

PARISH OF ST. JOSEPH, ST. BENILDUS & ST. MARY'S

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Easter Sunday

12th April 2020

Gospel Reflection for Easter Sunday

Faith, Trust and Intuition

The story of the empty tomb should be the best part of the Bible, but instead there feels as though there's a great big chunk missing the bit where Jesus actually rises up from the dead. For many of us this presents no problem. Jesus said he would rise on the third day and that is exactly what happened. Everything happened just as Jesus said it would. But for some of us, the lack of detail leaves too many unanswered questions, and where there are unanswered questions there's room for doubt. One thing is for sure, we cannot start playing 'detective' with a mystery trail that has had two thousand years to go cold, so what are we supposed to do?

First of all we have to develop a toolbox of faith, trust, and intuition. Christians are accused of propping up impossible and improvable theories with blind faith. If this were true the accusers would have a point, but true faith runs deeper than this. We all use faith in every walk of life and we all need trust. People of faith are people who can push boundaries and take brave steps into the unknown. People of trust recognise possibilities in others and in themselves. People of intuition recognise integrity and truth. Anais Nin said, "We don't see things as they are, we see things as we are." "What you believe sets a course for your future and directs your daily activities. Consequently, when you believe only what you can see, a whole world of possibility is lost.

Easter isn't just an event that happened two thousand years ago. Easter is on any day we discover our trust in God. Easter is on any day we find that we are able to live boldly and well in the belief that death is not just a meaningless end to life.

MASS TIMES

ST. JOSEPH & ST. BENILDUS

MONDAY TO SATURDAY

10.30AM

Sunday: 12 noon -

CONFESSIONS :

Penitential Service

Tuesday 7th April 2020

Streamed:

www.churchservices.tv/

stjosephswaterford

St. Mary's,

Ballygunner

No Mass due to

Coronavirus regulations

Beannachtaí na Cásca oraibh go léir. Happy Easter to all our parishioners.

St. Joseph & St. Benildus	11th 12th April 2020	18th 19th April 2020
9pm	Easter Vigil	6.30pm
10.00am Sunday:	David Cotter	
12 noon Sunday	Philip O'Keeffe	Tom Sheridan
St. Mary's, Ballygunner		
7.00pm Sat:		Nicholas Hamm
11.00a.m Sunday:	Eileen Whitty	John Upton
		Michael & Joan Cummins

All of the above will be remembered and prayed for at the 12 noon Mass in St. Joseph & St. Benildus at the streamed Mass on Sunday at 12 noon

**IF YOU WISH TO
PREPARE NEXT SUN-
DAY'S**

READINGS :

Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:42-42

Ps117:2-4,13-15,22-24

1Pt1:3-9

Jn20:19-21



Please pray for

Mary (Nellie) Price

who died during the week

Dial a Prayer

The sisters of Our Lady of the Morning Star have set up a Dial a Prayer phone line between 2.00pm and 3.00pm each day – the phone number is:

085-7611822.

They will remember the intentions they receive in Adoration each day and will pass on to participating religious houses.

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office is currently closed to comply with Corona Virus social distancing restrictions but can be contacted on:

by phone: 051 878977

by email: parishofficejbm@gmail.com

Access to Newsletter

Please note that the Newsletter is available to view on our Website each weekend (www.jbmparish.ie)

If you would like to have the Newsletter emailed to you each week, please contact the Parish Office by email on Parishofficejbm@gmail.com and we will forward it to you each week.

Urbi et Orbi

Pope Francis' Easter Message.

RTE I Television :

11:00am – 11:20am.

Pope Francis will deliver his Easter blessing to the world with prayer and encouragement by video link from within the Vatican. Translation and commentary by Fr Thomas McCarthy OP.

It can also be accessed on RTE Radio I Extra (LW252)

Pope Francis' Prayer to Mary during the coronavirus pandemic

O Mary,
you always shine on our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain,
keeping your faith firm.
You, Salvation of the Roman People,
know what we need,
and we are sure you will provide
so that, as in Cana of Galilee,
we may return to joy and to feasting
after this time of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who has taken upon himself our sufferings
and carried our sorrows
to lead us, through the cross,
to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Mass Live Streaming

You may view Mass on our live streaming Monday to Saturday at 10.30am & on Sundays at 12 Noon on our website - www.jbmparish.com or at www.churchservices.tv/stjosephswaterford. If you have a problem accessing the streaming please ring the Parish Helpline on 083 8195001 or the Parish Office on 051 878977 and we will be happy to help.

If you do not have the internet and would like to avail of mass, daily mass is broadcast on RTE News Now at 10.30am each morning. RTE News Now is available on: Saorview Channel 21, Virgin Media Channel 200 Sky Channel 521, Eir Channel 517..

Parish Helpline—083 8195001

A Parish helpline has been set up if you should wish to avail of it. If you would like shopping or a prescription collected or just a chat or someone to say a prayer with you please contact us on the number above. We would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to the team who are manning the line.

ALONE

As well as difficulties with everyday activities like getting groceries, cocooning measures will also result in lots of older people feeling lonely and isolated, including those who may not previously have identified with this experience. ALONE is encouraging older people to contact them on their national helpline **0818 222 024.**