

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

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Second Sunday of Easter

19h April 2020

Gospel Reflection for the Second Sunday of Easter

Finding Faith



What would it be like to have an unerring and unshakeable faith? What would it be like to have a faith driven not by proof but by an inner voice? Most likely it would be life changing. When we truly believe something in our hearts, we begin to act it out in our lives. An unerring faith would enable us to enjoy peace in the darkest corners of our lives, but is there a real danger that our thirst for that life changing faith could lead us to 'leave our brains at the church door'? Faith and doubt are the flipside of the same coin. In our hurry for faith we can quietly bury any doubts leaving them to fester. On the other hand, we can give so much weight to our doubts that faith eludes us altogether. Doubt isn't necessarily a bad thing, after all, the disciples needed signs, and Thomas in particular needed concrete evidence. Doubt can be a good thing even, if it leads us to answer the questions that will eventually help us to develop a mature faith. Doubt becomes a bad thing when it builds an insurmountable barrier. Thomas believed that it was foolish to believe something without proof, but if we are so afraid of being foolish or fear to believe without scientific evidence, our doubts will never lead us to ask the right questions. Our doubts will only spur us to pick holes.

So how can we use doubt as a positive tool rather than a negative force? Perhaps there's been a time when you've followed a court case where nearly all the evidence has been circumstantial. The jury have the uncomfortable task of reaching a certain belief without all the evidence they would like. Significantly, barristers don't confront jurors with the hardest parts of the case first. Barristers begin by building a picture based on certainties. Only when the case seems overwhelmingly watertight do they introduce points that are more circumstantial. Perhaps this is the way to approach our religious doubts.

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

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

READINGS :

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14; 22-33

Ps15: 1-2, 7-11

1Pt1:317-21

Lk: 13-35

St. Joseph & St. Benildus

18th/19th April 2020

25th/26th April 2020

6.30pm

10.00am Sunday:

12 noon Sunday

Tom Sheridan

St. Mary's, Ballygunner

7.00pm Sat:

Nicholas Hamm

11.00a.m Sunday:

Michael & Joan Cummins

John Upton

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

Easter Dues



You can now make a donation to the church via our website on www.jbmparish.com via a Donate button.

You may pay your Easter Dues or your weekly offering in this way. Please contact the Parish Office if you have any queries regarding this.

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

The Community Call

As part of the Government response to the COVID-19 crisis, your local authority has established a **COVID-19 Community Call Forum**. This forum works with State agencies and community and voluntary groups to provide supports or services to any vulnerable person who needs them. Services include:

- collection and deliver of essential items
- support if you are experiencing social isolation or are cocooning.

If you need help please contact: 1800250 185 or covidsupport@waterfordcouncil.ie

Prayer Request Page:

A Prayer Request page has been set up on our website www.jbmparish.com. If you have a special need or prayer request, please take a minute to send your intention to the Parish Office, your intentions will be remembered every morning at 10.30am mass. <http://jbmparish.com/prayer-services>

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.



FREE access to
Grow in Love online



FREE ACCESS TO GROW IN LOVE ON-LINE

For parents at home wanting help in continuing to share faith with their children Veritas have made available the Grow in Love primary school programme on line for free - simply log onto the grow in love website- www.growinlove.ie and enter the following details:

EMAIL: trial@growinlove.ie PASSWORD: growinlove

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.

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.

CATHOLICFLIX:

To help Mums, Dads & families, School Teachers and Parishes, through this difficult period of the Corona virus, we are making this catholic videos P[pp]website completely “FREE” for 60 days. Visitors can now access the Catholic videos streaming site free-of-charge for 60 days.

See www.CatholicFlix.ie for