

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

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The Ascension of the Lord

24th May 2020

## Gospel Reflection

### Eternal Life is This...

'Eternal Life is this: to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent....' Today we are privy to Jesus' prayer made on our behalf at the close of his ministry on earth. In this prayer, we are reminded that Jesus had finished the work that he had come to do. Jesus had made God's name known, so that all could share in eternal life. However, for this to happen, we have to carry the baton and keep Jesus' teaching alive in a world bursting with conflicting values.

On this Sunday we celebrate World Communication Day, and it feels a timely opportunity to consider the task we have been set. The first disciples continued Jesus' mission without planes, trains, without a postal service, without TV or radio and without the internet. Yet thanks to these early disciples we are all very familiar with the promise of eternal life, even though these words were spoken over two thousand years ago.

Today we are set a very particular challenge. Because of the Coronavirus pandemic we are asked to bring Christ's teachings to others, without leaving our homes. We are tasked with keeping Jesus' teaching alive by the use of social media, websites, radio, TV and by platforms such as Zoom and Microsoft Teams. Suddenly we are all becoming experts on platforms from which we can host Bible groups, prayer meetings, live streamed Mass and even virtual 'coffee mornings', (albeit you need to provide your own coffee and biscuit.) We can publish our own books on KDP, produce our own films on Youtube, mount our own campaigns digitally using websites and online petitions. The opportunities for evangelising in our twenty first century are boundless and exciting.

In the 'old normal' we might have protested that we were all far too busy to take on the important task of evangelisation. However, with the 'new normal', and with most of us still stuck at home, the time is ripe for Christians everywhere to reach out with fresh imagination and the determination of Jesus' very first disciples.

## MASS TIMES

**ST. JOSEPH & ST.  
BENILDUS**

**MONDAY TO SATURDAY**

**10.30AM**

**Sunday: 12 noon**

**STREAMED ON :**

[www.churchservices.tv/  
stjosephswaterford](http://www.churchservices.tv/stjosephswaterford)

**St. Mary's,  
Ballygunner**

***No Mass due to  
Coronavirus regulations***

**Parish Helpline  
083 8195001**

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

*Pentecost Sunday  
Acts 2:1-11  
Ps 103:1,24,29-31  
1Cor 12:3-7 12-13  
Jn20:19-23*

***St. Joseph & St. Benildus***

***6.30pm***

***10.00am Sunday:***

***12 noon Sunday***

***23th/24th May 2020***

***Ralph Pheasey***

***Nora Kennedy***

***Jack & Sadie Short***

***Fr. Paddy Cooney***

***Eugene Lyons***

***30th/31st May 2020***

***Gerry Grant***

***John Bradley***

***David Ellickson***

***Gary Farrell***

***St. Mary's, Ballygunner***

***7.00pm Sat:***

***11.00a.m Sunday:***

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

## 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**  
**Mary Fennell**  
**whose Month Mind occurs**  
**Carmel Flynn**  
**who died recently**

Lil & Tom Marshall, Nora Lyons,  
 Christopher Sherry, Karen Ann Finnerty &  
 Seamus Walsh  
**Whose anniversaries occur at this**  
**time.**

### Thank You

Many thanks to all those who have paid their Easter Dues. You may still donate by using the donate button on our website or by dropping your donation into the letterbox in the Parish Office. Weekly envelope donations can also be made in this way. Many thanks for your support!

### Special Mass for Confirmation Children

We apologise to all the children from St. Mary's Nation School for the breakdown in our streaming for 12 noon Mass last Sunday. This was unfortunately, out of our control. This was a special mass for the children who would have celebrated their confirmation this month. The mass was streamed on Facebook. If you did not manage to see it on facebook you can get it now on our Facebook page 'St Joseph & St. Benildus & St Marys' or by using this link:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nDXbEIXNlKs> .  
 The 10am mass for the St. John of God children is available to watch on [www.churchservices.tv/stjosephswaterford](http://www.churchservices.tv/stjosephswaterford)

### LOUGH DERG ONLINE RETREAT DAYS

JOIN THE LOUGH DERG TEAM DURING MAY  
 Sunday 24th May & Wednesday 27th May 2020  
**A GUIDE TO YOUR ONLINE RETREAT**

10:30am	Go to <a href="http://loughderg.live">loughderg.live</a>
10:45am	Welcome from the Prior, Msgr La Flynn
11:05am	The Word of God - Reflection on the Good Samaritan with Mary
11:30am	Prayer of Intercession with Rosary
12 noon	Angelus followed by Way of the Cross
1:45pm	Jesus the Healer with Deacon Martin
2:00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
2:20pm	Time of Contemplation
2:40pm	Closing Prayer

Lough Derg phone lines are open 9am-5pm,  
 Monday-Friday in May Tel: +353 (0) 71 9861518

Email. [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org)  
 Website. [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org)

**St. Joseph & St. Benildus Church will be open**  
**each day from 12 noon to 4pm and St.**  
**Mary's, Ballygunner from 9.30pm to 2pm**  
**for private prayer. Please observe social**  
**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 **or you can drop your donation clearly marked into the Parish Office letterbox and we will pass it on.** All donations will be gratefully received in this time of need.

### 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



### Call to Chat For older people

....feel like a chat with someone?



**And stay connected**

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 Waterford Libraries  
 and Waterford Older  
 People's Council



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