

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

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Online Mass Times (Week of 10 - 16 Jan)

Saturday Vigil Mass: 7:00 pm

Sunday Mass: 12 pm -

Weekday Masses: 10:30am.

Evening Prayer: Weds. 4:45pm

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.

 If you wish to donate
to the Parish you may do so
on the Parish Website via
the donate button.

All payments to the Parish
can be made in this way i.e.
dues, weekly payments, sti-
pends etc.

Thank you.

The Baptism of the Lord

10 January 2021

Gospel Reflection for the Baptism of the Lord

Living Baptism

Very few of us remember our own baptism, and perhaps we have never really even questioned why it might be important, other than something we might need to attend a Catholic School or get married. Perhaps we need to look to Jesus' baptism to know how privileged we really are to have been baptised.



What does Jesus' baptism say to us? Jesus' thirty years of preparation before his public baptism remind us that it takes time to get ready for God's mission. How many countless hours did Jesus spend in prayer?

What study, what thought, what agony must he have undergone before appearing in front of John to ask him to baptize him. We are reminded that baptism isn't just something that happens to us as children, it's something we have to live out on a daily basis.

January is a time for new beginnings and fresh resolution. John the Baptist was an expert on this. John's ministry was all about repentance and life changing reform ... that's what his baptism was all about. But anyone who has ever seriously tried to change themselves will know how difficult change really is. The addict will tell you how difficult it is to quit gambling, drinking or cigarettes. All of us can point to parts of our life that remain stubbornly unchanged year in and year out. Those who were baptised by John were baptised as a sign of their intent to change from their old ways, but knowing how difficult change can be, we can't help wondering how successful they must have been. Perhaps John appreciated this too when he said "I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit."

Christians are hugely privileged people. We are told that the same Holy Spirit that empowered Jesus at the outset of his ministry, is the same Holy Spirit that is given to us in our baptism. Validating our baptism anew every day, knowing that we are filled with the Holy Spirit change isn't beyond any of us.

St. Joseph & St. Benildus

9/10 Jan

16/17 Jan

6.30pm. Saturday

John Hearne (MM)
Paul Rogers (1st Ann)

Tom Keane
Larry Quinn & Pattie Ryan

10.00am Sunday:

Paddy Troy

12 noon Sunday

Deceased member of
O'Connell & Rose Family

Sean Caraway

St. Mary's, Ballygunner

7.00pm Saturday:

John Gear

11.00a.m Sunday:

Peter Grant (MM)

Lily Gaffney



Pray for those who died recently:

Honor Breen, late of Havenwood

And those whose Birthday or Anniversary occur:

Cissie Gough, Michael Wallis, Karl Kirby, Samuel & Eileen Waring,
Jerry Harrington



The Saint Vincent De Paul Conference in the Parish of St. Joseph & Benildus & St. Mary's wishes to extend thanks to all our parishioners who donated so generously in support of the Saint Vincent de Paul Annual Christmas Collection. Thanks also to the parents, staff and children of St. John of God and St. Mary's Ballygunner and who held fundraisers that contributed significantly to the appeal. Thanks also to the pupils of Gaelcholáiste Phort Láirge who made up hampers that were distributed in the community at Christmas. **Thank you, thank you, thank you!**



ALPHA ON LINE VIA ZOOM BEGINNING THURSDAY JAN 21ST! 8PM

Come and experience our gathering in a very different way!
It is also an opportunity to meet others and explore together.

We invite you to join us virtually as we explore questions like:

- Does God really exist?
- How do we cope with pandemic?
- Who was the historical Jesus?
- What is faith and where are we on that journey?
- How can we pray?
- What about the church - is it relevant?

For more information or to sign up, contact the Parish Office or email: jbmparishalpha@gmail.com

***If you are unsure about Zoom, let us help you with a personal session before Alpha begins.**

This Week's Notices:

- * The **IPPC** will meet on Monday at 8:30 pm via Zoom.
- * **Evening Prayer** resumes on 13th January at 4:45pm.
- * **Prayer and Praise** resumes on Thursday, 14th Jan at 9:00 am (Please note the new time)
- * 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
- * Items for inclusion in the Newsletter must be received by Tuesday 11 am of the week prior to printing : jbmnews@gmail.com

Is the One who "baptized you with the Holy Spirit" asking you to consider a call to serve as a priest, a deacon or in the consecrated life?

Speak to your local priest or email the National Vocations Office on info@vocations.ie

MASS READINGS Mon 11 January — Sun 17 January 1st Week in Ordinary Time

Mon 11 Jan	Heb 1:1-6. Ps 96:1-2, 6-7, 9, R/ v7. Mk 1:14-20
Tues 12 Jan	Heb 2:5-12. Ps 8:2, 5-9, R/ v7. Mk 1:21-28
Wed 13 Jan	St. Hilary , bishop and doctor of the church (Optional Mem) Heb 2:14-18. Ps 104:1-4, 6-9, R/ v8. Mk 1:29-39
Thurs 14 Jan	Heb 3:7-14. Ps 94:6-11, R/ v8. Mk 1:40-45
Fri 15 Jan	St. Ita , virgin (Memorial) Heb 4:1-5, 11. Ps 77:3-4, 6-8, R/ v7. Mk 2:1-12
Sat 16 Jan	St. Fursa , abbot and missionary (Optional Memorial) Heb 4:12-16. Ps 18:8-10, 15, R/ Jn 6:63. Mk 2:13-17
Sun 17 Jan	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Sam 3:3-10, 19. Ps 39:2, 4, 7-10, R/ vv 8, 9. 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20. Jn 1:35-42

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.

It is a sad truth that religion through the centuries has actually contributed to world conflict as much as it has striven to create peace. But it is also true that all religions have common foundations, and people all over the world whatever their religion and whatever their background want the same things. Everyone needs love, respect, work, food, shelter and freedom. Because we all want the same things, it makes sense that we should look for ways to work together. This month Pope Francis invites us to join in his prayer intention for January 2021, "....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."