

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

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## Online Service Times (Week of 2 - 8 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.

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

*Gospel Reflection for the Fifth Sunday of Easter*

2 May 2021

## Branching Out

There's a lot of work to do in today's world. Almost daily, the TV and Radio brings terrible news of atrocities and disasters around the planet. It's easy to feel overwhelmed by all the bad news and to feel powerless to do anything. We do not consider that we can individually instigate change for lots of reasons. We do not feel clever enough, or brave enough or rich enough. In short it's hard to know where to begin and even whether change is possible. The inspirational message in today's gospel is that we can make changes as long as we work together. We are already familiar with the ethos of trade unions. Trade unions operate on one powerful principal. Individually we can be easily overlooked but together we have the power to sway governments. If a trade union wanted to promote solidarity and unity, the vine would make an ideal logo. The vine itself is the heart of the union, the part that determines the ethos. The branches do the work of the vine and the fruit they bear is the outcome ... the final result.



Today we are told that with Christ as our vine we can do great things. All too often we become wrapped up in developing our own spirituality, trying to work out what God means to us as an individual ... striving to find our niche. It's easy to forget that we are part of a huge family of people the biggest union on the planet. With Christ's teaching and pruning, we as a body, have the ability to transform the world by putting faith into action. Our individual responsibility is to look for ways in which we can become part of the overall plan. We don't have to branch out alone; we branch out as a team.

## Booked Masses

**7:00 pm Vigil**

**12 noon Sunday**

**1/2 May**

Bernadette Keenan (MM)  
Betty O'Carroll (Birth. Rem)

William O'Brien (2nd A.)  
Colm Hartley (A)

**8/9 May**

Michael Phelan

Catherine Renee Purcell (MM)  
Frank Cooke



## Pray for those who died recently:

Joseph (Joe) O'Sullivan

## Those whose Month's Mind Occurs this week

Bernadette Keenan, Bill Dillon

## And those whose Birthday or Anniversary occur

Mary Sadlier (4th A), Dick Walsh (1st A), Karen Finnerty

**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.**



## This Week in the Parish and the Diocese:

- \* Friday, April 30th, 7:30 - 8:30pm

### REVIVE

Register with Holy Family Missions

[www.holyfamilymission.ie](http://www.holyfamilymission.ie)



- \* Sunday 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**

- \* **Wednesday Evenings 8:00 pm**

"Rooted" Lectio Divina Series

Do you want to start reading the Bible, but unsure how to begin?

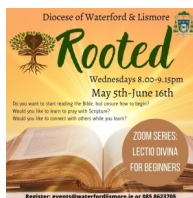
Would you like to learn to pray with Scripture?

Would you like to connect with others while you learn?

"Rooted" is a Catholic Lectio Divina Zoom Series for Adults,

Wednesdays 8pm - 9.15pm, May 5th - June 16th.

Register by emailing [events@waterfordlismore.ie](mailto:events@waterfordlismore.ie) or contacting 085 8623705



- \* **Thursday - Prayer and Praise**

9:00 am Thursday

[Prayer & Praise Zoom Link](#)

Meeting ID: 899 4117 8783

Passcode: 079339

Your priest is someone's son...  
Your son could be someone's priest.  
Pray for vocations!

**"It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit and then you will be my disciples."**

**Are you being called to love the Lord and His people as a priest, sister or brother?**

**Love demands truth and action.**

If you are considering such a vocation, Speak to your local priest or email : [info@vocations.ie](mailto:info@vocations.ie)



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**In 2021 we're going socially distanced!**

Join Pieta and Electric Ireland for a special Darkness Into Light sunrise, and give the gift of hope to those impacted by suicide and self-harm.

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[Sign up](#), [Fundraise](#), or [Donate](#)

## MASS READINGS Mon 3 May - Sun 9 May Fifth Week of Easter

Mon 3 May	<b>SS Philip and James, Apostles</b> 1 Cor 15:1-8. Ps 18:2-5, R/ v5. Jn 14:6-14.
Tues 4 May	<b>St. Conleth, bishop (Optional Memorial)</b> Acts 14:19-28. Ps 144:10-13, 21, R/ v12. Jn 14:27-31.
Wed 5 May	<b>Bl. Edmund Rice, religious</b> Acts 15:1-6. Ps 121:1-5, R/ v1. Jn 15:1-8.
Thurs 6 May	Acts 15:7-21. Ps 95:1-3, 10, R/ v3. Jn 15:9-11
Fri 7 May	Acts 15:22-31. Ps 56:8-12, R/ v10. Jn 15:12-17.
Sat 8 May	<b>Bl. John Sullivan, priest</b> Acts 16:1-10. Ps 99:1-3, 5, R/ v1. Jn 15:18-21.
Sun 9 May	<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b> Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48. Ps 97:1-4, R/ v2. 1 Jn 4:7-10. Jn 15:9-17

*Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for May: Universal Intention — The world of finance —  
Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere  
and protect citizens from its dangers.*