

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

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Third Sunday of Easter

26th April 2020

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### We'll Never Walk Alone

As we look for meaning in life, for fulfilment and happiness, our frantic quest often becomes a vicious circle. The more we search, the more life eludes us. We reach the age of thirty, then forty, fifty, sixty and so on, with the increasing frustration that we have achieved little of what we set out to achieve in our optimistic youth. Then a nagging doubt sets in. Perhaps we will never amount to anything! Is this all that life holds for us?

The 'Road to Emmaus' can be perceived as a metaphor for our own life span. On Palm Sunday we heard how in a state of huge expectation, Jesus' supporters met Jesus on his triumphant entry into Jerusalem. There were those who had expected Jesus to start something of a revolution, and they desperately wanted to be a part of it. There were those who had expected Jesus to transform and improve their lives only to have their hopes dashed. In today's gospel, two such disciples are making their way back home and discussing the events of the last days. They are feeling defeated, gloomy and considerably let down. But as their journey progresses, they meet a stranger who teaches them how to look on things differently and where to look for the answers they lack. The stranger of course is Jesus. For the two disciples what begins with the shattering of an immature faith ends up with them giving witness to a mature and sustaining faith.

Could the story be about us? Every broken dream, disappointment and doubt is out there on the Road to Emmaus. Each of us is challenged to decide which part of the journey we have reached. Are we disillusioned and beating our heads against the proverbial brick wall? Or have we recognised that perhaps if life's rewards are eluding us, we need to be doing things differently. Could it be that we are looking for answers in all the wrong places? Most importantly, have we reached an awareness that we are never alone? Jesus promises that he is still with us just as he was with those unsuspecting early disciples. He is with us in scripture, and in his teaching. He is with us in the Eucharist, and he is with us in our prayers.

## 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 :**

*Fourth Sunday of Easter*

*Acts 2:14; 36-41*

*Ps22: 1-6*

*1Pt12: 20-25*

*Jn10 1-10*

**St. Joseph & St. Benildus**

**25th/26th April 2020**

**2nd/3rd May 2020**

6.30pm

Declan Keohan

10.00am Sunday:

12 noon Sunday

Michael & Sarah Dunphy

Dick Cullinane

Paddy & Eileen Foley

**St. Mary's, Ballygunner**

7.00pm Sat:

William, Mary, Harry, Maureen

& Maria Sharpe

Helena Kearney

Stephen Ewing

DB Cahill

William Fitzgerald

William O'Brien

John Barry

Colm Hartley

11.00a.m Sunday:

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

**Please pray for  
Billy Connaughton  
Whose month mind occurs  
around this time**



### Easter Dues



**DONATE**

Many thanks to all those who have paid their Easter Dues on line on our website [www.bmparish.com](http://www.bmparish.com) and apologies to those who were unable to due to a technical hitch. We are happy to report that the issues have been resolved and you may now donate via the website [www.jbmparish.com](http://www.jbmparish.com) via the Donate button.

You may also make your weekly contribution in this way  
Please contact the Parish Office if you have any queries.

### Access to Newsletter

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

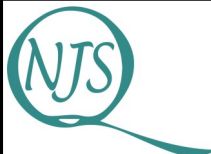
If you would like to have the Newsletter emailed to you each week, please contact the Parish Office by email on

[Parishofficejbmp@gmail.com](mailto:Parishofficejbmp@gmail.com)

and we will forward it to you each week.

### Prayer Request Page:

A Prayer Request page has been set up on our website [www.jbmparish.com](http://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>



Message for children and their parents from **Newtown National School** who were due to receive First Holy

Communion on Sunday.

Sunday was to be a special day for the girls and boys in Newtown National School. This was to be their First Holy Communion day. The children are going to join us on the live streaming service for Mass at 12noon. Olive our catechist will be there to speak with them all and I look forward to including them in the Mass in every way possible. I hope they will join in the singing at home and also join in with the prayers they learned for First Holy Communion.

We all look forward to the great day when we will be able to celebrate First Holy communion in our church. In the meantime, I hope all the children and their families are keeping safe and well in these difficult times and to assure you of our prayers.

With every blessing,  
Fr. Liam

### 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](http://www.jbmparish.com) or at [www.churchservices.tv/stjosephswaterford](http://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..

**Please note that RTE News Now are now broadcasting an extra Mass at 2pm on Sundays from the Holy Family Mission in Glencomeragh, Co. Waterford.**

### 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.

### 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:

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