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

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Online Mass Times (Week of 24 - 30 Jan)

<u>Saturday Vigil Mass</u>: 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

<u>Church Access for Private Prayer</u> **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

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.



24 January 2021

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

6.30pm. Saturday

10.00am Sunday:

12 noon Sunday

St. Mary's, Ballygunner

7.00pm Saturday:

Margaret Gretta Walsh Patrick Nolan (1st A) &

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

Frank O'Callaghan Sean Caraway Liam Flynn (MM) Anastasia & John Meade

30/31 Jan

Frank McDonough (MM)

Michael Carroll (4th A)

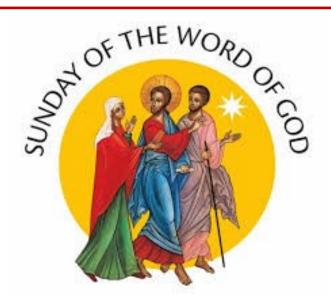
11.00a.m Sunday:



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)





Sunday of the Word of God 2021

In his Apostolic Letter of 30 September 2019, 'Aperuit illis' Pope Francis established that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be the Sunday of the Word of God. He had already proposed something similar at the end of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy. **Sunday of the Word of God is a day to be devoted to the celebration, study, and spreading of the Word of God.**

Pope Francis is clear from the very first paragraph of this letter that the relationship between the Risen Lord, a community of believers, and sacred Scripture is essential to who we are as Christians.

This Week in the Parish:

- * Liturgy Group meeting Monday at 8:00 pm
- * Evening Prayer Wednesdays at 4:45pm.
- * SLT Team meeting Wednesday evening at 9:00 pm
- 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

"The Kingdom of God is at hand."

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As we live through an unprecedented time of challenge and uncertainty, our faith and our resilience can be tested. We can ask questions like 'Will things ever be the same again?', 'When can we get back to normality?', 'Where is God in all of this?' In response to this, we reflect upon how Catholic schools are communities of faith and resilience. In Catholic schools, we are called to support each other and to have faith in the promise of the Good News.

Catholic schools are inspired by the belief that God has created each one of us with a capacity to give love and receive love. This love is bound in faith and is more resilient than any virus. While each Catholic school is such a community, every Catholic school fosters the holistic development of its students, promotes their wellbeing and offers them cultivation of a deeper, loving relationship with God. Jesus teaches us to love one another as he has loved us. During Catholic Schools Week we celebrate the gifts and talents we have in following Jesus' teaching.

This year we celebrate how we are called to be communities of faith and resilience, through our thoughts, words and actions. In doing so, we live out the meaning of the beautiful hymn 'Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est' – '

'Where charity and love are, God is there.'

MASS READINGS Mon 25 January — Sun 31 January 3rd Week in Ordinary Time	
Mon 25 Jan	The Conversion of Paul, The Apostle Acts22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22. Ps 116:1-2, R/Mk 16:15. Mk 16:15-18
Tues 26 Jan	Ss Timothy & Titus, Bishops 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5. Ps 95:1-3, 7-8, 10 R/v3. Lk10:1-9.
Wed 27 Jan	St. Angela Merici, Virgin & Religious (Opt. Memorial) Heb 10:11-18. Ps 109:1-4, R/v4. Mk4:1-20
Thurs 28 Jan	St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church Heb 10:19-25. Ps 23:1-6, R/v6. Mk4:21-25
Fri 29 Jan	Heb 10:32-39. Ps 36:3-6, 23-24, 39-40, R/v39. Mk4:26-34
Sat 30 Jan	St. Aidan, bishop Heb 11:1-2, 8-19. Ps Lk1:69-75, R/v68. Mk4:35-41
Sun 31 Jan	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Deut 18:15-20. Ps 94:1-2, 6-9, R/v9. 1 Cor 7:32-35. Mk 1:21-28

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.



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.

 $\ensuremath{\hbox{\rm NSPIRE}}$ 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.

REMIND 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.

 $\ensuremath{\textup{CALM}}$ 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

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: jbmparishalpha@gmail.com

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

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