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Online Service Times (Week of 8 - 14 Mar)

Weekday Masses: 10:30am.

Saturday Vigil Mass: 7:00 pm

Sunday Mass: 12:00 noon

Do This in Memory 6/7 Mar

Stations of the Cross - Fridays
in Lent immediately after Mass

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: 10:00am - 4:00 pm.

St. Joseph & Benildus :

1.00pm - 4.00pm.



If you wish to
donate, all pay-
ments to the Parish can be
made via the donate button on
our website **Thank you.**

Third Sunday of Lent

07 March 2021

Gospel Reflection for the Third Sunday of Lent Hitting Hypocrisy Where It Hurts

Imagine the scene. Jesus makes a whip and drives the money changers from the temple. Everywhere sheep and cattle are careering out of control. Doves are flapping up to the rafters.... coins and feathers everywhere and the money changers in an uproar. Jesus makes things clear. "Stop making my Father's house a market place!"

Do we feel an element of discomfort. How many parishes use the back of church to raise funds? How often do we stand at the back of church selling raffle tickets? How many years have we invited donations for votive candles, or sold newspapers, books, rosary beads, cards and statues? If Jesus walked in today, would he tip over our collecting boxes and reprimand us?

Perhaps before we answer this question we need to understand the context of today's reading. In Jesus' day it was expected that visitors to the temple should present a sacrifice, and for that purpose, the temple officials made it easy to purchase cattle and turtle doves. The second practical consideration was that because the Roman coinage was considered idolatrous by the Jews, the temple permitted money changers to exchange Roman coins for tokens. The original system was not a bad idea, but it became corrupt. It was all too easy for the price of doves to become extortionate, and the exchange rate for tokens to come down on the side of the money changers. Soon it was the case that something that had originally been intended to oil the practicalities of worship in itself cheated would-be worshippers, especially those with little money. Jesus had a passion for exposing hypocrisy, and this was hypocrisy at its worst.

Jesus probably would not have a problem with us using the back of church for selling newspapers or raising funds. At the end of the day it isn't buildings of worship in themselves that are of the greater importance, but what lies in our hearts and in our intentions. Our bodies are the real temples. Jesus challenged impurity at its roots, and the root of all impurity is wherever we have a thought or an idea that lacks integrity or smacks of hypocrisy.



Combined Masses

6/7 Mar

13/14 Mar

7:00 pm. Vigil

Breda Gormley
Noel & Marie Cronin

12 noon Sunday

Dr. Roger Reynolds (MM)
Nancy Fitzgerald

Mary Lyons & John Lyons
Oliver Power



Pray for those who died recently

Dickran Bogossian, Anne Tierney, Erica Duffin

Those whose Month's Mind Occurs this week

Des Kelly

And those whose Birthday or Anniversary occur

Maureen William, & Gerald Fitzgerald, D.B. Cahill & Stephen Ewing,
Patrick White, Breda Phelan

"We proclaim Christ crucified...the power and wisdom of God." (1 Cor 1:22-25)

Could Jesus be calling you to proclaim His life, death and resurrection, to bring faith, hope and meaning to life to others, as a priest or in the consecrated life?

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



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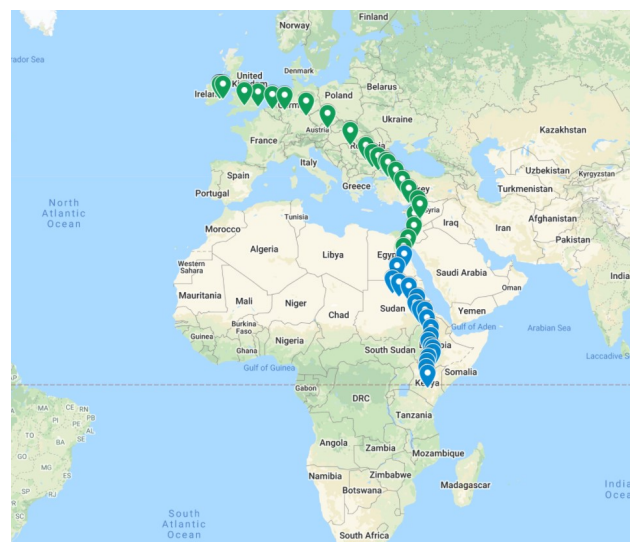
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To volunteer your help, visit www.alone.ie

This Week in the Parish and the Diocese:

- * **Trocaire** boxes are available for collection from the narthex of both churches. Please see times of access overleaf.
- * **Do This in Memory Masses**
Saturday, 6th March - Newtown & Ballygunner
Sunday, 7th March - Gaelscoil & Ballygunner
- * **Sundays in Lent - Quo Vadis?** Contact 085 862 3704 or youthministry@waterfordlismore.ie
- * **Monday** - Liturgy Team Meeting at 7:30 pm
- * **Tuesday** - SLT Team Meeting at 2:00 pm
- * **Wednesdays in Lent - Morning Coffee Hour**
 11:00 am on Zoom – Join us for a virtual cuppa!
 Meeting ID: 750 6591 3461
 Passcode: 0qGsFd
- * **Wednesday - Evening Prayer** at 4:45pm.
- * **Thursday - Prayer and Praise** at 9:00 am
 Zoom Meeting ID: 899 4117 8783
 Passcode: 079339
- * **Thursday - Alpha Online** at 8:00 pm
- * **Fridays in Lent - Stations of the Cross** -
 Immediately following morning 10:30am Mass

Virtual Camino from Waterford to Ishiara 2021



Our camino continues, there are now over 110 participants who are walking, running and/or cycling and propelling us onwards towards Ishiara.

You can see where we are on our [Route Map here](#).

Please pass the word onto your friends, they can read about it all here: <http://jbmparish.com/waterford-to-ishiara-virtual-camino>

Buen Camino - Safari Njema

MASS READINGS Mon 8 March — Sun 14 March 3rd Week of Lent

Mon 8 Mar	St. John of God, religious St. Senan, bishop 2 Kg 5:1-15. Pss 41:2-3; 42:3-4, R/ Ps 41:3. Lk 4:24-30.
Tues 9 Mar	St. Frances of Rome, religious Dn 3:25, 34-43. Ps 24:4-9, R/ v 6. Mt 18:21-35
Wed 10 Mar	Deut 4:1, 5-9. Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20, R/ v 12. Mt 5:17-19.
Thurs 11 Mar	St. Aengus, bishop and abbot Jer 7:23-28. Ps 94:1-2, 6-9, R/ v 8. Lk 11:14-23.
Fri 12 Mar	Hos 14:2-10. Ps 80:6, 8-11, 14, 17, R/ vv9,11. Mk 12:28-34.
Sat 13 Mar	Hos 5:15-6:6. Ps 50:3-4, 18-21, R/ Hos 6:6. Lk 18:9-14. <i>Pray for Pope Francis today as it is the anniversary of his election in 2013 as Supreme Pastor of the Church.</i>
Sun 14 Mar	Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday) 2 Chron 36:14-16, 19-23. Ps 136, R/ v 6. Eph 2:4-10. Jn 3:14-21

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for March: — Intention for evangelization — Sacrament of reconciliation- Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.