

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

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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

25th October 2020

Gospel Reflection for the Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary time

Love Love Love



In that inimitable pop song the Beatles tell us, "All you need is love...", but is that just a sentimental ideal? Don't we need other things as well like food, homes, jobs, clothes, education and laws to make a happy and safe society?

In today's gospel a lawyer employed by the Pharisees asks Jesus a question. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" It's another 'loaded' question. The religious leaders had devised six hundred and thirteen commandments. If Jesus were to pick on one commandment as being more important than another then it would be to negate one of the other six hundred and twelve. But Jesus manages not to invalidate any one of the commandments. Rather, he chooses the commandment that underpins all the others. "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. You shall love your neighbour as yourself."

It is difficult to think of a human situation that can't be remedied by a mutual love. Love in this context is not the warm fuzzy feelings that come in a Valentines card, but a deep empathy and compassion for fellow human beings. "It's easy...." sing the Beatles. Well not at first perhaps... it's sometimes difficult to even like the people we meet let alone love them. Love takes practice. Love is seeing the similarities between ourselves and not the differences. Love sees that everyone wants the same things and needs the same things. Love starts by the little things we do for each other and gradually turns into a permanent state of being. Only then can we really claim to love God. We cannot claim to love God if we dislike or have a deep disdain for those around us.

Love starts in the mind, so start thinking today and every day how best to love and serve our neighbours.

Online Mass Times

Weekdays Masses: 10:30am.

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

10:00am-4:00 pm daily.

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

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

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS :

All Saints

Apoc 7:2-4,9-14

Ps 23:1-6.

Jn 3:1-3,

Mt 21:33-43

Mt 5:1-12

St. Joseph & St. Benildus

6.30pm. Saturday

24th/25th Oct 2020

Seamus Breen

31st Oct/1st Nov

Della Keane

10.00am Sunday:

Mary Butler

John Davis

12 noon Sunday

Mary Barry

Paddy & Kitty O'Connor

St. Mary's, Ballygunner

7.00pm Sat:

Christopher & Teresa

Harrington

Elizabeth Whelan

11.00a.m Sunday:

Joe & Helena Cahill

Maura Corley

Joan English

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

Please pray for those who died recently

Bridget (Bernie) Dunphy

Elizabeth (Betty) O'Carroll

Those whose Month's Mind Occurs

Teresa O'Meara Ryan

Those whose Birthday or Anniversary occurs:

Anne O'Connell, Raymond & Bee O'Brien, John &

Mary Breen, 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

Samaritans Biro Day Cancelled

During 2019 Samaritans in Ireland answered a call for help every 49 seconds. 583,277 phone calls, 66,479 texts and 19,989 emails were answered.

Our Biro and Wristband Days are held each year in Waterford, Dungarvan, Tramore, Carrick-On-Suir, Wexford and New Ross. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the people who make these days happen each year. We would also like to thank those of you who have donated in the past.

In the meantime we are raising funds online. You can donate through iDonate, our text service or on our Facebook page.

Those worried about their own mental health or someone else during the Coronavirus outbreak can find some useful online resources and advice on the Samaritans website www.samaritans.ie. Anyone can contact Samaritans FREE from any phone on 116 123 or you can email jo@samaritans.ie.

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 & 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



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NATIONWIDE
LEVEL 5 COVID 19
RESTRICTIONS, MASS IS
ONLY ACCESSIBLE
ONLINE.**

**PLEASE SEE THE FRONT OF THE
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SeniorLine - Support

If you are an older person and would like someone to talk to, particularly since Covid-19, consider phoning SeniorLine. We are Ireland's national confidential service for older people. We are open every day of the year from 10am-10pm. We are older people too, trained to listen and support. We would love to hear from you. Freefone 1800 80 45 91

All Souls Mass will take place on Monday, November 2nd at 10:30am.

The Remembrance Mass will be held on Saturday the 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 the 7th of November, ending on the 15th of November.

EVENING PRAYER

takes place
Wednesdays, at
6.30pm.

You are
welcome to join
us via
livestreaming at:
[www.churchservices.tv/
stjosephswaterford](http://www.churchservices.tv/stjosephswaterford)



"Somebody up there must love me."

www.brotherjumper.com

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