €20 and can be purchased from the Parish Office or by contacting Phyllis O'Shea at 087-929 3553. Come along for an evening of music, poetry, readings, and Christmas cheer! Further details are available on our website and Facebook page, or by reaching out to the parish or Phyllis directly.