

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

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St Joseph & St Benildus
Fr Liam Power

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8th November 2020



Gospel Reflection The Price of Oil

We can nag our children endlessly about homework, buy them every book and piece of equipment they might conceivably need and pack their school bags every night, but at the end of the day we can't go to school and do the work for them. At exam time we can borrow essays

and pick each other's brains, but at the end of the day no one can sit the exam for us. A job interview looms and we run round seeking help and advice, but the final preparations have to be ours and ours alone. It seems there are certain things for which we alone must take responsibility.

In today's gospel, five wise bridesmaids and five foolish bridesmaids take their lamps and await the arrival of the groom. The groom is delayed, and by the time he arrives, the foolish bridesmaids have run out of oil and are forced to ask the wise bridesmaids for a loan. "No," reply the wise bridesmaids, "there will not be enough for you and for us." It might seem as though the wise bridesmaids were being a little less than generous, but this isn't a lesson in sharing. The lesson teaches us that there are some kinds of oil we just can't borrow.

The foolish bridesmaids stand for all those who waste their lives forever accepting mediocrity. The foolish bridesmaids stand for all those who save their good intentions up for 'tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow'. The foolish bridesmaids stand for those who imagine that good deeds are the responsibility of others. The foolish bridesmaids stand for all of us who think there is plenty of time left to fill up on our spiritual reserves.

What would it cost to fill up our spiritual reserves right now? Perhaps not as much as we might think! No one is suggesting that we all rush off and become Trappist Monks, but at the same time, how much less mediocre our lives would become if we got into the very good habit of living each and every day as though it was our last.

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 :

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Psalms 127:1-5

Th5:1-6

Matthew 25: 14-30

St. Joseph & St. Benildus

6.30pm. Saturday

7th/8th Nov

Remembrance Mass

14th/15th Nov

Georgina Butler

Nora Kennedy

Novena Mass

10.00am Sunday:

Novena Mass

12 noon Sunday

Martin Lawrence

Phylis Houlihan

John Foskin

St. Mary's, Ballygunner

7.00pm Sat:

Alice, Michael,
Jack & Helen Parle
Anne Tierney, Alison Tierney

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

11.00a.m Sunday:

Margaret (Rita) Stack
Miriam Cheasty

Danny & Miriam O'Kane

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

Michael Byrne



Those whose Birthday or Anniversary occurs:

Margaret (Peggie) Hartley, Maurice Gough,
Mary Cunningham, Maureen Meade O'Brien,
John Jackie Walsh, Kieran Curtin, Thomas Maguire

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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"...THOSE WHO WERE READY WENT IN WITH HIM TO THE WEDDING HALL ..."

ARE YOU READY TO RESPOND TO CHRIST'S CALL FOR A VOCATION?

If He is calling you to discern serving Him as a priest or consecrated religious, speak to your local priest, or email the National Vocations Office on info@vocations.ie

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.

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Holy Souls Novena: Saturday 7—Sunday 15 November

Novena of Masses for the Holy Souls commences this weekend in Ss. Joseph & Benildus Church.

All Novena masses can be viewed on live streaming:

Weekdays at 10.30am and Sundays at 10:00am.

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

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 1-2pmThe

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.

REMINDE 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

How would you like to be part of a prayer group that meets on line and shares the joys and challenges of the present time- and all from the comfort of your own home? The group **Prayer and Praise** links up by Zoom on Thursday mornings from 10 a.m. for about an hour. 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 J. Power :086 321 5773.**

When your arguments seem to go on for days... Talk to Accord

We in Accord Waterford are open for face-to-face counselling. Contact us at 051-878333 (office open Mon-Wed 10 to 4 or leave message) or contact us by email and we will get back to you accordwaterford@gmail.com



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Wednesdays, at 6.30pm.

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