

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

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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11th Oct 2020



Do we fondly imagine that people ought to love us just the way we are? We are told often enough that God loves us warts and all. But do we carry this belief through life with not much thought of betterment?

In today's parable a king invites guests to his son's wedding. When the guests refuse to turn up, the king extends the invitation to a different set of guests, both good and bad. The guests fill the wedding hall, but the king notices one man not wearing a wedding robe and he has him bound hand and foot and thrown out into the darkness! The consequences for not wearing the right outfit seem overly harsh as far as this poor guest is concerned, but of course the parable has not really very much to do with wedding receptions. The overriding theme in this story is to do with standards.

Jesus explains that the Kingdom of God is open to all but that doesn't mean that anyone and everyone can stroll into heaven. Just as guests make an effort to be correctly dressed for a wedding, so too must we put in the preparation and effort to be accepted into God's Kingdom.

The guest who was thrown out of the wedding feast for his 'accept me just the way I am' attitude presents a warning for us all. Too often we go about our daily routines not feeling any need to live life better. Far too often we look on our Christianity as making choices between good and evil, and we are confident that we rarely choose evil. But Jesus is asking more of us than simply choosing between right and wrong, he is asking us to choose between good and an even greater good. Just as the guest in today's parable did little more than turn up to the wedding, so we live life going through the motions but not much more. Accepting God's invitation to join him is only the first step, it's how we live out that acceptance that really matters.

Online Mass Times

Weekdays Masses 10:30 am.

Evening Prayer:

Wednesday 6:30 pm

Saturday Vigil Mass: 7:00 pm

Sunday Mass: 12 pm

St. Mary's will be open for private prayer 10:00 am - 4:00 pm daily.

St. Joseph & Benildus will be open for private prayer from 1.00pm-4.00pm daily.

All Masses will take place at St. Joseph and Benildus and can be viewed via livestream www.churchservices.tv/stjosephswaterford

NEXT

SUNDAY'S READINGS :

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Mission Sunday)

Is 45:1, 4-6.

Ps 95:1, 3-5, 7-10.

1 Th 1:1-5.

Jn 17:11, 17-23.

St. Joseph & St. Benildus	10th/11th Oct 2020	17th/18th Oct 2020
6.30pm. Sat	Noel Schorman	Madeline, Ken & Gerard Dickenson Brenda Dwyer
10.00am Sunday:		Jerry Flynn Padraig Dowling
12 noon Sunday		M.M Frank Malthouse
St. Mary's, Ballygunner		
7.00pm Sat:	Hugh Nugent Margaret Walsh	Bridget Hartley Pat Currid Anne Hamm Liam Walsh
11.00a.m Sunday:	Pat Mc Carthy Michael Boland	Pat Flynn Hugh Sweeney
All of the above will be remembered and prayed for at the 7pm and 12noon Masses as detailed on this page of the Newsletter		

Please pray for those who died recently

Tom Cosgrove

And those whose

Birthday or Anniversary

occurs:

Daithí Nevins, Ann Cooke

Bill Nolan, Willie Mortell

John & Harry Cotter



Last Sunday's

Collection

€1,535

Thank You for
your generosity

PARISH OFFICE

Please note that because of the Level 3 restrictions, the Parish Office is closed, but can be contacted by Phone 051 878977 or email : parishofficejbm@gmail.com

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS

Monday & Tuesday 9am - 5pm / Lunch 1-2pm

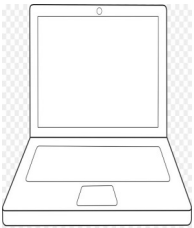
Wednesday 9am to 3.00pm / Lunch 1-2pm

Thursday 8.30am to 3.00pm / Lunch 1-2pm.

Friday 8.30am to 5.00pm / Lunch 1-2pm.

ONLINE MASSES

BECAUSE OF NATIONWIDE LEVEL 3 COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS, MASS IS ONLY ACCESSIBLE ONLINE.



PLEASE SEE THE FRONT OF THE NEWSLETTER FOR TIMES AND DETAILS.

EVENING PRAYER takes place Wednesday,

at 6.30pm. You are invited to join us online at www.churchservices.tv/stjosephswaterford



Gaelscoil Phortlairge is accepting applications for 2021 up to 31st October 2020. Forms may be downloaded

from : gsphortlairge.com

Or may be obtained by contacting the school office 051 879736

Please note: items for inclusion in the Newsletter must be received by Tuesday 11am of the week prior to printing. jbmnews@gmail.com

www.hospicefoundation.ie

Many people have experienced the death of someone they love during the COVID-19 pandemic. It may have been a COVID-related death or a death from other causes. In the face of such loss, the Irish Hospice Foundation Bereavement Support Line, in partnership with the HSE, has been set up to provide connection, comfort and support for those grieving in these exceptional times.

The Bereavement Support Line is a national freephone service 1800 80 70 77 which is available from 10am to 1pm, Monday to Friday.

We aim to provide a confidential space for people to speak about their experience.

Who can call?

Any adult who has been impacted by bereavement during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Care & Inform

As part of our response to COVID-19, we have created a new Care & Inform hub which features new resources on grieving in exceptional times, including supporting yourself and others, grief in the workplace and supporting children who are bereaved.

For more information, visit www.hospicefoundation.ie

**Solas
Cancer Support Centre
Virtual Run & Walk for Life
Oct 9th—11th 2020**

Pick your distance

Pick your route

Pick your day

Supported by UPMC and Beat

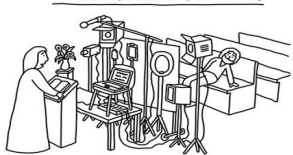


**Mission Sunday:
Oct 18th**

World Mission Sunday always falls over the second last weekend in October. Parishes worldwide have offered Mass collections from the day to aid the work of missionaries and mission overseas. Worringly the pandemic means World Mission Sunday is in real jeopardy. The World Missions Ireland website wmi.ie has interesting items to read. Donations may be made online.

OBSCURED VIEWS

IN THE CHURCH BUILDING

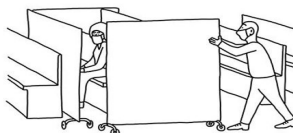


THE SHEER QUANTITY OF
LIVESTREAMING EQUIPMENT

WATCHING FROM HOME



DOMESTIC OBSTRUCTIONS



OVERZEALOUS STEWARDING



PROBLEMS AT THE OTHER END

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE manage a national support line and additional

supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

(To date, the ALONE COVID-19 Support Line has received in excess of 33,049 calls for support from vulnerable older people all over the country who need support, advice, or sometimes just reassurance.)