

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

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Online Mass Times (Week of 24 - 30 Jan)

Saturday Vigil Mass: 7:00 pm

Sunday Mass: 12:00 noon

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


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.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

24 January 2021

Gospel Reflection for the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time **Wanted: Something More Important**

"Wanted:- Men and women willing to leave behind their old way of life and become fishers men."

There aren't many of us who would jump at this job application. It isn't that we don't want to become fishers of men, its leaving behind our old way of life that we're not too keen on. It seems that there is very little that would persuade us to abandon our own self-interest.

In today's gospel one of the most impressive elements is that the early disciples accept the call to repent, abandon their fishing nets and follow Jesus. That they turn away from a successful business in order to become 'fishers of men' is a measure of their commitment.

Today there are still those who accept the challenge to abandon everything and become fishers of men. Each year, thousands of men and women give their lives to God and join religious orders. How do the rest of us answer to call to become 'fishers of men'? We can't all join religious orders; we have to find a way of answering the call in our own situation, and we might have lots of questions to ask first. What would being a disciple involve? Would we be up to the job? What would we have to leave behind? What would we have to give up? Would part time discipleship be okay ... after all we've got lots else to do!

There would be lots of questions we would ask, but sadly no easy answers. There is no one answer that is right for everybody. But the one important message for us today is that discipleship usually means a major shift in direction; a change that involves leaving behind things that get in the way of our relationship with God. It is left to each of us to decide what our particular mode of discipleship might be, and what stands in the path of our new direction. Our new direction has to start with some good hard soul searching, and a real desire to do something more important with our lives.



St. Joseph & St. Benildus

23/24 Jan

30/31 Jan

6.30pm. Saturday

Margaret Gretta Walsh
Patrick Nolan (1st A) & his wife
Bridget Nolan's 100th Birth. Rem.

Frank McDonough (MM)

10.00am Sunday:

12 noon Sunday

Frank O'Callaghan
Sean Caraway

Liam Flynn (MM)
Anastasia & John Meade

St. Mary's, Ballygunner

7.00pm Saturday:

Michael Carroll (4th A)

11.00a.m Sunday:



Pray for those who died recently:

Maureen Cunningham & John "Jack" Deegan

And those whose Birthday or Anniversary occur:

Jim, Ellen & Ned Daly (A)'

Tom Leahy & his brother, John Leahy'

Tom Coffrey (A)

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.*

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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Conversion of St Paul

January 25th

When we are struggling to find change in our lives, we could hardly do better than look to the story of Saul, the great persecutor of Christians, who saw the light on the road to Damascus.



In the story of the conversion of Saul, from the persecutor of Christians to the zealous and holy instrument of evangelisation, Paul shows the strength of God's power in our lives, and how He can change anything. Although misguided, Saul had always been sincere and committed. In him God saw a tremendous instrument for all that he wanted to accomplish.

The lesson here is to remember that **for God, nothing is impossible.**



ALPHA ON LINE VIA ZOOM THURSDAYS EVENINGS AT 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: jbmpparishalpha@gmail.com

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

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

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