

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

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Online Mass Times (Week of 17 - 23 Jan)

Saturday Vigil Mass: 7:00 pm

Sunday Mass: 10:00 am

Funeral Mass: Sunday 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, stipends etc.
Thank you.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

17 January 2021

Gospel Reflection for the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Great Expectations

It's strange but true, that we tend to live up to other people's expectations. If someone expects very little of us, then it is likely that we will end up achieving next to nothing. Living up to high expectations can feel daunting, but the surprising thing about great expectations, is that very often they have the power to transform us. Living up to great expectations can make us into better people.



In today's gospel, Jesus meets Andrew's brother Simon. He looks at him and says, "You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas, meaning Rock." The new name must have filled Peter's friends with astonishment. "A rock" Peter certainly wasn't. Peter we know was a bit of a hot head. He was impulsive, rash, sometimes misguided and often passionate. To describe him as a 'rock' was surely inappropriate. Yet slowly and surely, Peter starts to live up to Jesus' expectations, and slowly but surely, Peter changes from a hot headed fisherman, into a steadfast leader of the Church. As we see so often in the Bible, Jesus' expectations have the power to transform.

By comparison, we seem to live our lives with fairly banal expectations. Our greatest ambition, as we wake each morning might be to clear our 'in tray' at work, or take the car to the car wash. Are we missing something? Is God calling us to greater things and we simply aren't listening? For each of us God has a job to do. Of each of us God has great expectations. Surely amongst our resolutions for 2021, we must plan how to answer God's call.

St. Joseph & St. Benildus

16/17 Jan

23/24 Jan

6.30pm. Saturday

Tom Keane
Larry Quinn & Pattie Ryan
Patricia McAuliffe

10.00am Sunday:

12 noon Sunday

Sean Caraway

Frank O'Callaghan
Sean Caraway

St. Mary's, Ballygunner

7.00pm Saturday:

John Gear

Michael Carroll

11.00a.m Sunday:

Lily Gaffney



Pray for those who died recently:

Anna O' Sullivan, Donal Castigan, Patricia McAuliffe,
Thomas Casey, Tom Fewer, Paschal Hartery

And those whose Birthday or Anniversary occur:

Geraldine Walsh (A), Tom Leahy (17th A) and his brother, John Leahy,
Lily Gaffney (80th Birthday Rem.)



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.**

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



This Week in the Parish:

- * **Evening Prayer** Wednesdays at 4:45pm.
- * **Parish Pastoral Council Meeting** Wed. at 8:00pm
- * **Prayer and Praise** Thursday mornings at 9:00 am
Zoom Meeting ID: 899 4117 8783
Passcode: 079339
- * **Alpha Online** Thursday evenings at 8:00 pm
- * 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

"Behold the Lamb of God."

Could it be that you are being called to be a shepherd for the Lord 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

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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Changing Canon Law, to allow for Female Readers and Eucharistic Ministers

Pope Francis has changed Canon Law to make explicit that lay-women may be installed in the Catholic Church as Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers. Women already serve in these ministries but now the law of the Church gives formal recognition to women in these ministries.

The change was necessitated because Canon Law allowed for the service of women on a temporary basis and at the discretion of the local bishop. According to Phyliss Zagano, an expert on the question of women deacons, this change in Canon Law is the first recognition that women could serve in a role near an altar during liturgical celebration.

MASS READINGS Mon 18 January — Sun 24 January 2nd Week in Ordinary Time

Mon 18 Jan	Heb 5:1-10. Ps 109:1-4, R/ v4. Mk 2:18-22
Tues 19 Jan	Heb 6:10-20. Ps 110:1-2, 4-5, 9,10 R/ v5. Mk 2:23-28
Wed 20 Jan	St. Fabian, pope and martyr (Optional Memorial) St. Sebastian, martyr (Optional Memorial) Heb 7:1-3, 15-17. Ps 109:1-4, R/ v4. Mk 3:1-6
Thurs 21 Jan	St. Agnes, virgin and martyr (Memorial) Heb 7:25-8:6. Ps 39:7-10, 17, R/ vv8,9. Mk 3:7-12
Fri 22 Jan	St. Vincent, deacon and martyr (Optional Memorial) Heb 8:6-13. Ps 84:8, 10-14, R v11. Mk 3:13-19.
Sat 23 Jan	Heb 9:2-3, 11-14. Ps 46:2-3, 6-9, R/ v6. Mk 3:2-21
Sun 24 Jan	Jon 3:1-5, 10. Ps 24:4-9, R/ v4. I Cor 7:29-31. Mk 1:14-20.

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.