



# Parish of St Joseph & St Benildus & St Mary

SUNDAY 7 DECEMBER 2025



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## PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS

Monday to Friday - 9 am to 1 pm

## PARISH SHOP OPENING HOURS

Monday to Friday 11 am – 2 pm

## PARISH WEBSITE

[jbmparish.com](http://jbmparish.com)

## NEWSLETTER EMAIL ITEMS

Email: [jbmnews@gmail.com](mailto:jbmnews@gmail.com) by  
Wednesday each week at 12 pm

## BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS & CERTIFICATE REQUESTS

Email: [parishofficejbm@gmail.com](mailto:parishofficejbm@gmail.com)

## FACEBOOK PAGE

[www.facebook.com/josephandbenildus/](http://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

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:

**Paul Cunnigham**, St Ursulas Terrace, Ballytruckle, Waterford

**Joan Williams** (née Johanna Morrissey), Viewmount, Waterford

**PRAYERS ALSO RECEIVED FOR:** Edward Nevins, Sarah & Denis Murphy & their son Séamus, Sean Duffy, Brian Lawrence, Special intention, Mary Nagle, Dick & Anna Tilson & daughters Denise and Mary, John Griffin, Betty & Tom Cullen, May, Bob Robert & Maeve Quinn, Margaret Power

## REMEMBERING IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEKEND 6/7 DECEMBER 2025

### St. Joseph & St. Benildus Church, Newtown

**5.45 pm:** John Hearne (Anniversary)  
Breda Tyrell (Anniversary)  
Rosaleen Gallagher (Anniversary)

**10.00 am:**

**12 Noon:** Ben Wadding & Liz Wadding (Anniversary)  
Michael White (Anniversary)

### St. Mary's Church, Ballygunner

**6.00 pm:** James Bambrick (Month's Mind)  
Vincent Scanlon (Month's Mind)  
Jimmy & Cissie Dwyer (Anniversary)  
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)

## REMEMBERING IN OUR PRAYERS NEXT WEEKEND 13/14 DECEMBER 2025

### St. Joseph & St. Benildus Church, Newtown

**5.45 pm:** St John of God School Carol Mass  
Vincent & Brenda McElroy (Anniversary)  
Stephen Rogers (Anniversary)

**10.00 am:** Phyllis Doyle (Anniversary)

**12 Noon:** Breda Brady & Anne Jones Brady (Anniversary)  
Kevin O'Riordan (Anniversary)

### St. Mary's Church, Ballygunner

**6.00 pm:** Stuart Gormley (Anniversary)  
Eddie Doyle (Anniversary)  
Ellen Larkin (Anniversary)  
Gary Murphy (Anniversary)

**11.00 am:** Enda Breen (Month's Mind)  
Tony Flynn (Month's Mind)  
Antony Chacko (Anniversary)  
Eamonn & Maeve Gavin (Anniversary)  
Margaret & Eddie Gavin (Anniversary)

### Vigil Mass in St. Mary's has moved to 6 pm

**ST JOHN OF GOD SCHOOL CAROL MASS:** Saturday 13 December at 5.45 pm (Vigil Mass). Enjoy an evening of festive carols and music performed by the school, and join the parish community in celebrating the joy of Christmas.

**PARISH SHOP – CHRISTMAS MASS BOUQUETS & GIFT ITEMS AVAILABLE:** From cards and candles to nativity sets and festive decorations, you will find everything you need to bring Christmas spirit into your home. Feel free to stop by and browse!

## ANAM CARA ONLINE BEREAVEMENT INFORMATION

**EVENING:** Monday 8th December at 7 pm. Open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age the child died, or the circumstances of their death. To register, go to Anam Cara's website or contact them by email ([info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie)) or by phone (01 404 5378/085 2888 888).

## 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

29/30 November - €2,574

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION** this Monday 8 December. Masses will be celebrated at 7.30 am and 10.30 am in St Joseph & St Benildus church. Please note that there will be no Mass in St Mary's, Ballygunner on this day.

**SVP COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND (6-7 DEC):** This weekend's SVP collection will be given to the city of Waterford to ease Christmas burden for the less fortunate. Thank you sincerely for your generosity and kindness.

**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 St Joseph & St 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** continues this **Thursday December 11th**, 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. All are welcome!

**SAVE MONEY AND THE PLANET THIS CHRISTMAS!** Buy simple, recyclable wrapping. Avoid foil or glitter paper: this cannot be recycled. Where possible re-use gift bags and wine bags. The cost of buying new ones all adds up, and often all that is needed is an inventive new label.

## 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. **Phyllis O'Shea will be here in the Parish Office 11-2 Monday, Wednesday and Friday to sell tickets for the Christmas Concert.**