

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

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## Online Mass Times (Week of 27 Dec- 3 Jan)

Saturday Vigil Mass: 7:00 pm

Sunday Mass: 12 pm -

**\*Livestreamed from St. Mary's**  
[www.churchservices.tv/  
stmarysballygunner](http://www.churchservices.tv/stmarysballygunner)

Weekday Masses: 10:30am.

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.

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

## Feast of the Holy Family

27th December 2020

Gospel Reflection for the Feast of the Holy Family

Moral Foundation

We've survived Christmas! All the toys that shot up in price just prior to Christmas are all in bits under the sofa and our children are playing happily with the cardboard boxes. Meanwhile we are living on turkey leftovers and whatever else is stuck to the back of the freezer. In all truth we are feeling a little calmer. Now is actually a better time to think about the Christmas meaning than Christmas day itself. Now that the pressure has lifted, we find ourselves with a bit of time to think about the Holy Family, and our how their values impact own family values.

In today's gospel we see Mary and Joseph presenting their new baby at the temple. They both knew that their child was destined for great things. How would they prepare their child for the role he was born for? There's a famous quote by Martin Luther King Jnr. It reads, "If we are to go forward, we must go back and rediscover those precious values – rediscover that all reality hinges on moral foundations, and that all reality has spiritual control" The spirituality that each of us holds today began in childhood, from a time we cannot even remember.

Mary and Joseph were simple folk who would bring up their son in exactly the same way regardless of whether he was destined to be a carpenter or the Messiah. We can all learn a valuable lesson from this about family values and parenting. We don't have to lavish expensive iPads and Xboxes on our children for them to know they are loved. Jesus was born into the poorest of circumstances but he grew up with parents who led by example in an atmosphere of love, wisdom and courage.

Whether our children are destined for greatness or not is irrelevant, today we are told to teach our children by our own good example. If we want our children to grow up in a particular way, we have to start by demonstrating it in our own lives from today.

<b>St. Joseph &amp; St. Benildus</b>	<b>26/27 Dec</b>	<b>2/3 Jan</b>
6.30pm. Saturday	Kathleen King	Michael Lane
10.00am Sunday:	Anne Malone	Elizabeth & Diarmuid O'Hegarty
12 noon Sunday	Niall Larkin Michael Kearney	Noel O'Shea
<b>St. Mary's, Ballygunner</b>		
7.00pm Saturday:	John & Bridget Keane Peirce Dower, Fr. Joe Cullen Fr. Pat Burrows Mary Kenny, Luke Kenny, Bridie Flynn	
11.00a.m Sunday:		Della Upton



### Pray for those who died recently:

Phyllis Doyle, Frank McDonough,  
John Nagle, Bobby O'Keefe

### And those whose Birthday or Anniversary occur:

George Nolan, Jack Hatton, Mary, Michael & Catherine  
Hearne, Mary Burke, Brian Fitzgerald.

## CORONAVIRUS HELPLINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE:

**0818 222 024**

If you have concerns or queries about COVID-19  
call ALONE's dedicated support line everyday, 8am - 8pm

**ALONE**

Supporting older people  
to age at home

**seniorline**  
National Confidential Listening Service for Older People

**OPEN**  
**10AM TO 10PM**

**FREEPHONE**

**1800 80 45 91**

If you are an older person and would like someone to talk to,  
particularly since Covid-19, please phone **seniorline**.  
We are older people too, trained to listen and support.

### This Week's Notices:

- \* No **7.30 am Mass** until further notice.
- \* No **Evening Prayer** on 30th Dec and 6th Jan.  
Evening Prayer resumes on 13th January.
- \* **Prayer and Praise** resumes on Thursday, 14th Jan  
2021 at 9:00 am (Please note the new time)
- \* If you wish to donate to the Parish you may do so on  
the Parish Website [www.jbmparish.com](http://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.
- \* Items for inclusion in the Newsletter must be received by  
Tuesday 11 am of the week prior to printing :  
**jbmnews@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.

**REMEMIND** 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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## MASS READINGS Mon 28 December — Sun 3 January

Mon 28 Dec	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs 1 Jn 1:5-2:2. Ps 123:2-5, 7-8, R/v7. Mt 2:13-18.
Tues 29 Dec	5th Day in the Octave of Christmas St. Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr (Optional Memorial) 1 Jn 2:3-11. Ps 95:1-3, 5-6, R/ v11. Lk 2:22-35
Wed 30 Dec	6th Day in the Octave of Christmas 1 Jn 2:12-17. Ps 95:7-10, R/ v11. Lk 2:36-40
Thurs 31 Dec	7th Day in the Octave of Christmas St Sylvester, Pope (Optional Memorial) 1 Jn 2:18-21. Ps 95:1-2, 11-13, R/ v11. Jn 1:1-18.
Fri 1 Jan	Mary, The Holy Mother of God Num 6:22-27. Ps 66:2-3, 5,6,8, R/ v2. Gal 4:4-7. Lk 2:16-21
Sat 2 Jan	Before Epiphany, Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church (Memorial) 1 Jn 2:22-28. Ps 97:1-4, R/ v3. Jn 1:19-28.
Sun 3 Jan	Second Sunday of Christmas Eccles (Sir) 24:1-2, 8-12. Ps 147:12-15, 19-20, R/Jn 1:14. Eph 1:3-6, 15-18. Jn 1:1-18

### "Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways."

If you should be called to serve the Lord as a priest or in the consecrated life, pray for a deep faith and obey Him in love. Speak to your local priest or your Diocesan Vocation's Director, or email the National Vocations Office on [info@vocations.ie](mailto: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.

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for January:** — Human Fraternity. May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.