

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

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Online Mass Times (Week of 08 - 13 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/stjosephwaterford


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.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

07 February 2021

Gospel Reflection for the Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

A Matter of Life and Death



Now more than ever in living memory we are all consumed by the need to stay well and to keep our friends and family well too. It's great news that our scientists have come up with a vaccine that will eventually help beat Covid. It's great news that we now have developed the means to save thousands of lives. Surely if Jesus was around today in person, he would give those scientists a big pat on the back. But perhaps Jesus would have something to add. A vaccine might save us from getting ill and dying, but it cannot add to our lives. Our bodies are merely vehicles in which to get us through life. It is important to look after a vehicle, but what greater point is there in looking after a vehicle that isn't heading anywhere? What we do with our lives is more important than how long we can stay fit and well, however important that is to us as humans.

Jesus behaves unexpectedly in today's gospel. Having cured Simon's mother in law, the whole town turns up at his door eager for miracle cures, and Jesus obliges. This is his golden opportunity. This is his chance to have everybody eating out of the palm of his hand. Instead, Jesus gets up early and goes off to a deserted place, and when Simon comes looking for him, Jesus suggests that instead of returning to his new found fans, that they move on to the next village. This might seem odd to many, but it is to become apparent that curing the sick was not top of Jesus' agenda. To achieve anything in this world our health of course is important, but Jesus didn't heal people simply to promote some health and fitness regime. Healing was only part of his primary ministry to teach. Jesus' healing miracles were signs of his identity and of God's power and compassion. His acts of healing were often to teach the importance of faith and discipleship.

Saint Bernadette made a prayer that we could do well to adopt. She said "Lord, I do not ask that I never be afflicted, but only that you never abandon me in affliction."

St. Joseph & St. Benildus

6/7 Feb

13/14 Feb

6.30pm. Saturday

Honor Breen (MM)
Liam O'Connell

Pascal Hartery (MM)

10.00am Sunday:

James & Eugene Power

12 noon Sunday

Betty Wadding

St. Mary's, Ballygunner

7.00pm Saturday:

Davy Doyle

Eabha Hannah Neville

11.00a.m Sunday:

John O'Connor
Michael & Kathleen Conway

Francis O'Keeffe



Pray for those who died recently:

Dr. Roger Reynolds, Patrick (Paddy) Cummins, Maureen Kelly

Those whose Months Mind Occurs this week:

Honor Breen, Donal Costigan

And those whose Birthday or Anniversary occur:

Ethel & Jack Warren, Ann & Adrian Neijenhuisen,
Paddy Doyle, Clifford Seymour, Sheila Heffernan

World Day of the Sick

11th February

In his world message for World Day of the Sick Pope Francis concludes:- “The commandment of love that Jesus left to his disciples is also kept in our relationship with the sick.

A society is all the more human to the degree that it cares effectively for its most frail and suffering members, in a spirit of fraternal love. Let us strive to achieve this goal, so that no one will feel alone, excluded or abandoned.”

Our Lady of Lourdes

11th February

Lourdes has become a place of pilgrimage and healing, but even more of faith. Church authorities have recognized over 60 miraculous cures, although there have probably been many more. To people of faith this is not surprising. It is a continuation of Jesus’ healing miracles—now performed at the intercession of his mother. Some would say that the greater miracles are hidden. Many who visit Lourdes return home with renewed faith and a readiness to serve God in their needy brothers and sisters.



“Everyone is looking for You.”

Is your search for the Lord leading you to a vocation to the priesthood or diaconate or consecrated life?

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

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
This session of Alpha is now full. Our next programme is scheduled for September. Don’t hesitate to ring the Office if you wish to be added to the list. We’d be delighted to accommodate you.
- * 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

Data Protection Protocols for Streaming Masses and other Ceremonies in our Parish Churches



Please do not be alarmed if you see this image when you tune in to our Livestream service.

In an effort to conform with Data Protection regulations, the webcam/streaming is to be switched off when Mass (or other services) are not in progress.

If you tune in more than two minutes prior to the start time, you may see this, or an image of the church.

Funerals, weddings, and other services can only be streamed or recorded with the express consent of the families involved. All recording requests must be made in advance, directly with the parish. Please contact the Parish Office if you have any questions.

MASS READINGS Mon 08 February — Sun 14 February 5th Week in Ordinary Time

International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking	
Mon 08 Feb	St. Jerome Emiliani, St. Josephine Bakhita, virgin (Opt. Mem.) Gn1:1-19. Ps 103:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35 R/ v31, Mk 6:53-56
Tues 09 Feb	Gn 1:20-2:4. Ps 8:4-9, R/ v2. Mk 7:1-13
Wed 10 Feb	St. Scholastica, virgin Gn 2:4-9, 15-17. Ps. 103:1-2, 27-30, R/ v1. Mk7: 14-23
Thurs 11 Feb	St. Gobnait, virgin (Optional Memorial) Gn 2:18-25. Ps 127:1-5, R/v1. Mk 7:24-30 Our Lady of Lourdes (Optional Memorial) Is 66:10-14. Ps Jdt 13:18-19, R/ 15:19. Jn 2:1-11
Fri 12 Feb	Gn 3:1-8. Ps 31:1-2, 5-7, R/v1. Mk 7:31-37
Sat 13 Feb	Gn 3:9-24. Ps 89:2-6, 12-13, R/v1. Mk 8:1-10
Sun 14 Feb	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Lev 13:1-2, 44-46. Ps 31:1-2, 5, 11, R/ v7. 1 Cor 10:31-11:1. Mk 1:40-45

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 / 085 8623704 for more info / Zoom link

 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>

Married Love - Next course starting in February 2021.

Interested in strengthening your marriage? Contact Delphine info@familyenrichment.ie

The best gift parents can give to their children is their strong and loving relationship. No matter how much you invest in your children, their education and in caring for them, your children will notice if your relationship with your spouse is not good.

A happy, secure and fulfilled marriage is a task of a life-time, a work in progress. Love, tenderness and respect are key to a happy marriage. Love is not a sentiment, it is a decision. A happy and fulfilled marriage is not a matter of luck, it is the result of continually working to strengthen the bond to deepen the relationship and the friendship through effective communication and the sincere gift of self.

Your marriage is a beautiful loving adventure. You will be amazed how much you will learn from other couples, what insights you will get into your own good and not so good habits and how they affect the relationship with your spouse.