

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

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Mass Schedule

Weekdays Masses:

St. Joseph & Benildus:
Mon—Sat: 7:30 am & 10:30 am.

Evening Prayer

St. Joseph & Benildus:
Wednesday 4:45 pm

Saturday Vigil Masses:

St. Joseph & Benildus: 6:30 pm
St. Mary's 7:00 pm

Sunday Masses:

St. Joseph & Benildus:
10:00 am and 12:00 noon
St. Mary's: 11:00 am

All Masses can be viewed via
livestream:

www.churchservices.tv/
stjosephswaterford

or

http://www.churchservices.tv/
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the public until further notice
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Third Sunday of Advent

13 December 2020

Gospel Reflection for the Third Sunday of Advent God At The Wheel



What is the difference between a Christian and someone who is not a Christian but is simply a very good person? The answer is that a very good person uses his or her own agenda. A Christian testifies to Christ. John the Baptist understood this very well. John understood that he had come as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. John hadn't come to change the world or work miracles or offer salvation ... he had simply come to prepare the way for a man who could. The gospels and the course of history are filled with men and women who have borne witness to Christ, some very famous and some we will never hear of. John the Baptist was probably the most significant because he sets the precedent. So how is John's example relevant to the rest of us?

In a legal context a good witness is someone who doesn't try to put their own interpretation on events. A good witness is someone who recognises the importance of truth and doesn't taint it with their own agenda. John the Baptist takes 'witness' to another level. We are not just to report the truth, but to channel it with understanding, humility and an appreciation of our human limitations. We provide good witness when we have done something good or clever, but are careful to give God credit for it. We provide good witness when we follow Jesus' teaching but trust in God to magnify our human effort.

Advent is a time for us to wake up and see the light. Advent is a time for us to re-assess the job we feel God has set for us and to get on with it. Advent is a time we clear the obstacles and prepare straight pathways. Advent is the time we recognise that God is at the wheel.

St. Joseph & St. Benildus	12/13 Dec	19/20 Dec
6.30pm. Saturday	Stephen Rogers Seamus Breen (Christmas Mass) Paddy & Marie White	Jim Whelan Patrick Ferrell
10.00am Sunday:	Denny Murphy	Margaret Power
12 noon Sunday	Beryl Roche (MM) Fr. Tim Ryan	Tom & Joan Foskin
St. Mary's, Ballygunner		
7.00pm Saturday:	Rosie & Paddy Morrissey	Gerry Murphy Mary Cummins William, Mary, Nancy & John Sharpe
11.00a.m Sunday:	Gerry & Evelyn O'Regan	Charles Murray



Please pray for those whose months mind occur:
Beryl Roche

Those whose Birthday or Anniversary occur:

John Bradley, Fr. Tim Ryan, Sarah & Michael Dunphy,
Philip, Breda, Noel & Anne Brady; Jackie Goode,
Claire & Jack O'Brien; May, Bob, Maev & Robert Quinn;
Mary Kennedy, John Walshe, Brendan Lea

Those who recently died: Peter Grant, Mary Smith, Edward
(Eddie) Griffin, John Hearne, Noel Fanning



EVENING PRAYER - Wednesdays at 4:45 pm

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



Prayer and Praise

Thursday mornings from 10 a.m. on Zoom

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.

ADVENT LECTIO DIVINA

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

Zoom ID for Thursday, December 17th:

Meeting ID: 839 9191 5136

Passcode: 905230



Schedule of Services for Advent and Christmas

Saturday 19th December:

Special Vigil Mass at 6.30pm including Carol Service with pupils from St John of God School. Mass will be live-streamed on our YouTube channel and from our regular live streaming service.

Penitential Service:

Monday December 21st at 7.30pm.

Live-streamed from Church Services platform

Carol Service:

Tuesday December 22nd at 7.30pm.

Carol Service from St Joseph and St Benildus Church: Live-streamed on our YouTube channel.

Christmas Eve:

Liturgy around the crib with children at 6.00pm

This liturgy will be live-streamed on our YouTube channel. You might like to join us on the live-stream with the family around the crib at home.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

St Joseph and St Benildus :

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass: 7pm and 9pm

Christmas Day Masses: 10.00am and 12 noon

St. Mary's Church

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass: 7pm and 9pm

Christmas Day Masses: 10.00am and 12 noon

MASS READINGS Mon 14 December — Sun 20 December

Mon 14 Dec	St John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church (Memorial) Num 24:2-7, 15-17. Ps 24:4-9, R/ v4. Mt 21:23-27
Tues 15 Dec	3rd Week of Advent Zeph 3:1-2, 9-13. Ps 33:2-3, 6-7, 16, 18-19, 23, R/ v7. Mt 21:28-32
Wed 16 Dec	3rd Week of Advent Is 45:6-8, 18, 21-26. Ps 84:9-14, R/ Is 45:8. Lk 7:19-23
Thurs 17 Dec	3rd Week of Advent Gn 49:2, 8-10. Ps 71:1-4, 7-8, 17, R/ v7. Mt 1:1-17
Fri 18 Dec	3rd Week of Advent (St. Flannan, Bishop. Optional Memorial) Jer 23:5-8. Ps 71:1-2, 12-13, 18-19, R/ v7. Mt 1:18-24
Sat 19 Dec	3rd Week of Advent Jg 13:2-7, 24-25. Ps 70:3-6, 16-17, R/ v8. Lk 1:5-25
Sun 20 Dec	4th Sunday of Advent 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16. Ps 88:2-5, 27, 29, R/ v2. Rm 16:25-27. Lk 1:26-38

This Week's Notices:

- * SLT Meeting on Tuesday, December 15th at 6:00pm
- * Rotas for Eucharistic Ministers and Readers for December are available in the sacristy in St. Joseph & Benildus.
- * Youth 2000 is having an online Christmas Retreat. Visit www.youth2000.ie for information and to register.
- * St. Vincent de Paul is appealing for donations. Any amount is much appreciated. You may get an envelope in church or use the donate button on their website: www.svp.ie Thank you
- * Items for inclusion in the Newsletter must be received by Tuesday 11am of the week prior to printing: jbmnews@gmail.com

"The One who calls you is faithful."

Will you be faithful to His call?

Listen. God may be inviting you to be a priest or consecrated religious.

If you feel God is inviting you, speak to your local priest or email the National Vocations Office on info@vocations.ie

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for December: — For a life of prayer. We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.