

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

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**Pentecost Sunday**

**31st May 2020**

## Gospel Reflection for Pentecost Self-Made Prisons



As were the first disciples, so we are sent out on a great mission to make disciples of all nations. We are sent out each with our own style of evangelisation and our own very individual array of gifts. There should be no stopping us, and yet there is. Like it or not, we all live in little prisons of our own making. We might live in a prison where every corner of our life has been consumed by the need to make money leaving no room for anything else. We might live in a prison where household chores dominate from morning until night. We might live behind the locked doors of inadequacy, inferiority, self-doubt or fear. We might have spent our whole lives building prisons brick by brick so that whatever dreams we might once have had, we are now totally incapable of realising them.

In today's gospel we find the disciples locked away for fear of the Jews, and we must surely be able to empathise with them. But then comes the good news. Jesus shows us that the Holy Spirit is the exit from the hopelessness of being locked into a fearful and damaging past. The Holy Spirit is not shy of the boundaries that people erect. The Holy Spirit is not halted by locked doors or locked hearts. We may have spent our past making feeble attempts to love, to forgive or to make special things happen, but today's exciting message is that the past does not have to equal the future. The Spirit which filled the apostles and enabled them to change history is the very same Spirit which has been given to us. If we believe in, and trust in the Holy Spirit, we can make things happen.

We can of course spend more of our short lives locked away, doubting as Thomas did that anything miraculous could happen. At the end of the day the proof of the pudding would be to step out of our self-made prisons and allow the Holy Spirit to work in our lives.

## MASS TIMES

**ST. JOSEPH & ST.  
BENILDUS**

**MONDAY TO SATURDAY**

**10.30AM**

**Sunday: 12 noon**

**STREAMED ON :**

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

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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 :**

*Most Holy Trinity*

*Ex34:4-6*

*Ps Dn 3:52-56*

*2 Cor 13:11-13*

*Jn2:16-18*

**St. Joseph & St. Benildus**

6.30pm

10.00am Sunday:

12 noon Sunday

**30th/31st May 2020**

Gerry Grant

John Bradley

David Ellickson

Gary Farrell

**6th & 7th June 2020**

Mary & John Coade

Michael Power

**St. Mary's, Ballygunner**

7.00pm Sat:

Fr. Eddie Conway

William & Thomas Power

John Power

John Quann

11.00a.m Sunday:

Miriam O'Kane

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

**Please pray for**  
Kathleen Carberry  
whose Months Mind occurs  
Declan Clancy, Gerry Grant Seamus Walsh,  
Mary Broderick, Christopher Flanagan  
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 Communion Children  
St. Mary's National School &  
St. John of God National School**

10 am mass last Sunday was a special mass for the Children from St. John Of God National School and 12 mass last Sunday was a special mass for the children from St. Mary's National School, Ballygunner who would have been making their First Holy Communion in the Parish last weekend. The children joined us from their homes to watch the mass and join in the prayers and singing. We all look forward to the great day when we will be able to celebrate their First Holy Communion and 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

If you would like to see the above masses again, go to  
[www.churchservices.tv/st.josephswaterford](http://www.churchservices.tv/st.josephswaterford)

**DOWNLOAD THE 2020 SACRED HEART  
NOVENA FOR FREE!**

The Messenger Sacred Heart Novena is held for the nine days leading up to the Feast of the Sacred Heart, which is always celebrated nineteen days after Pentecost. Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is considered a symbol of "God's boundless and passionate love for humanity". Many have found comfort and solace praying the Novena, and this year we have particular reason as a community, a nation and a global people to find strength, patience and reassurance in God's love for us. The 2020 Novena available to download from our website FREE OF CHARGE.  
<https://www.messenger.ie/the-sacred-heart-messenger/sacred-heart-novena-2020/>

**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.**

**Zoom Coffee morning—Wednesdays 11.15am**

*If you would like to take part in our Wednesday Zoom Coffee morning please email the Parish Office on [parishofficejbm@gmail.com](mailto:parishofficejbm@gmail.com) and we will sent you on the link. All are welcome.*

**St. Vincent de Paul**

If you wish to donate, you can direct your donation to your local conference **or you can drop your donation clearly marked into the Parish Office letterbox** All donations will be gratefully received in this time of need.

**Finishing school**

This is the week that 6th year students would have finished secondary school. It would have been a week of goodbyes, reflection and thanks. This is very different this year. The students have not had the opportunity to thank their teachers or say goodbye to their friends as they set out on a their lifes journey. It has been a strange year of uncertainty. On their behalf, we offer thanks to their teachers. We wish all students every success in the months and years to come and we will keep them all in our prayers in these challenging times.

**TROCAIRE LENTEN CAMPAIGN**

**Please support Trócaire by dropping your Trócaire Box into the Parish Office any weekday morning. You can also donate on their website [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org) or by phone 1850 408408**

**Schedule of Streamed Services for June  
St. Joseph & St Benildus Church**

**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

The next Parish Pastoral Council will be held on Wednesday next at 7.30pm