

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

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The Most Holy Trinity

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Gospel Reflection for the Most Holy Trinity

Within or Without

What makes a good parent? Lots of parents endeavouring to home educate during these days of pandemic might be struggling at the moment with feelings of doing their best only to meet with huge resistance and even resentment. Could this be more to do with our own motivation rather than our children's unwillingness to sit and study? Might it be true that we want something back from our children? Could it be true that we've got one eye on the space on the mantelpiece where we want our child's graduation photo to sit? Today we are taught that the love of a good parent is unconditional. Giving unconditional love isn't easy. Unconditional love means caring about our children's happiness in every circumstance. Unconditional love means expecting nothing back. A good parent gives us unconditional love and a sense of true worth and importance. A good parent gives us the confidence to tackle life and all its challenges head on. God is our heavenly Father, and as such we are promised his unconditional love. "God did not send the son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved." Despite our faults, despite our endless mistakes, despite the mess we make of things, and despite our reluctance to change, God works always to transform us through his son's example and the subsequent guidance of his Holy Spirit. Lest we become complacent, it is still possible to be condemned despite God's unconditional love. Everyone knows of children who have come off the rails despite all the efforts of loving and exemplary parents. Similarly those who do not turn to God are condemned already we are told, not by God, but by the poor choices they themselves have made. As ever, the choices are there for the making. God does not ever remove his love; we simply choose to live within it, or without it.

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

Parish Helpline

083 8195001

**IF YOU WISH TO
PREPARE NEXT**

SUNDAY'S READINGS :

Most Holy Body &

Blood of Christ

Deut 8:2-3,14-16

Ps 147:12-15,19-20

1 Cor 10:16-17

Jn6:51-58

St. Joseph & St. Benildus

6.30pm

10.00am Sunday:

12 noon Sunday

6th/7th June 2020

Mary & John Coade

Michael Power

13/14th June 2020

David Power

Diarmuid O'Hegarty
Bernadette O'Hegarty
Ellen Hatton
Lila Murphy

St. Mary's, Ballygunner

7.00pm Sat:

John Power

John Quann

Mabel Grant 2nd Ann

11.00a.m Sunday:

Miriam O'Kane

Michael Carley

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

Please pray for

*Jerome & Julia Hegarty, Tom Clarke,
Molly McCabe, Michael Cashin,
John/Sean Heffernan, Tony Fennelly,
Mary Smiddy, David Power*

whose anniversaries occur at this time.

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.



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Schedule for June

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

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 and we will sent you on the link. All are welcome.

Preparation for the Opening of Churches

The Irish Bishops Conference will shortly publish a detailed document regarding 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. All up to date advice on physical distancing will be observed churches. Keep an eye on the Newsletter over the next couple of weeks for up-to-date news. We are looking forward to the day we can open our churches and welcome you all back to the celebration of the Eucharist.

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.

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.

Virtual Lourdes Pilgrimage

On Wednesday June 3rd, we would be travelling to Lourdes, but as we are all aware, this is not possible due to the current pandemic that has hit the world.

Lourdes will be waiting for our visit when it is safe to do so in the future. In the meantime, there are online services available from Lourdes itself through their facebook page each day, with Mass in the mornings and the Rosary throughout the afternoons.

The diocese will provide a service each day at 11am for four days beginning on Wednesday 3rd. Please see the programme outlined below. You can access these services by clicking on the following youtube link;

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCN3pVwI4TcSHYFo6O14TIyA>

Wednesday June 3rd: Opening Mass celebrated by Bishop Cullinan @ 11am

Thursday June 4th: Reflection and Rosary with Fr. Martin Keogh, Pilgrimage Director @ 11am

Friday June 5th: Solemn Stations of the Cross with Fr. Martin @ 11am

Saturday June 6th: Mass of Healing celebrated by Bishop Cullinan @ 11am

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us.
St. Bernadette, pray for us.

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 8th, 11 - 12 daily for 4 weeks

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.

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