

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

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St Joseph & St Benildus
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Online Mass Times

Weekdays Masses: 10:30am.

Evening Prayer (New Time):

Wednesday 4:45 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](http://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 :

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pro 31:10-13,19-20,30-31

Psalm 127:1-5

Th5:1-6

Matthew 25: 14-30

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15th November 2020

Gospel Reflection for the Thirty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

Feel the Fear



To three slaves a master gives five talents, two talents and one talent respectively. Upon his return, the master discovers that the third servant has buried his talent through fear of failure. The master is angry and throws the worthless slave into the outer darkness. It might seem that the third slave was treated less than sympathetically, after all, he hadn't done anything particularly bad, but on the other hand, he hadn't done any good either. The third slave is a perfect example on how to lead a mediocre life.

God has given each of us gifts, some of us are more gifted than others, but no one is completely without gifts. We are each entrusted to discover our gifts, develop them and use them to best advantage. Jesus moves the point forward. To ignore our gifts is to ignore our responsibility. Gifts are given to shape and fulfil our lives and the lives of others. Gifts enable us to work in partnership with God. To ignore our gifts is to ignore God's intention.

It is good to see the great pleasure the first two servants gain from developing the master's gifts. What makes the third servant so different? The third slave who hid his talent did so out of fear, and perhaps out of laziness. He of course didn't get any fulfilment or pleasure out of this, and the master did not reward him or entrust him with any further responsibility. Perhaps we can sympathise with the third slave. Fear is perhaps the single most debilitating factor in us failing to reach our full potential. Fear of pushing ourselves forward only to meet with rejection, fear of failure, fear of taking risks, fear of stepping into the unknown. Fear of becoming over committed, fear of success even. To borrow the title of a famous book, today's gospel is an invitation to 'feel the fear and do it anyway....'

When through practice and hard work we learn to use our talents, we become more useful to God. When we have perfected certain skills we are better positioned to help others. As the first two slaves discovered, developing talents makes us happy and makes others happy too. More importantly, the more we achieve the more God will entrust us.

St. Joseph & St. Benildus

6.30pm. Saturday

14th/15th Nov

Georgina Butler
Nora Kennedy

21st/22nd Nov

Betty O'Carroll MM
P.J. Moloney
Dick Mahony
May Keohan

10.00am Sunday:

Novena Mass

Novena Mass

12 noon Sunday

Phylis Houlihan
John Foskin

Bernie Dunphy (MM)
Anna Kavanagh nee Dunne
Nicola Doheny

St. Mary's, Ballygunner

7.00pm Sat:

Liam O'Donnell
Rosanna, Henry, Frances,
Joe & Harry Sharpe,
Pierce Dower

John, Anne, Jim Margaret
Morrissey
Gerard Hogan

11.00a.m Sunday:

Danny & Miriam O'Kane

Phyllis O'Sullivan (MM)
Michael Kiely
Marilyn Brennan

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 whose months mind occur:

Phyllis O'Sullivan

Those whose Birthday or Anniversary occur:

Pat Murnane, Eddie Kelly, May Barriscale,
Michael Kiely, Maura Power, John "Jackie" Walshe,
Anne Hearne



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



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We invite you to a time of personal reflection, and prayer as we explore Gospel readings for the Sundays of Advent.

Do come and join us!

Thursday Evenings

8:00 - 8:45pm via Zoom

November 26th, December 3rd, 10th & 17th

Please email the Parish Office for the link.

Our goal is to fight poverty
in all its forms through the practical
assistance to people in need.

St. Vincent de Paul is appealing for donations.

Because of Level 5 restriction they cannot hold their monthly collection. If you would like to donate you may drop your donation into the letter box at the Parish Office or use the donate button on their website: svp.ie **Thank you**



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.

 **DONATE**

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon & Tues	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

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

Pandemic Prayer

Lord Jesus, you healed the sick and calmed the storm. Help us in this time of pandemic to feel your healing and calming hand on our world.

INSPIRE us as we social distance to find new ways to reach out so that we may grow in your love and service.

STRENGTHEN our front-line workers with courage to face each day.

ENLIGHTEN our priests to discover the best way to minister at this challenging time.

COMFORT us and help us to realise that even though we miss being able to attend Mass, our acts of kindness and support to one another will help to fulfil that longing in us and bring the Gospel to life.

REMINd us that wearing a mask shows I care for myself and others. It reminds me also to pray for those who are sick and all who care for them.

GUIDE our leaders and scientists and fill them with the Holy Spirit as they try to find ways to deal with this pandemic.

CALM us and grant us patience to endure this time of uncertainty.

Finally, may we become a "super spreader" of faith and love wherever we find despair or fear. Lord, I believe; help my unbelief **AMEN**

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Prayer and Praise

The prayer group that meets on line and shares the joys and challenges of the present time- all from the comfort of your own home. **Prayer and Praise** links up by Zoom on **Thursday mornings from 10 a.m.**

The programme includes readings from the Psalms, hymns and a short litany. Participants can share and discuss readings from works that have inspired them. A reading from the following Sunday is examined, intercessory prayers are offered, followed by the Angelus. All are welcome. **Contact: Fintan Power :086 321 5773.**

"WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT...."

HOW ARE YOU CALLED TO USE YOUR TALENTS?

Perhaps Christ is inviting you to use your talents in faithful service as a priest or consecrated religious? Speak to your local priest, or email the National Vocations Office on info@vocations.ie

EVENING PRAYER - Wednesdays at 4:45 pm

You are welcome to join us via livestreaming at:
www.churchservices.tv/stjosephswaterford



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