

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

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## Online Mass Times (Week of 01 - 07 Feb)

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](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.

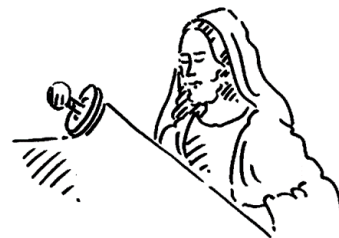
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

31 January 2021

**Gospel Reflection for the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## True Authority

Today Mark tells us how Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. He tells us how amazed the people were at how he taught and at the authority in his teachings. His authority was powerful enough to expel demons even. You'll notice that Mark doesn't tell us what Jesus taught but only how he taught and the impression he made. So why did people sense authority in Jesus' presence, and why was it so compelling?



When we think of authority we tend to think of bosses, leaders or the legal profession. We think of rules, laws and boundaries. We equate authority with enforcement and for the most part we don't like it very much. Perhaps Jesus' brand of authority was compelling because it wasn't any of these things. Jesus' brand of authority wasn't about the exclusion that the scribes and Pharisees were so fond of but of total inclusion. Jesus' authority was rooted in the value of every man woman and child over any out-dated rule or redundant tradition.

We do not have the benefit of listening first hand to Jesus' teaching, but it is testament to his authority that we still read his words twenty centuries after he spoke them. There are still lessons to be learned for those who believe Jesus can add something to our world and change us forever. There are still demons in our lives, and Jesus' teaching still has the authority to drive them out.

**St. Joseph & St. Benildus**

**30/31 Jan**

**6/7 Feb**

6.30pm. Saturday

Frank McDonough (MM)

Liam O'Connell

10.00am Sunday:

James & Eugene Power

12 noon Sunday

Liam Flynn (MM)  
Anastasia & John Meade

**St. Mary's, Ballygunner**

7.00pm Saturday:

Davy Doyle

11.00a.m Sunday:

John O'Connor  
Michael & Kathleen Conway



**Pray for those who died recently:**

Bridget O'Connor,

Carmel Clarke

**And those whose Birthday or Anniversary occur:**

Brian & Cissy Delaney

James & Esther Hoey

### Presentation of the Lord- February 2nd

Simeon had waited all his life to see Jesus. The Holy Spirit had promised him that he would live long enough. When Mary and Joseph presented the baby at the temple, Simeon said, "Now, Lord, you have kept your promise, and you may let your servant go in peace. With my own eyes I have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples."

Seeing Jesus satisfied Simon's life. We are prompted to ask what would satisfy us in our lives. Are the goals we set worth a lifetime of wanting, as Simeon's was?



### Candlemas—February 2nd

Observed on February 2nd, Candlemas celebrates what is now called the Presentation of the Lord, when the infant Jesus was taken to the Temple by his parents according to Jewish custom. Candlemas Day occurs 40 days after Christmas and marks the end of the Christmas cycle.

The name Candlemas comes from the traditional observance of blessing candles and distributing the candles to worshippers. The candles recall the lights of Christmas. The candles also symbolize Simeon's words to Mary and Joseph in Luke 2:32 that Jesus would be "a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel."

### Saint Blaise—3rd February

Many Catholics might remember Saint Blaise's feast day because of the Blessing of the Throats that took place on this day. Two candles are blessed, held slightly open, and pressed against the throat as the blessing is said. Saint Blaise's protection of those with throat troubles apparently comes from a legend that a boy was brought to him who had a fishbone stuck in his throat. The boy was about to die when Saint Blaise healed him. St Blaise is the patron of throat illnesses

### This Week in the Parish:

- \* **Wednesday Morning Coffee Hour** 11:00 am on Zoom – Join us for a virtual cuppa!  
Meeting ID: 750 6591 3461  
Passcode: 0qGsFd
- \* **Evening Prayer** Wednesdays at 4:45pm.
- \* **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



**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.

This week is the final opportunity to join this session of Alpha. **There are only two places left.** Please contact the Parish Office to register.  
sign up, 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 today you hear His voice,  
harden not your hearts."**

Open your heart to the possibility that Christ is calling you to a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life.

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

### MASS READINGS Mon 01 February — Sun 07 February 4th Week in Ordinary Time

Mon 01 Feb	St. Brigid, Abbess, Secondary Patron of Ireland Job 31:16-20, 24-25, 31-32 or Eph 3:14-21. Ps 106:35-38, 41-42, R/v1. Lk 6:32-38
Tues 02 Feb	The Presentation of the Lord Mal 3:1-4 or Heb 2:14-18. Ps 23:7-10 R/ v10. Lk 2:22-40
Wed 03 Feb	St. Blaise, bishop & martyr, St. Ansgar, bishop (Opt. Mem) Heb 12:4-7, 11-15. Ps 102:1-2, 13-14, 17-18, R/ v17. Mk 6:1-6
Thurs 04 Feb	Heb 12:18-19, 21-24. Ps 47:2-4, 9-11, R/ v10. Mk 6:7-13
Fri 05 Feb	St. Agatha, virgin and martyr Heb 13:1-8. Ps 26:1,3, 5, 8-9, R/ v1. Mk 6:14-29
Sat 06 Feb	St. Paul Miki and Companions, martyrs Heb 13:15-17, 20-21. Ps 22, R/ v1. Mk 6:30-34
Sun 07 Feb	<b>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Job 7:1-4, 6-7. Ps 146:1-6, R/v3. 1Cor 9:16-19, 22-23. Mk 1:29-39

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for February: — Universal Intention —.Violence against women- We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded**

Diocese of Waterford & Lismore presents



# QUO VADIS?

– Where is your life going? –  
– Does it have any meaning? –  
**Come find out!**

## CATHOLIC LENTEN PROGRAM FOR THOSE SEEKING PURPOSE



**For Young Adults aged 18 - 35**

**Every Sunday @ 7 - 8pm**

February 14, 21, 28

March 7, 14, 21, 28

**ALLOW GOD TO MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE IN YOUR LIFE!**

An invitation for young adults in the Diocese of Waterford & Lismore and beyond to get together with other young Catholics for an informal hour-long gathering each week. Guest Speakers, Testimonies, Time for Chat, and Prayer. If you can't make every week, no problem! You are welcome to join whenever you can!

Contact [youthministry@waterfordlismore.ie](mailto:youthministry@waterfordlismore.ie) / 085 8623704 for more info / Zoom link

[www.waterfordlismore.ie](http://www.waterfordlismore.ie)  [AscendWaterfordLismoreYM](https://www.facebook.com/AscendWaterfordLismoreYM)  [ascendwaterfordlismore.ym](https://www.instagram.com/ascendwaterfordlismore.ym)

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Register at <https://forms.gle/jGNWWyg4RS43TKDR8>

### Prayer to Discover Your Vocation

Almighty God,

You have made me to know you, To love you, and to serve you, And thereby to find and fulfil myself.

I know that you are in all things And that every path can lead me to you, But, of them all, there is one path especially

By which you want me to come to you. Since I will do what you want of me, I pray you; send your Holy Spirit to me;

Into my mind to show me what you want of me; Into my heart to give me the determination to do it,

And to do it with all my love, with all my mind, And with all my strength, right to the end. Amen.