

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

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## Gospel Reflection - Third Sunday of Easter. Enlightenment

When we are struggling with our faith, we might be tempted to think that as long as we are 'good people' that will suffice. But what sets those who are simply 'good people' and 'Christians' apart?

The other disciples were really not so very different from Doubting Thomas. When they saw Jesus in their midst, they took some convincing that it really was Jesus and not a ghost that had come to visit them. The gospel outlines three pieces of proof that Jesus uses to convince them that he really has risen from the dead. He shows them the marks on his hands and feet, he invites them to touch and check that he is flesh and blood, and he shares a meal with them. But it is only when Jesus opens their minds to understanding the scriptures that they come to believe in him. By interpreting what has happened, the risen Christ draws the disciples out of their confusion. Amongst some of his famous last words to them, were words of encouragement to go and preach his message and a reminder of prophecies fulfilled and promises made. Being a Christian today isn't easy, and simply accepting the Jesus we have grown up with sometimes isn't enough to sustain us. Perhaps we have given up believing and think that being a good person will be good enough. Understanding the difference between living life simply as a good person, and living life as a Christian comes of believing in the risen Jesus. As Christians we are continually striving to follow Christ's example. Today, through prayer, scripture debate, and putting faith into action, we continually work for the same enlightenment and understanding that Jesus gave his early disciples. To find that enlightenment we need to look to scripture as the disciples did. We need to look at the authors of the books within the Bible and understand who they were, something of the times they lived in, and who their audience was. There are commentaries to read and videos to watch, and of course, the Bible itself. We don't need to be great scholars. The original disciples weren't. All we need is the desire for enlightenment.



## Online Service Times (Week of 19 Apr - 25Apr)

Weekday Masses: 10:30am.

Saturday Vigil Mass: 7:00 pm

Sunday Mass: 12:00 noon

Wednesday No Evening Prayer

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:** 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.

## Combined Masses

**7:00 pm Vigil**

**12 noon Sunday**

**17/18 April**

Nicholas Hamm (A)

Monica & Dick Kervick  
Bridie Flynn

**24/25 April**

Dick Cullinane



## Pray for those who died recently:

Catherine (Renee) Purcell, Margaret Walsh, Liam Kennedy

**Those whose Month's Mind Occurs this week**

**And those whose Birthday or Anniversary occur**

Ann Sherman, William Billy Murphy (50th A) John Heffernan  
Cecilia Griffin (1st A)

### This Week in the Parish and the Diocese:

- \* **Sundays 7-8 pm** (11 April - 2 May) **Quo Vadis?**  
Please register to join this uplifting series of talks on the life of Sr. Clare.
- \* **Wednesday Morning Coffee Hour**  
11:00 am Wednesday  
[Coffee Morning Zoom Link](#)  
Meeting ID: 750 6591 3461  
Passcode: 0qGsFd
- \* **Wednesday 4:45pm Evening Prayer**
- \* **Thursday - Prayer and Praise**  
9:00 am Thursday  
[Prayer & Praise Zoom Link](#)  
Meeting ID: 899 4117 8783  
Passcode: 079339



### MASS READINGS Mon 19 April — Sun 25 April Third Week of Easter

Mon 19 Apr	Acts 6:8-15. Ps 118:23-24, 26-27, 29-30, R/ v 1. Jn 6:22-29.
Tues 20 Apr	Acts 7:51-8:1. Ps 30:3-4, 6-8, 17, 21, R/ v 6. Jn 6:30-35.
Wed 21 Apr	<b>St. Anselm, Bishop &amp; Doctor of the Church</b> Acts 8:1-8. Ps 65:1-7, R/ v 1. Jn 6:35-40
Thurs 22 Apr	Acts 8:26-40. Ps 65:8-9, 16-17, 20, R/ v 1. Jn 6:44-51.
Fri 23 Apr	<b>St. George, martyr, St. Adalbert of Prague, bishop &amp; martyr</b> Acts 9:1-20. Ps 116 R/ Mk 16:15. Jn 6 52-59.
Sat 24 Apr	<b>St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, priest &amp; martyr</b> Acts 9:31-42. Ps 115:12-17, R/ v 12. Jn 6:60-69.
Sun 25 Apr	<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter Day of Prayer for Vocations</b> Acts 4:8-12. Ps 117:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29, R/v 22. 1 Jn 3:1-2. Jn 10:11-18.

## REVIVE: Live-streamed Youth Event



Are you tired of being bored? Frustrated? Feeling restless? Join with Holy Family Mission in association with Ascend Youth Ministry for **REVIVE** on Friday 30th April, 7.30 – 8.30pm for a live stream event for young people on [www.holyfamilymission.ie](http://www.holyfamilymission.ie) With music, prayer and time for sharing how God has worked in our lives! At a time when the outside world has stopped, come to revive your life!  
[Click here to find out more.](#)

Diocese of Waterford & Lismore presents

## QUO VADIS?

CATHOLIC ZOOM SERIES FOR YOUNG ADULTS AGED 18-35

*Sr Clare: Alone with Christ Alone!*

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

Contact [events@waterfordlismore.ie](mailto:events@waterfordlismore.ie) / 085 8623704 for more information

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**“We can be sure we know God only by keeping his commandments”**  
**Jesus makes Himself known to you through the vocation He chose for you.**  
**Do you hear a call to the priesthood or consecrated life?**  
**Speak to your local priest or email the National Vocations Office:**  
**email: [info@vocations.ie](mailto:info@vocations.ie)**

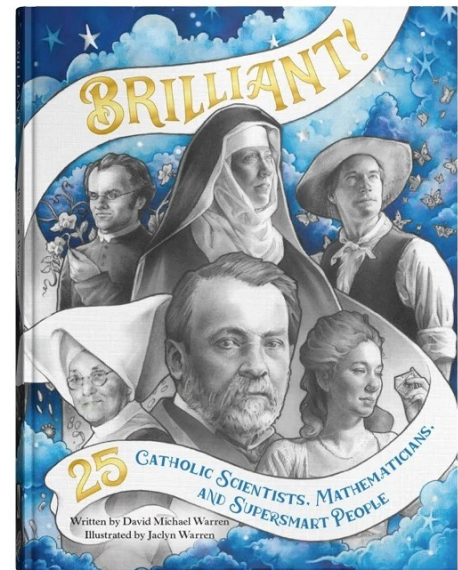
*Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for April: Universal Intention — Fundamental Rights —  
We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.*



# Artwork for Do This in Memory Programme



## Recommended Reading Children Aged 7 - 11



### Brilliant! 24 Catholic Scientists, Mathematicians, and Supersmart People - David Michael Warren

Think faith and science don't go together? Think again! It's important to teach children at a young age that faith and science are complementary! Too many people today—adults and children—think that faith and science don't go together. In fact, many people who leave the Catholic Church report that they don't believe faith is compatible with science. **Sadly, one study found that the median age of people who leave the Church is surprisingly young: thirteen.**

In an effort to help children learn about the relationship between faith and science, the Daughters of St. Paul, a premiere publisher of Catholic children's books for over seventy years through Pauline Books & Media, have partnered with the Word on Fire Institute to present an exciting new book for children: *Brilliant! 25 Catholic Scientists, Mathematicians, and Supersmart People*. The book introduces children to many of the Catholics who have been behind groundbreaking discoveries in science and math for centuries. Children will embark on an adventure through history where they'll meet faith-filled pioneers in every field from anatomy to astrophysics. They'll walk in the footsteps of these supersmart Catholics who changed the world and learn how brilliant they can be when they unite faith and science!

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