

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

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Online Service Times

(Week of 26 Apr - 1 May)

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 pay-
ments to the Parish can be
made via the donate button on

 our website
Thank you.

Fourth Sunday of Easter - Day of Prayer for Vocations

25 April 2021

The Good Shepherd

Today's gospel is for anyone who has ever felt unloved or insignificant. Today's gospel is for anyone who feels his or her life doesn't count for much. At some time or another that probably means most of us.

In biblical days shepherding was a highly dangerous business. Herds might consist of thousands of sheep, and shepherds had to be highly skilled in tending for

the sheep and protecting them from wolves and robbers. The shepherd's care and courage were legendary. A good shepherd would not think twice about his own life in protecting his sheep. This is the image that Jesus chose for himself in today's gospel. He is the good shepherd. His leadership is a mixture of tenderness, strength and self sacrifice. Jesus loves us so much that he would lay down his life. That's a powerful belief to take out into the world!

But what if we don't quite believe it? Surely there are too many of us to love and look after individually. People fall by the wayside all the time. We hear tragic stories of elderly people who die alone and are not discovered for days because no one cares enough to visit. We see down and outs sleeping in subways because their family and friends have given up on them. Can God really be looking out for each and every one of us? Surely there are too many of us to look after – to love individually. Not so! Jesus we're told would not let even one of his sheep stray without coming to the rescue. He knows each and every one of us by name. If we are one of his, then he will recognise us and take care of us. That's another powerful belief to wake up with. The next time you are feeling lost and forgotten, try looking for the Good Shepherd's love in your life. God's help is always there when we look to him.



Your priest is someone's son...

Your son could be someone's priest.

Pray for vocations!

Booked Masses**7:00 pm Vigil****12 noon Sunday****24/25 April**

Tom Sheridan (A)

Dick Cullinane

Michael & Elizabeth Cusack (A)

1/2 May

Bernadette Keenan (MM)

William O'Brien (2nd A.)

Colm Hartley (A)

**Pray for those who died recently:**

Charlie Laphorne, Tony Heylin

Those whose Month's Mind Occurs this week**And those whose Birthday or Anniversary occur**

Thomas Glasheen, Betty O'Carroll (Birthday Remembrance)

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. (For young adults aged 18 - 35)
- * **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
- * **Friday, April 30th, 7:30 - 8:30pm REVIVE**
Register with Holy Family Missions

**Last call for Trocaire boxes.**

Please return outstanding boxes to the Parish Office this week.

Thank you for your generosity**Easter Water** is available in the church.

St. Joseph & Benildus Church is open from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Please bring your own bottle.

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

Items for inclusion in the Newsletter must be received by Tuesday 11 am of the week prior to printing : jbmnews@gmail.com

MASS READINGS Mon 26 April — 1 May
Fourth Week of Easter

Mon 26 Apr	Acts 11:1-18. Pss 41:2-3, 42:3-4, R/ cf. Ps 41:3. Jn 10:1-10.
Tues 27 Apr	St. Asicus, bishop (Optional Memorial) Acts 11:19-26. Ps 86:1-7, R/ Ps 116:1. Jn 10:22-30.
Wed 28 Apr	St Peter Chanel, priest & martyr, (Optional Memorial) St. Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort, priest (Opt. Mem) Acts 12:24-13:5. Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8, R/ v4. Jn 12:44-50.
Thurs 29 Apr	St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church, Patron of Europe 1 Jn 1:5-2:2. Ps 102:1-4, 8-9, 13-14, 17-18, R/ v1. Mt 11:25-30.
Fri 30 Apr	St. Pius V, pope (Optional Memorial) Acts 13:26-33. Ps 2:6-11, R/ v7. Jn 14:1-6.
Sat 1 May	St. Joseph the Worker (Optional Memorial) Acts 13:44-52. Ps 97:1-4, R/ v3. Jn 14:7-14.
Sun 2 May	Fifth Sunday of Easter Acts 9:26-31. Ps 21:26-28, 30-32, R/ v26. 1 Jn 3:18-24. Jn 15:1-8.

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 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 / 085 8623704 for more information

www.waterfordlismore.ie Facebook Twitter Instagram

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Live-streamed event for young people

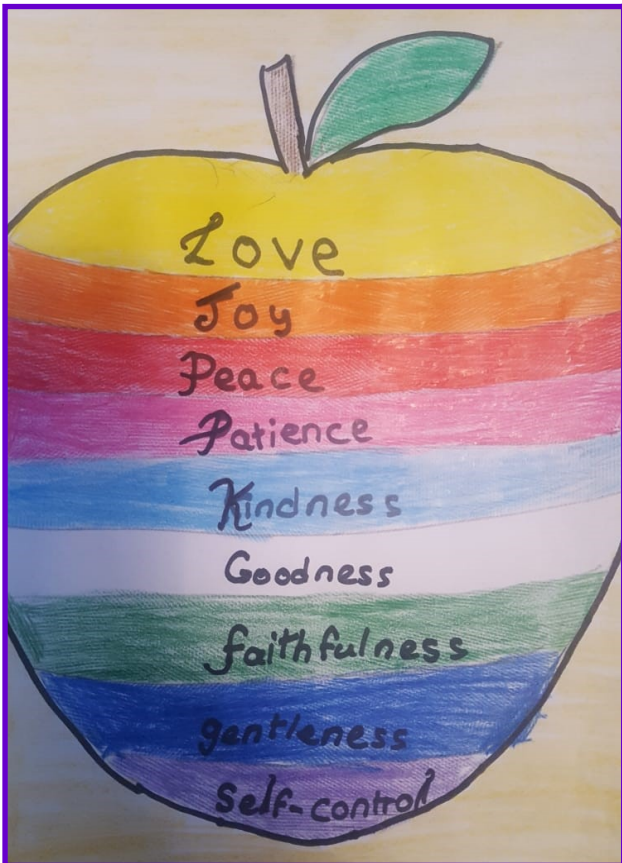
REVIVE

Join us **FRI 30TH APRIL 7.30 - 8.30PM**

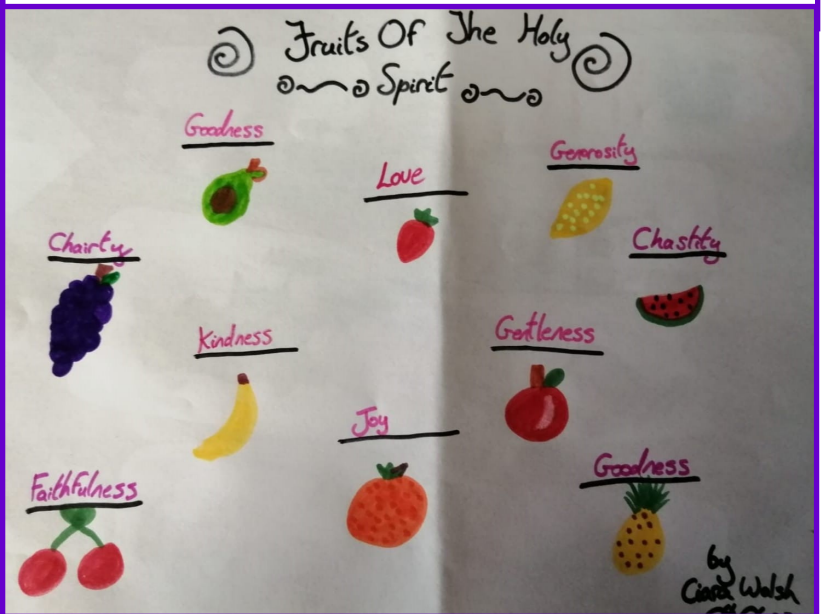
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LIVE-STREAMED ON WWW.HOLYFAMILYMISSION.IE

Holy Family Mission in association with Ascend, Waterford & Lismore Youth Ministry



**Artwork from Ms Murphy's class
(St. Mary's Ballygunner)
for Confirmation Ritual
Theme: The Fruit of the Spirit**

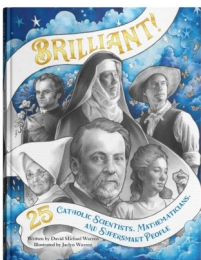
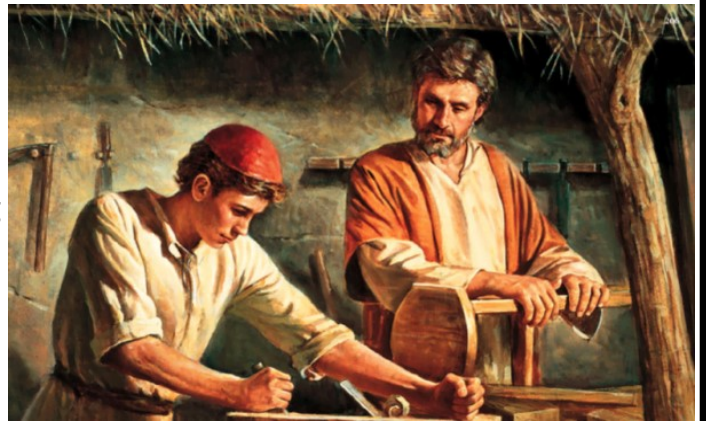


On this Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life, especially for our diocese. If you are considering such a vocation, Speak to your local priest or email : info@vocations.ie

Saint Joseph The Worker - 1st May

In response to the 'May Day' celebrations for workers, Pope Pius XII instituted the feast of St Joseph the Worker in 1955.

In an effort to keep Jesus from being removed from ordinary human life, the Church has from the beginning proudly emphasised that Jesus was a carpenter, obviously trained by Joseph in both the satisfactions and the drudgery of that vocation. As Christians and as workers, we are reminded on this day that we have an obligation to treat our brothers and sisters in Christ as true brothers and sisters.



Brilliant! 24 Catholic Scientists, Mathematicians, and Supersmart People - David Michael Warren - Recommended Reading - Children Aged 7 - 11

The book introduces children to many of the Catholics who have been behind ground-breaking 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 super-smart Catholics who changed the world and learn how brilliant they can be when they unite faith and science! [Order online www.paulineuk.org](http://www.paulineuk.org)

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.

4th Sunday of Easter - World Day of Prayer for Vocations

"For each one of us the Lord has a vocation, that place God wants us to live our lives, but we must seek it."

"The Lord's call is not an intrusion of God in our freedom; it is not a "cage" or a burden to be borne. On the contrary, it is the loving initiative whereby God encounters us and invites us to be part of a great undertaking. He opens before our eyes the horizon of a greater sea and an abundant catch."

God in fact desires that our lives not become banal and predictable, imprisoned by daily routine, or unresponsive before decisions that could give it meaning. The Lord does not want us to live from day to day, thinking that nothing is worth fighting for, slowly losing our desire to set out on new and exciting paths. If at times he makes us experience a "miraculous catch", it is because he wants us to discover that each of us is called – in a variety of ways – to something grand, and that our lives should not grow entangled in the nets of an ennui that dulls the heart. Every vocation is a summons not to stand on the shore, nets in hand, but to follow Jesus on the path he has marked out for us, for our own happiness and for the good of those around us.

Taken from the Message of Pope Francis for the World Day of Vocations.

Newly-Ordained Priest Helps Young Men Discern the Priesthood in New YouTube Series

Newly-ordained priest Fr. Michael Zimmerman of the Archdiocese of Boston launched a YouTube series on April 13 that guides men in discerning the priesthood.

In this 27-episode series entitled "Scavias: Know the Ways of the Lord," Fr. Zimmerman guides and encourages young men in following God's call. Each episode is approximately five minutes. Here's [the trailer](#)



The episodes will break up into three parts: (1) Knowing Yourself, (2) Your Life as a Sacrificial Gift, (3) Understanding the Life and Ministry of an Ordained Priest.

Here's the [first episode](#)

"Our hope is that this series will inspire men to act with courage and generosity in giving themselves entirely to the vocation that God has in store for them. In the end, we hope it will help us all to become great saints and save many souls!"

Pray for vocations to the priesthood!



Fr. Rich Pagano: 7 Reasons Being a Catholic Priest is Awesome

What's so great about being a Catholic priest?

On [this week's episode](#) of [The Catholic Talk Show](#), Ryan Scheel discusses "[7 Reasons Being a Catholic Priest is Awesome](#)" with

co-host Fr. Rich Pagano of the Diocese of St. Augustine, Florida.