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St Joseph & St Benildus Fr Liam Power

Online Mass Times

Weekdays Masses: 10:30am.

Evening Prayer:

Wednesday 6:30 pm

Saturday Vigil Mass: 7:00 pm

Sunday Mass: 12 pm

All Masses will take place in Ss. Joseph and Benildus and can be viewed via livestream: www.churchservices.tv/ stjosephswaterford

Church Access for Private Prayer

St. Mary's

Daily from 10:00am - 4:00 pm.

St. Joseph & Benildus

Daily from 1.00pm - 4.00pm.

NEXT

SUNDAY'S READINGS:

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Wisdom 6: 12-16 Psalm 62: 2-8 1Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st November 2020

Gospel Reflection for All Saints

What Makes a Saint?

We can land men on the moon or Mars, find cures for cancer and AIDS, or define the 'big bang theory' but ultimately our destiny is shaped not by man's conquests or discoveries, but by the simple acceptance of a sermon Jesus gave over two thousand years ago. The 'Sermon On the Mount', sometimes called the 'greatest sermon of all time', begins with a list of revolutionary statements, which we now know as the 'Beatitudes'. The Beatitudes give us a blue print for living our lives, and a key for entering the Kingdom of God.



Be poor in spirit we are told, not allowing our lives to be governed by money or material concerns. We should be meek, always seeking to serve rather than seeking the power with which to lord it over others. Hunger for righteousness we are told, never tolerating injustice, always having the integrity to suffer for what we believe in if needs be. We should be merciful, not only with those we feel deserve mercy like the poor and the disadvantaged, but with those who need our forgiveness and consideration. Are we always pure of heart or do we enjoy a good gossip, a joke at someone else's expense? Are we peacemakers, or do we fuel battles against neighbours, workmates or people from different communities?

The Beatitudes are a list of ideals and challenges designed to shape our lives for the better, but are we left looking at the list and feeling that it's just too much of a tall order? As in anything that initially seems too difficult are we in danger of simply 'switching off', imagining that Jesus' ideals are meant for others but not for us?

On this the feast of 'All Saints' we celebrate the lives of those saints whose lives we aim to imitate. But what is interesting to note, is that not even these very special men and women have managed to live by every single beatitude. A saint is not necessarily a perfect person, but someone who has sought his or her hardest to be faithful to God. When we determine to live our lives by Jesus' ideals what matters is our commitment and integrity, not our measure of success.

St. Joseph & St. Benildus 31st Oct/1st Nov 7th/8th Nov 6.30pm. Saturday Della Keane Remembrance Mass

10.00am Sunday: John Davis

12 noon Sunday Paddy & Kitty O'Connor Novena of the Holy Souls Mass

St. Mary's, Ballygunner

7.00pm Sat: Remembrance Mass

11.00a.m Sunday: Maura Carley Novena of the Holy Souls Mass Joan English

All of the above will be remembered and prayed for at the 7pm Vigil Mass and the Sunday 12 noon Masses as detailed on this page of the Newsletter.

Please pray for those who died recently

Margaret Hearne, Maureen Kavanagh

Those whose Month's Mind Occurs



Those whose Birthday or Anniversary occurs:

Margaret Peggy Coffey

If you wish to donate to the Parish you may do so on the Parish Website



www.jbmparish.com via the Donate button.

All payments to the Parish can be made in this way i.e. Dues, weekly payments, Stipends etc. Please contact Anne or Michelle in the Parish Office if you have any queries.

Autumn Dues

Many thanks to all those who have paid their Autumn Dues either on line on our website **www:jbmparish.com** or by dropping their envelope into the post box at the Parish Office. Also a big thank-you to all who distributed the envelopes! It is much appreciated.

The Irish Hospice Foundation

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

Who can call? Any adult who has been impacted by bereavement during the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information, visit www.hospicefoundation.ie

The Visitation Team will be reaching out by telephone to members of the Parish to offer support for anyone who feels isolated or alone.



If anyone would like to receive a call, please contact the Parish Office on 051 878977 or parishofficejbm@gmail.com

EVENING PRAYER

takes place Wednesdays, at

6.30pm. You are welcome to

join us via livestreaming

a<u>t:</u> www.churchservices.tv/ stjosephswaterford



PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office is **closed to the public** until further notice but may be contacted by phone on 051 878977 or email: parishofficejbm@gmail.com at the following times:

Monday & Tuesday9am - 5pmLunch I-2pmWednesday9am to 3.00pmLunch I-2pmThursday8.30am to 3.00pmLunch I-2pmFriday8.30am to 5.00pmLunch I-2pm

Annual Remembrance Mass

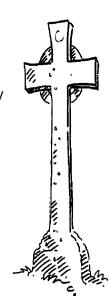
The **Remembrance Mass** will be held on Saturday 7th of November, at 7:00pm for all parishioners who have died in the Parish between October 1st 2019 & September 30th 2020. We will pray a Novena of the Holy Souls starting on 7th November, ending on the 15th November. All of the masses are available to view on our **Livestreaming**: www.churchservices.tv/stjosephswaterford.

The Remembrance Mass is can also be viewed on our **YouTube Channel**: St Joseph & St Benildus Fr Liam Power

Feast of All Souls Mass: Monday 2nd November 2020 at 10.30am.

Finding Rest

During the month of November, but particularly on this day we remember all those who have died. We remember them in a meaningful way rather than a mournful way. We remember the lessons we have learnt from them and the talents we have inherited from them. We remember how we loved them and how they loved us and made us what we are today. We remember their good deeds and determine to be more like them. Most importantly we remember that they have found rest, just as Jesus promised.



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Bitesize

Your life may be the only Bible some people read.

Author Unknown

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