

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

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

17th May 2020

Calling Upon the Holy Spirit



we keep rules? Probably to avoid penalties, punishment or adverse consequence! Rules are a necessary evil if we are to live in a well-ordered society. Commandments however are different from rules. Commandments are expressions of how we are to love each other. Perhaps we shouldn't need commandments, perhaps we should know how to love each other intuitively, but sadly it seems we need a little guidance and a lot of help. In today's section of the gospel known as the 'Farewell Discourse'. Jesus gives his disciples some final assurances. He tells them that although he will no longer be with them in the flesh, they will always abide in each other's love. The disciples will have plenty of opportunity to express that love by keeping his commandments. In return Jesus will send them, and us, an advocate, a spirit of truth .... the Holy Spirit. How easy life would be if Jesus had stayed with us in the flesh. All we would have to do is keep running to him for answers every time we got stuck. There wouldn't be any great long debates on abortion, euthanasia, assisted suicide, stem cell research or anything else for that matter ..... we would simply send Jesus an email and twiddle our thumbs awaiting the answer. Because he knew that he could not stay with us in person, Jesus left us with the Holy Spirit to take his place but how often do we call on it? We are good at thinking we can get through life under our own steam. Sometimes we can be opinionated, quite sure that we can work out all the answers for ourselves. Today we are reminded that the Holy Spirit is with us from our baptism and ready to be called upon whenever we need direction or revelation. For most of us, that probably means a daily call.

## 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/](http://www.churchservices.tv/)

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**St. Mary's,**

**Ballygunner**

**No Mass due to**

**Coronavirus regulations**

**Parish Helpline**  
**083 8195001**

**IF YOU WISH TO  
PREPARE NEXT  
SUNDAY'S READINGS:**

*The Ascension of the  
Lord*

*Acts 81:1-11*

*P2 46:2-3*

*Mt28:16-20*

**St. Joseph & St. Benildus**

**16th & 17th May 2020**

**23th/24th May 2020**

6.30pm

10.00am Sunday:

12 noon Sunday

Kathleen Phelan

Nicola Doheny (Birthday Rem)

Ralph Pheasey

Nora Kennedy

Jack & Sadie Short

Fr. Paddy Cooney

**St. Mary's, Ballygunner**

7.00pm Sat:

11.00a.m Sunday:

Charlie & Nancy O'Sullivan

& Son Pat & Jim

& Grandson Darren O'Sullivan

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

## Mass on RTE Television

Daily mass is broadcast on RTE News Now at 10.30am each morning. Sunday Service at 11am on RTE 1 and at 2pm on RTE News Now.

RTE News Now is available on: Saorview Channel 21, Virgin Media Channel 200 Sky Channel 521, Eir Channel 517.

**Please pray for**  
Patrick O'Keeffe & Don Jacob  
**who died recently**  
Tadhg Twomey  
Whose anniversary occurs at this time.

### Easter Dues



**DONATE**

Many thanks to all those who have paid their Easter Dues on line on our website [www.jbmparish.com](http://www.jbmparish.com) button.

You may also make your weekly contribution in this way. Donations may also be dropped into the letter box at the Parish Office.

### COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

### **Schedule for May, Month of Our Lady** **On our live-streaming service is as follows:**

#### **Monday**

Stations of the Cross  
(After 10.30am Mass)

#### **Wednesday**

Guided Rosary on Caring for Creation after 10.30am Mass  
Evening Prayer of the Church  
With quiet prayer and reflection 7.30pm

#### **Friday**

Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary with reflection  
(after 10.30am Mass)

#### **Saturday**

Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help  
(during 10.30 Mass)

#### **Tuesday & Thursday**

10.30am Mass

#### **Sunday**

12 noon Mass

**St. Joseph & St. Benildus Church will be open each day from 12 noon to 4pm and St. Mary's, Ballygunner from 9.30p to 2pm. Please observe self distancing protocol & use hand sanitizers provided.**

**St. Vincent de Paul**  
**With Church Gate collections and other local fundraising on hold in this time of greater need St. Vincent de Paul are asking people to continue to donate on line at [svp.ie](http://svp.ie) or by phoning 0818 176 176. You can direct your donation to your local conference if you wish. All donations will be gratefully received in this time of need.**

Message for children and their parents from **St. Mary's National School and St. Johns of God National School** who were due to make their Confirmation this week. The children from St. John of God are going to join us on live streaming on this Sunday for 10am Mass and St. Mary's are going to join us on the live streaming service for Mass at 12 noon We look forward to including them in the mass in every possible way. I hope they will join in the singing at home and also join in with the prayers at Mass. We all look forward to the great day when we will be able to celebrate their Confirmation 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



**And stay connected**  
**Call to Chat**  
*For older people*  
...feel like a chat with someone?

**Call 1800 250 185**  
**Ask for CALL to CHAT**

 **An initiative of**  
**Waterford Libraries**  
**and Waterford Older**  
**People's Council**





### **Accord's new & confidential** **'Relationships Support Phone Line'** **Over 100 callers report relationship problems on Accord's support phone lines**

- Accord CLG – 01 531 3331
- Accord Dublin – 01 905 9555
- Accord NI – 028 9568 0151 or 00353 1 531 3331

Calls to Accord counsellors typically last 45 to 60 minutes in duration and are charged at a local rate.