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Online Service Times
(Week of 5 Apr - 11 Apr ) Weekday Masses: 10:30am. Saturday Vigil Mass: 7:00 pm Sunday Mass: 12:00 noon Wednesday No Evening Praver

All Masses will take place in Ss. Joseph and Benildus and can be viewed via livestream: www.churchservices.tv/ stiosephswaterford

Church Access for Private Prayer St. Mary's: 10:00am - 4:00 pm.

St. Joseph \& Benildus :
$1.00 \mathrm{pm}-4.00 \mathrm{pm}$.

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## Gospel Reflection for Easter Sunday Never Give Up!

Winston Churchill was invited to speak to a boys' school in England during the most difficult days of World War II. He simply said these words, "Never give up, never give up, never, never, never." After this he sat down. When it was reported in the papers, it became the mantra for the British people during the darkest days of the war. This would make a good Christian mantra too. It's a mantra that reminds us,
 that however dark our lives might feel, we are never abandoned. However defeated we might feel, the resurrection is there to show us that we have a future. Easter is a good time to reaffirm our faith. The Resurrection is the culmination of Christ's journey on this earth, and the beginning of our journey in faith. Our journey begins with belief in the Resurrection. The Resurrection reminds us that God can lift up what is cast down, mend what is broken and raise what is dead. The Resurrection didn't of course make everything all right for us. We still have a world full of pain, sickness and sin, but now we have a hope that we didn't have before. The empty tomb points to God working in our world. At whatever stage we are in our journey of faith, the Resurrection means that nothing can be the same again. But what if our journey in faith has faltered or even stopped? What if the account of the empty tomb leaves us with more questions with answers? In our twenty first century, 'belief' sits side by side with lots of other words like 'evidence' and 'measurable or tangible outcomes'. But if we are going to treat the resurrection as though it were some sort of detective story then we are travelling along the wrong path. Our journey of faith needs to rely firstly on a trust that God is working in our world. Trust is a decision and we decide to trust in all sorts of things in life from insurance to wrinkle cream and a million other inconsequentials. Yet a decision to trust in God is the most important thing any of us will ever do. A trust in God will lead to observations day by day and those observations will lead to a spiritual relationship. That's an exciting belief. Our spiritual journey leads us to know that God loves us. It might take a long time to know it, so today's advice is 'never give up'.

| Combined Masses | $3 / 4 \mathrm{Apr}$ | 10/11 April |
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| $7: 00$ pm Vigil |  |  |
| 12 noon Sunday | Michael Wadding <br> Tom Cullimore | Daniel Douglas <br> Eileen Whitty |

Pray for those who died recently:
Bernadette Keenan
Those whose Month's Mind Occurs this week
And those whose Birthday or Anniversary occur John Goff, Nell Breen, Harry Geraghty, Gregory Walsh


Holy Thursday Thursday, Ist April (via Livestream)
7:30 p.m. Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration at the Altar of Repose concluding with Night Prayer at 10:00 p.m.

Good Friday $\quad$ Friday, $2^{\text {nd }}$ 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, $3^{\text {rd }}$ April (via Livestream \& YouTube) 8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday Sunday, $4^{\text {th }}$ April (via Livestream \& YouTube)
12:00 noon Mass - Celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord

Collections during 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: jbmparish.com or may be dropped in the letterbox at the Parish Office.Thank you.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for April: Universal Intention - Fundamental Rights We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

This Week in the Parish and the Diocese:

* Trocaire boxes/donations can be returned to the Parish Office the week after Easter. Thank you.
* No Wednesday Coffee Morning this week
* No Evening Prayer this week
* Thursday - Prayer and Praise

9:00 am Thursday
Prayer \& Praise Zoom Link
Meeting ID: 899 4II7 8783
Passcode: 079339
Items for inclusion in the Newsletter must be received by Tuesday II am of the week prior to printing : jbmnews@gmail.com

## MASS READINGS Mon 5 April — Sun II April Holy Week \& Easter

| Mon <br> 5 April | Easter Monday <br> Acts 2:I4, 22-33. Ps I5:I-2, 5, 7-II, R/v I. <br> Mt 28:8-I5. |
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| Tues <br> 6 Apr | Acts 2:36-4I. Ps 32:4-5, I8-20, 22 R/ v5. <br> Jn 20: II-I8 |
| Wed <br> 7 Apr | Acts 3:I-I0. Ps I04:I-4, 6-9, R/v 3. Lk 24:I3-35. |
| Thurs <br> 8 Apr | Acts 3:II-26. Ps 8:2, 5-9, R/ v 2. Lk 24:35-48. |

Diocese of Waterford \& Lismore presents


Four week series on the inspirational life of Sr Clare Crockett, presented by the Servant Sisters of the Home of the Mother

## Sundays: 7-8pm

11th April - 2nd May

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