

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

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## Online Service Times (Week of 21 - 28 Mar)

Weekday Masses: 10:30am.

Saturday Vigil Mass: 7:00 pm

Sunday Mass: 12:00 noon

Evening Prayer Weds 4:45

Stations of the Cross - Fridays in Lent immediately after Mass



Palm Sunday 28th March  
(via Livestream & YouTube)  
7:00 p.m. Vigil Mass  
with blessing of Palms  
12:00 noon Morning Mass  
with blessing of Palms

*All Masses will take place in Ss. Joseph and Benildus.*

**Livestream:** [www.churchservices.tv/stjosephswaterford](http://www.churchservices.tv/stjosephswaterford)

**YouTube:** St Joseph & St Benildus Fr Liam Power

## Fifth Sunday of Lent

21 March 2021

## Gospel Reflection for the Fifth Sunday of Lent

A Greater Purpose

Living through the pandemic has felt like 'life on hold' for many of us. For many of us, living through the pandemic has prompted us to rethink how we should be spending our lives. How best should we spend the time we have left? In a life or death situation, human nature would always prompt us to hold on to life no matter what the consequences, but in today's gospel a grain of wheat is used to teach us a valuable lesson. The selfless grain of wheat falls and dies to enable a fresh harvest. What point is there in choosing life, if that life boils down to nothing more than self preservation? On the other hand, what great value death, if that sacrifice gives others life. Many of us fail to understand why Jesus perceived the necessity of going to Jerusalem where he knew he would die. Wouldn't it have made more sense for him to bypass Jerusalem and carry on teaching into his dotage? Jesus however, isn't about to compromise his purpose.



Jesus determines to give his life so others can find true life. This is what Christianity is all about. Jesus teaches us that we must 'die to self' before we can be of any use to God. Letting one's own ambition die to be replaced by God's plans for us? 'Dying to self'? Could we be blamed for not feeling enthused? How many of us really see the wisdom in ditching our own exciting life plans to go around being holy? Perhaps we need to think again about how exciting our ambitions really are. Perhaps sacrificing our own agenda and recognising God's plan in our lives could be the best and most exciting thing that ever happened to us. Perhaps sacrificing something of ourselves for a greater purpose could put us in touch with who we really are. As Christians, living through the pandemic has taught many of us to look for a greater purpose whatever age we might have reached.

## Combined Masses

20/21 Mar

27/28 Mar

7:00 pm Vigil

Tom Clarke (Birth. Rem.)  
Michael Duffin

Dickran Bogossian (MM)  
Sr. Assumpta Burke (MM)  
Tommy Hearne

12 noon Sunday

Martin & Nancy Doheny  
William Farrell

Lilly Marshall



## Pray for those who died recently:

Kathleen Heffernan, Phyl Egan

## Those whose Month's Mind Occurs this week

Dickran Bogossian, Sr. Assumpta Burke

## And those whose Birthday or Anniversary occur

Robin Dawson, Cormac MacNamara, Thea O'Shea, Eileen Reynolds,  
May Nolan, Barbara Kelly, David Kelly

## 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 payments to the Parish can be made via the donate button on our website. **Thank you.**

ST JOSEPH ST BENILDUS PARISH

# VIRTUAL JOURNEY IN HOLY WEEK

VIA ZOOM !!

WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN WITH US  
ON 3 EVENINGS DURING HOLY WEEK

*Evenings of: Scripture (Lectio Divina)  
Reflection, Music, Night Prayer*

**Monday 29th March**  
8.30 PM – 9.15PM

**Tuesday 30th March**  
8.30PM – 9.15PM

**Wednesday 31st March**  
8.30PM – 9.15 PM

Contact the Parish Office - 051 878977  
Or Email : parishofficejbm@gmail.com

## MASS READINGS Mon 22 March — Sun 28 March 5th Week of Lent

Mon 22 Mar	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 (shorter form 13:41-62). Ps 22, R/ v4. Jn 8:1-11
Tues 23 Mar	St. Turibus of Mongrovejo, bishop Num 21:4-9. Ps 101:
Wed 24 Mar	St. Macartan, bishop Dn 3:14-20, 24-25. 28. Ps Dn3:52-56, R/ v52. Jn 8:31-42
Thurs 25 Mar	<b>The Annunciation of the Lord</b> Is 7:10-14, 8:10. Ps 39:7-11, R/ vv 8,9. Heb 10:4-10. Lk 1:26-38.
Fri 26 Mar	Jer 20:10-13. Ps 17:2-7, R/ cf. v 7. Jn 10:31-42.
Sat 27 Mar	Ez 37:21-28. Ps Jer 31:10-13, R/v 10. Jn 11:45-56
Sun 28 Mar	<b>Palm Sunday of The Lord's Passion</b> Procession: Mk 11:1-10. Alt Jn 12:12-16. Mass: Is 50:4-7. Ps 21: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24, R/ v2. Phil 2:6-11. Mk 14: 1-15:47 (shorter form 15: 1-39)

## This Week in the Parish and the Diocese:

- \* **Trocaire** boxes are available for collection from the entrances of both churches. Please see times of access on front page.
- \* **Sundays in Lent - Quo Vadis?**  
Contact 085 862 3704 or  
youthministry@waterfordlismore.ie
- \* **Wednesdays in Lent - Morning Coffee**  
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:** 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 Mass  
Items for inclusion in the Newsletter must be received by Tuesday 11 am of the week prior to printing :  
jbmnews@gmail.com



CORONAVIRUS HELPLINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE

**0818 222 024**

If you have concerns or queries about COVID-19  
call ALONE's dedicated support line everyday, 8am - 8pm.  
To volunteer your help, visit [www.alone.ie](http://www.alone.ie)



*"I am the resurrection and the life...whoever believes in Me will have eternal life."*

Do you feel called to nourish others in their faith in Christ, as priest, deacon or in consecrated life? The gift of a vocation is discerned through prayer and grace.

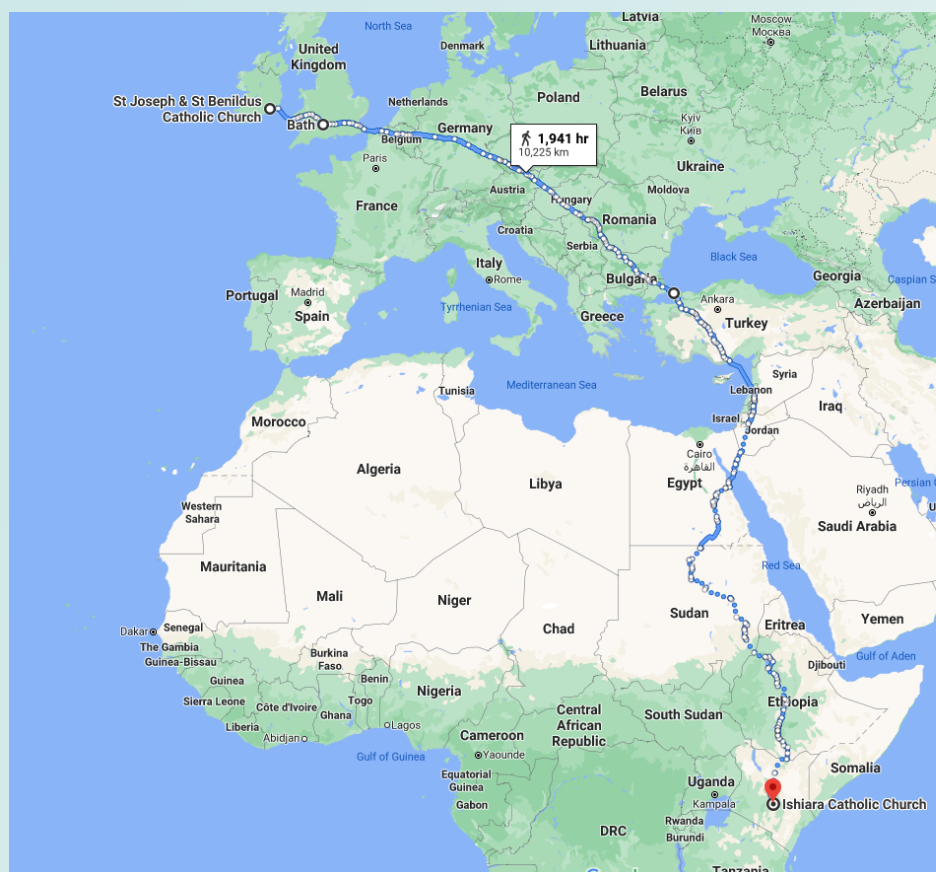
Speak to your local priest or email the National Vocations Office on  
**info@vocations.ie**

## 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.*



## Virtual Camino from Waterford to Ishiara 2021



We've done it!

We arrived in Ishiara, well ahead of schedule, accompanied by the happy and grateful group of local parishioners who walked the last 10kms with us. They started at one of the "out-stations" that is about 10kms from the main Parish Church. You can [see the video](#) of their preparations, their walk along the roadside and cross-country in some places and their arrival at the Parish Church, followed by Mass.

We will keep the [GoFundMe](#) page open until next weekend so you have a chance to boast to any interested "sponsors" about your achievement in completing the Virtual Camino to Ishiara and maybe encourage them to contribute.

You can [see our exact walking route here](#). Zoom right in and change to Satellite view and have a look around.

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

*Thank you!*

Thanks to everyone who participated, we're glad you enjoyed it.

Thanks to everyone who contributed, we know that our partners are grateful,

Thanks to our fellow parishioners in Ishiara for joining in the Camino and praying for us.

We'll keep you posted as the water-pans and other projects move forward in Ishiara.

Safari Njema



# Holy Week Schedule

## **Palm Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March (via Livestream & YouTube)**

7:00 p.m. Vigil Mass with blessing of Palms

12:00 noon Morning Mass with blessing of Palms

## **Virtual Journey in Holy Week Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> March (via Zoom)**

8:30 pm. - 9:15 pm . Evening of Lectio Divina, reflection, music, and Night Prayer

## **Penitential Service Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> March (via Livestream)**

7:30 p.m. Penitential service in preparation for Easter

## **Virtual Journey in Holy Week Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> March (via Zoom)**

8:30 pm. - 9:15 pm . Evening of Lectio Divina, reflection, music, and Night Prayer

## **Virtual Journey in Holy Week Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> March (via Zoom)**

8:30 pm. - 9:15 pm . Evening of Lectio Divina, reflection, music, and Night Prayer

## **Holy Thursday Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> April (via Livestream)**

7:30 p.m. Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament concluding with Night Prayer at 10:00 p.m.

## **Good Friday Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

**Day of fasting and abstinence. Collection for The Holy Places**

3:00 p.m. Solemn Liturgy of The Passion (via Livestream & YouTube)

7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross (via YouTube)

## **Holy Saturday Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April (via Livestream & YouTube)**

8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil

## **Easter Sunday Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> April (via Livestream & YouTube)**

12:00 noon Mass – Celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord

*Collections during the Holy Week and Easter services will be in support of the priests of the parish.*

*Donations may be made online using the donate button on our website: **jbmpparish.com** or may be dropped in the letterbox at the Parish Office. Thank you.*