



Parish of St Joseph & St Benildus & St Mary

SUNDAY 25 JANUARY 2026



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FACEBOOK PAGE

www.facebook.com/josephandbenildus/

LIVE STREAMING OF MASSES

St Joseph's & St 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's & 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

As announced

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's & St 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's & St Benildus' Church.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Bernie Dwyer (née Ryan), Ballinamona, Waterford
Nuala Sherman (née Fitzgerald), Williamstown, Waterford
Paul O'Brien, Farran Park, Waterford
Sarah (Sally) Grace, Waterford

PRAYERS ALSO RECEIVED FOR: Deirdre Scanlon, Michael Anthony Barron

REMEMBERING IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEKEND 24/25 JANUARY 2026

St Joseph's & St Benildus' Church, Newtown

5.45 pm: Mary Rogers (Month's Mind)
Gerard & Patricia O'Byrne (Anniversary)
Michael Fitzgerald (Anniversary)
John Kennedy (Anniversary)

10.00 am: Sheila Breslin (Anniversary)

12 Noon:

St. Mary's Church, Ballygunner

6.00 pm: Lily Gaffney (Anniversary)
Michael Carroll (Anniversary)
11.00 am: Kevin McEvoy (Month's Mind)
Claire Phelan (Anniversary)

REMEMBERING IN OUR PRAYERS NEXT WEEKEND 31 JANUARY/1 FEBRUARY 2026

St Joseph's & St Benildus' Church, Newtown

5.45 pm: John O'Connor (Anniversary)

10.00 am:

12 Noon: Sadie Brophy (Anniversary)
Monica & Dick Kervick (Anniversary)

St. Mary's Church, Ballygunner

6.00 pm: John & Anastasia Meade (Anniversary)
11.00 am: Frank O'Callaghan (Anniversary)
Kate Hennessy (Anniversary)
Francis & Thomas O'Keeffe (Anniversary)

PARISH FAITH REP APPLICATIONS: Would you like to make a difference for young people in your parish and be trained alongside other like-minded people? If you are someone over the age of 18 (no upper age limit), who has a heart for young people, upholds the teachings of the Catholic Church and can work as a member of a team, please speak to your Parish Priest about the role of Parish Faith Rep this year. More information on the role and the application and training process can be found on <https://waterfordlismore.ie/parish-faith-reps/>. Information sessions will be held at St John's Pastoral Centre, John's Hill, Waterford on 4 February at 7.30 pm and on Zoom on 12 February at 7 pm. Email youthministry@waterfordlismore.ie for more information. Applications close on Friday 20 February.

LECTIO DIVINA is back on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We meet at St. John's Pastoral Centre on Tuesdays (2.30-4pm) or at Sacred Heart Convent, Newtown Rd. on Thursdays (7.30-9pm). We pray with the next Sunday's gospel and end with a cuppa. Newcomers always welcome! Come as often as you wish. Queries? Sr. Kathryn 087 404 2784.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We are looking for volunteers to serve as readers at weekday Masses in St Joseph's and St Benildus' church. We are also seeking volunteers to help with flower arranging. Experience is helpful but not necessary: all are welcome to get involved. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: As we conclude the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity this Sunday, we thank God for our shared Christian faith. May the prayers of this week inspire us to continue working for unity through love and mutual respect.

SVP COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND (31st January/1st February). Thank you in advance for your generous support.

CHURCH COLLECTION

17/18 January - €2,170

THANK YOU: The Ishiara Parish Partnership Committee wishes to express their sincere gratitude to all who helped to make our annual fundraising swim in support of our partnership parish in Ishiara such a great success once again. We wish to thank all the swimmers, sponsors, hot chocolate and confectionary providers and all who attended and supported us on the day. To date your sponsorship for the swim has amounted to €2,928.45 which will assist us with ongoing and future projects in Ishiara.

CHILDRENS LITURGY MASS TEAM 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 10 am Mass at St Joseph's & St Benildus' church.

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.

B CORRIDOR EVENT: The B Corridor Group invites you to a talk with Michael Kelly, CEO and founder of GIY, on Wednesday, 28 January at 7 pm in St Benildus Parish Centre. Everybody is welcome, regardless of prior knowledge or experience. The talk will explore biodiversity, how to get started with growing, organic growing, and the seasonality of plants and vegetables. There will be a free raffle on the night, with baskets of organic products from GIY to be won. Attendees are encouraged to come on foot, use public transport, carpool, or travel by shared means where possible.



This Sunday we celebrate the **Sunday of the Word of God**, reminding us that God continues to speak to us through Sacred Scripture. The Word of God is living and active, guiding, strengthening, and shaping our faith. As we listen to the readings at Mass and pray with Scripture in our daily lives, may our hearts be opened to hear God's voice and live His Word more fully.

"He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures" (Luke 24:45)