

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

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12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

21st June 2020

**Gospel Reflection for the Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time :**

***Courage and Worth***



Some people leave their homes and go to work with the poorest of the poor in far flung third world countries .... but we are not those people. Some people fund raise tirelessly day in and day out for those who are sick or homeless and living in poverty .... but we are not those people. Some people campaign endlessly to end injustice and cruelty ... but we are not those people. We are not those people! Why not?

We are capable of doing great things, but most of us don't come anywhere near meeting our potential. We are afraid to step out of the comfort zone of our well-worn lifestyles, jobs and homes. We are afraid of the unknown, of failure, disruption and discomfort. In short, we lack the necessary courage.

In the face of a sometimes hostile and sceptical world, Jesus asks us to have the courage of our convictions. The Church today is built on the courage of those who have refused to compromise their beliefs.

Today's gospel urges us to be courageous. "Fear no one," Jesus advises us. Why fear those who can make life temporarily uncomfortable when God has our everlasting interests at heart?

Today's gospel teaches us an important lesson; courage is all to do with self-worth. If you feel you are worthless you are easily intimidated, but if you feel you do have worth, your conviction will lend you real courage. So do we appreciate our worth? Jesus convinces us that even the sparrows that are two a penny have worth in God's eyes, so how much more worth have we.

We have an individual worth to God who has counted each and every hair on our heads. We all have great potential. We all have something to offer .... no excuses, no exceptions.

## MASS TIMES

**ST. JOSEPH & ST.**

**BENILDUS**

**MONDAY TO SATURDAY**

**10.30AM**

**Sunday: 12 noon**

**STREAMED ON :**

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**St. Mary's,**

**Ballygunner**

**No Mass due to**

**Coronavirus regulations**

**IF YOU WISH TO  
PREPARE NEXT**

**SUNDAY'S READINGS :**

*13th Sunday in Ordinary  
Time*

*2kg 4:8-11, 14-16.*

*Ps 88:2-3, 16-19.*

*Rm 6:3-4, 8-11.*

*Mt 10:37-42.*

**St. Joseph & St. Benildus**

6.30pm

10.00am Sunday:

12 noon Sunday

**20/21st June 2020**

Declan Clancy

Ingrid Walsh

Patrick Keyes

Paddy Foley 25th Anniversary

**27/28th June 2020**

Tim O'Connor

Michael Dowling

John Cuningham

**St. Mary's, Ballygunner**

7.00pm Sat:

11.00a.m Sunday:

Ingrid Walsh

Gerry O'Carroll

Hannah Coffey

Brian Cully

Mollie Gough

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

### Reopening of churches : Parish of St Joseph, St Benildus and St Mary

From 29th June, Weekday Masses in St Joseph & Benildus will be at 7.30a.m. and 10.30a.m.

From Saturday July 4th, weekend Masses in St. Joseph & Benildus :

(Sat) Vigil 6.30p.m, and Sunday 10.00am and 12 noon.

Weekend Masses in St. Mary's : (Saturday) Vigil 7pm, and 9.00a.m and 11 a.m on Sundays.

In anticipation of the government giving the go-ahead for places of worship to re-open from June 29th, the Covid 19 Support Team in the parish have considered the most up to date advice on the health and safety of parishioners and respecting the guidelines on social distancing, we have determined that the maximum numbers we can safely accommodate in the two churches in the parish are :

**St Joseph's, St Benildus....110 St Mary's.....50**

As can be seen the capacity of both churches is greatly reduced, and in order to compensate for this we have decided to put on an extra Mass in St Mary's at 9.00am on Sunday morning. This means that a total of six Masses will be celebrated in the parish each weekend.

Masses in St Joseph and St Benildus will be at 6-30pm on Saturday; 10 am and 12 noon on Sunday.

Masses in St Mary's will be at 7-00pm Saturday; 9-00am and 11-00 am on Sunday morning.

In order to accommodate parishioners safely, it will be necessary to contact the parish office to reserve seating for the Mass you wish to attend. Seating can be reserved for individuals, parties of two, or family groups of three or more. **The parish office can be contacted at 051-878977 Monday to Friday between 9-30 am and 1pm., and from 2p.m to 5p.m.**

The seating reserved will be for the weekend Masses commencing Saturday July 4th and your reserved seat or seats will be held for you for the same Mass each week. There will not be a requirement to reserve each week!

While this is far from an ideal scenario, we feel it is the most effective way of ensuring the safety of parishioners. In this way we can control the numbers that will arrive at each Mass and avoid the disappointment of being unable to gain entry once the church capacity has been reached. It is important to appreciate that nobody can be guaranteed a seat or a specifically located seat, at any particular Mass. All intending Mass goers, however, can be assured that accommodation will be available for everybody at one or other of the said listed Masses or at extra Masses, if deemed necessary.

Please note that there is no obligation to attend Sunday Mass in this time of pandemic. Also, you can fulfil the Sunday obligation by attending Mass on a weekday if you so wish. (Weekday Masses in St Joseph and St Benildus will be at 7.30am and 10.30am and these can be attended without the requirement to reserve seating, as the numbers attending can be safely accommodated)

NB. It is most important that people who are vulnerable or unwell, and especially those with any symptoms that might suggest Covid-19 infection, should stay at home and, if possible, participate, as now, via webcam, social media, television, or radio. The same applies to those who have been in recent contact with someone who has the virus, in accordance with public health advice.

#### Livestreaming schedule for June

**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**

12 noon Mass

churchservice.tv/stjosephswaterford

#### Zoom Coffee morning— Wednesday 11.15am

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

#### Please pray for those whose Anniversary or Birthday occurs at this time:



Eileen Nevins, Edward Hartley,  
Ingrid Walsh, Patrick Keyes,  
Paddy Foley, Imelda Sheppard,  
Michael & Tess Rose & Family,  
Michael McDonnell,  
Hugh Greene, Richard Murray

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