



# Parish of St Joseph & St Benildus & St Mary

SUNDAY 14 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

## 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 from 11 am to 2 pm at St Joseph and St Benildus church

## RECENTLY DECEASED:

**Sam White**, Viewmount Park, Waterford

**PRAYERS ALSO RECEIVED FOR:** Michael Higgins, May & Peggy Cullen, Mary Kennedy, Stacia & Martin Cullen, Stephanie O'Keeffe, Frank & Bob Cullen, Brendan Lea, Mary & Michael Griffin

## REMEMBERING IN OUR PRAYERS THIS 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)

## REMEMBERING IN OUR PRAYERS NEXT WEEKEND 20/21 DECEMBER 2025

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

**5.45 pm:** Margaret Power (Anniversary)  
Jack & Molly Fitzpatrick and Mary Fitzpatrick (Anniversary)

**10.00 am:** John Falconer (Anniversary)  
Jack & Ellen Hatton (Anniversary)  
Diarmuid & Elizabeth O'Hegarty (Anniversary)  
Hatton & O'Hegarty families (Remembrance)

**12 Noon:** Joan & Tom Foskin (Anniversary)  
Walter Walsh (Anniversary)  
Michael & Mary Hearne, their daughter Catherine Hearne (Anniversary) & son Billy Hearne (1st Anniversary)  
Bernadette O'Shea (Anniversary)

### St. Mary's Church, Ballygunner

**6.00 pm:** John Warren (Month's Mind)  
Rosemary O'Connor (Anniversary)  
Bernadette (Bernie) & Dick Brown (Anniversary)  
Pat Dalton (Remembrance)

**11.00 am:** Bertie Downes (Anniversary)  
Gerry McCarthy (Anniversary)  
Charles Murray (Anniversary)  
Colm O'Connell & deceased members of the O'Connell & Rose families (Remembrance)

**MÉDECINS SANS FRONTIÈRES (MSF) GAZA FUNDRAISER** has raised nearly €11,000! A huge thank you from Angela to everyone who donated, helped out, and supported this important cause. Donations are still welcome until 15 Dec at [www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/deisemsgaza](http://www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/deisemsgaza), so there is still a chance to contribute if you haven't already. Thank you again for your generosity!

**FAIRTRADE:** Please consider buying Fairtrade products and gifts this Christmas and help make a difference to farmers around the world. Check out the top Christmas picks here: <https://www.fairtrade.ie/our-top-christmas-picks/>.

## 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

6/7 December - €2,141

**RECONCILIATION SERVICE:** Mon 15 Dec at 7:30 pm at SS Joseph & Benildus Church. A sacred time to experience God's mercy and prepare our hearts for Christ's coming. All are welcome.

**PARISH CHILDREN'S CAROL SERVICE:** Join us for our first Parish Children's Carol Service on Wed 17 Dec at 7:30 pm. Children from St John of God, St Mary's Ballygunner, Gaelscoil, and Jay Shanahan's Parish Children's Choir will lead carols and readings suitable for the Christmas season. The event is free. All are welcome!

**NOTICE FOR DISTRIBUTORS: CHRISTMAS ENVELOPES,** which also include details of the Christmas ceremonies, are available outside the sacristy door at St. Joseph & Benildus Church. Thank you for your help.

**ISHIARA PARISH PARTNERSHIP – CHRISTMAS SEA SPLASH & DASH (AKA SWIM):** Get ready for the St. Stephen's Day swim at The Strand, Dunmore East at 12 pm! Sponsorship cards are at the back of the church. Take the plunge for our brothers and sisters in Kenya – or sponsor a brave family member!

**HELPING THE HOMELESS:** Donations of **new** clothes, toiletries, gifts, or vouchers can be left in the boxes at the back of St Joseph & St Benildus Church or St Mary's, or dropped into the Parish shop between 11:00 – 2:00. **Closing date: Mon 15 Dec.** Susie and her team are very grateful for your support.

**LECTIO DIVINA** continues this **Thurs 18 Dec**, from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm at 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. All are welcome!

## 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 will be selling Concert Tickets on Sunday after Mass.

## RAFFLE AT CHRISTMAS IN BENILDUS CONCERT:

Hampers valued at €100 each will be raffled at the Christmas in Benildus Concert on Mon 22 Dec. Raffle tickets can be purchased before the concert, during the interval, or in advance from the Parish Office. Tickets cost €5 for one strip, €10 for three strips, or €20 for eight strips. Each hamper is beautifully packed with festive treats, including Botter Prosecco, Botter Chardonnay, Don Aparo Malbec, Porta Blanco, Porta Red, Vicenzi Voglie, Butlers chocolates, McVities Victoria, McVities Santa Snacks, Roses Tub, and Snowy Fingers. As always, your generosity is greatly appreciated. Don't miss your chance to win one of these wonderful festive hampers!