

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

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The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

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**Gospel Reflection for**

**The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**

**Where Else Should We Go?**

Jesus tells us that he is the bread of life, that he provides the only food which truly nourishes, that he gives us his own self to sustain us on our journey, that we are to eat his flesh and blood in order to abide in him. For many of Jesus' disciples this was just too hard to understand and they walked away.

It would be too easy for us to write these lapsed disciples off as fools, as lacking in faith, or as lazy and stupid. We have to remember that up until this point, these men and women had been faithful disciples. To have found a stumbling block too great to overcome must have been a sad and painful moment for them. It would have been interesting to know how many of them might have returned to Jesus at a later date, or how the lapsed had found an alternative way to fulfilment. The real point is that the stumbling block that finally proved too great for those early disciples could face any one of us, and what we need to address, is how we as disciples should cope with the same kind of difficulty.

Key to loyal discipleship is to ask what made Peter and his fellow disciples different from the ones that gave up. They were just as human as the others; they probably had just as many doubts as the others and no more in the way of courage or intellect. The answer has to lie in Peter's simple, "Lord, to whom shall we go?" The 'twelve' might have struggled with doubts and understanding, but they never doubted where they should be looking for answers. Quite simply, they didn't take their eye off the ball. They knew that they should trust Jesus even if some of his teachings were over their heads.

Every day we are faced with the same decisions. Do we follow Jesus' blueprint for living exemplary lives? Do we look to Jesus as the Son of God and the key to eternal life? Do we join in Holy Communion believing in Jesus' real presence.... or do we turn our backs and look for answers somewhere else?

## MASS TIMES

**ST. JOSEPH & ST. BENILDUS**

**MONDAY TO SATURDAY**

**10.30AM**

**Sunday: 12 noon**

**STREAMED ON :**

www.churchservices.tv/

stjosephswaterford

**St. Mary's,**

**Ballygunner**

**No Mass due to**

**Coronavirus regulations**

**IF YOU WISH TO  
PREPARE NEXT**

**SUNDAY'S READINGS :**

*12th Sunday in Ordinary  
Time*

*Jer 20:10-13*

*Ps 68:8-10,14,17,33-35*

*Rm5:12-15*

*Mt10:26-33*

**St. Joseph & St. Benildus**

6.30pm

10.00am Sunday:

12 noon Sunday

**13/14th June 2020**

David Power

Diarmuid O'Hegarty

Bernadette O'Hegarty

Ellen Hatton

Lila Murphy

**20/21st June 2020**

Declan Clancy

Ingrid Walsh

Patrick Keyes

Paddy Foley 25th Anniversary

**St. Mary's, Ballygunner**

7.00pm Sat:

Mabel Grant 2nd Ann

11.00a.m Sunday:

Michael Carley

Ingrid Walsh

Gerry O'Carroll

Hannah Coffey

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

**Please pray for**  
**John Caulfield** who died recently, **David Lee & Kathleen Carberry** whose months mind occurs at this time and **Dearbhail Clarke, Jim & Brendan Phelan & Joseph Lyons, Paddy Foley** whose anniversary occurs at this time.

**Holy Hour**  
A Holy Hour will be held on **Saturday 13th June** in **St. Joseph & St. Benildus Church** for the **Feast of The Body and Blood of Christ**. This will be streamed on [www.churchservices.tv/St.jpsephswaterford](http://www.churchservices.tv/St.jpsephswaterford).

**Schedule for June**  
**On our live-streaming service is as follows:**

**Monday, Tuesday & Thursday & Friday**  
**10.30am Mass**

**Wednesday**  
**10.30am Mass**  
7.30pm: Evening Prayer of the Church  
With quiet prayer and reflection

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

**Sunday**

**Novena to the Sacred Heart**  
A Novena to the Sacred Heart continues each morning directly after 10.30 and will run until **Friday 19th June 2020**

**Prayer Intentions**

**Fr. Patrick in Ishiara is proposing to offer prayers for our intentions at his daily mass with the Augustinian sisters. Likewise he has asked for prayers for the intentions in Ishiara to be said in our parish. They have asked us to pray for the survival of the people given the onset of the pandemic and and dry season. They expect rain very little in October. Please keep them in your prayers at this difficult time for them.**

**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

**Zoom Coffee morning—Wednesday 11.15am**  
If you would like to take part in our Wednesday Coffee morning please email the Parish Office on [parishofficehjb@gmail.com](mailto:parishofficehjb@gmail.com) and we will sent you on the link. All are welcome.

**Preparation for the Opening of Churches**  
The Irish Bishops Conference has published a document detailing the steps that each parish must take before the re-opening of churches for public worship. Bishop Cullinan has established a task force to assist parishes of the diocese in the drawing up of a plan for reopening. It will involve much more than social distancing. A task force has been established also in our Parish to plan for opening on 20th July 2020. This Task Force met on Thursday night and are putting plans in place to open both our churches in a safe manner taking on board and governments recommendations on sanitation and social distancing. We are looking forward to the day we can open our churches and welcome you all back to the celebration of the Eucharist.

**Thank You**  
Many thanks to those of you who continue to support our church by donating on line and by dropping your envelopes into the Parish Office letter Box.



**Christian Discipleship**  
The Church of Ireland Theological Institute will be running a weekly zoom meeting on areas of Christian Discipleship.....limited to 25 participants.....free of charge!  
Starting June 8<sup>th</sup>, 11 - 12 daily for 4 weeks

Mass takes place each weekday at 10.30am in St. Joseph & St. Benildus Church and at 12 noon on Sunday behind closed doors. The masses can be viewed on our live streaming at [www.churchservice.tv/stjosephswaterford](http://www.churchservice.tv/stjosephswaterford).  
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.

**St. Vincent de Paul**  
If you wish to donate, you can direct your donation to your local conference, to the Treasurer Martha Flood or local collector if you wish **or you can drop your donation clearly marked into the Parish Office letterbox** All donations will be gratefully received in this time of need.