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Service Times

St. Joseph & Benildus

Weekday Masses:

7:30 am & 10:30 am

Saturdays 10:30 am only

Holy Days

6:30 vigil & 10:30 am

Evening Prayer of the Church

Wednesdays 4:45

Saturday Vigil Mass: 6:30 pm

Sunday Mass:

10:00 am & 12:00 noon

St. Mary's:

Weekday Masses:

First Fridays 9:30 am

Holy Days

11:00 am

Saturday Vigil Mass: 7:00 pm

Sunday Mass:

11:00 am

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

WHY THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD MATTERS

MARK 16:15-20

Friends, in today's Gospel, Jesus is taken up to his Father in heaven. We tend to read the Ascension along essentially Enlightenment lines, rather than biblical lines—and that causes a good deal of mischief. Enlightenment thinkers introduced a two-tier understanding of heaven and earth. They held that God exists, but that he lives in a distant realm called heaven, where he looks at the human project moving along, pretty much on its own steam, on earth.



On this Enlightenment reading, the Ascension means that Jesus goes up, up, and away, off to a distant and finally irrelevant place. But the biblical point is this: Jesus has gone to heaven so as to direct operations more fully here on earth. That's why we pray, "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." Notice please that this is decidedly not a prayer that we might escape from the earth, but rather that earth and heaven might come together. The Lord's prayer recapitulates and raises to a new level precisely what the prophet Isaiah anticipated: "the knowledge of the Lord will fill the earth, as the water covers the sea."

The Ascension of Jesus has nothing to do with a literal journey into the stratosphere, for that would involve simply a transfer to another position within "the world." The Ascension is Jesus' journey, not to another place, but to another dimension. But this dimension to which he has gone is not alien to us. It is instead a source of inspiration, power, and direction. And this is why the angels (denizens of heaven) who appear to the disciples just after Jesus' departure say, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky?" What they are hinting at, none too subtly, is this: under the influence of Jesus' spirit, get to work! Do all that you can to foster the marriage of heaven and earth! Get on with the mission of the church!

Excerpts from reflections by Bishop Robert Barron. For the full texts, click [here](#) and [here](#)

Booked Masses

15/16 May

22/23 May

St. Joseph & St. Benildus

6:30 pm Vigil

10:00 am

12 noon

Rita McAvinue (A)

Ralph Pheasy

Nora Kennedy,
Nicola Doheny, Kathleen Phelan

Charlie Laphorn (MM)
Fr. Paddy Cooney
John Bradley
Sadie & Jack Short

St. Mary's, Ballygunner

7.00 pm:

Carmel Flynn (1st A)

11.00am:

Christy O'Sullivan (3rd A)
Darren O'Sullivan (28th A)
and in Loving Memory of his
mother **Phyllis O'Sullivan**



Pray for those who died recently:

Bridin Rock

And those whose Birthday or Anniversary occur this week
Seamus Breen (Birth. Rem.), Mary Burke-Moynihan (Birth Rem.),
Declan Keohan, Jim Carroll

This Week at a glance in the Parish and in the Diocese:

Week of Sunday May 16th - Saturday May 22nd

For the full texts of Daily Mass Readings, [click here](#)

Sunday 16th	7:00 - 8:00 pm	 <p>Please note that places are limited. We ask that you do not share the link with others, but ask them to sign up separately for Quo Vadis by contacting us at events@waterfordlismore.ie</p>
	16th May - 6th June	
Mon 17th	7:30 am Mass	
	10:30 am Mass	
Tues 18th	7:30 am Mass	
	10:30 am Mass	
Wed 19th	7:30 am Mass	
	10:30 am Mass	Mass Intention: Seamus Breen (Birthday Rem.)
	11:00 am	Wednesday Morning Coffee Hour Coffee Morning Zoom Link Meeting ID: 750 6591 3461 Passcode: 0qGsFd
	4:45 pm	Evening Prayer of the Church
	8:00 - 9:00 pm	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting (via Zoom)
	8:00 - 9.15 pm May 5th - June 16th	 <p>“Rooted” Lectio Divina Series The Diocese of Waterford & Lismore presents "Rooted" a 7-week Lectio Divina series for those interested in learning how to pray with Scripture. The series is designed for beginners and is open to anyone in the Diocese of Waterford & Lismore. To secure your place email events@waterfordlismore.ie or call Emma on 085 8623705</p>
Thurs 20th	7:30 am Mass	
	10:30 am Mass	
	9:00 am	Prayer and Praise Prayer & Praise Zoom Link Meeting ID: 899 4117 8783 Passcode: 079339
Friday 21st	7:30 am Mass	
	10:30am Mass	Mass Intention: Mary Burke-Moynihan
	12:00 noon Mass	
Sat 22nd	7:30 - 8:30 pm	 <p>Revive: Are you tired of being bored? Frustrated? Feeling restless? Join with Holy Family Mission in association with Ascend Youth Ministry for REVIVE on Friday 21st May, 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! Special prayers for those doing exams!</p> <p>At a time when the outside world has stopped, come to revive your life! Click here to learn more!</p>
	10:30am Mass	Mass Intention: Bridín Rock
Sunday 23rd	12:00 noon Mass	Feast of Pentecost, World Premier - “Mass in Time of Trial” Composed by Dr. Joe O’Beirne



Online Couples and Relationships Counselling

Accord CLG can now provide its specialist counselling services online to those who are unable to travel to an Accord Centre to access counselling in-person.

Those interested in availing of online counselling can email onlinecounselling@accord.ie

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QUO VADIS?

CATHOLIC ZOOM SERIES FOR YOUNG ADULTS AGED 18-35

THE EUCHARIST: FOUR PART SERIES

*Just a Symbol,
or something more?*

16/5 JUST A SYMBOL OR SOMETHING MORE?

23/5 EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES

30/5 THE STORY OF LITTLE NELLIE OF HOLY GOD

6/6 EUCHARISTIC MYSTICS & MARTYRS



Sundays: 7 - 8pm

16th May - 6th June

IN PREPARATION FOR FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

Contact events@waterfordlismore.ie / 085 8623704 to register

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[St. Joseph & Benildus](#) or [St. Mary's Ballygunner](#)



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"Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation."

Are you open to the call to be sent into the world as a priest or consecrated religious, that others might live in Christ?

If you think God may be offering you this grace, Speak to your local priest or email : info@vocations.ie

TIRED OF BEING BORED? FRUSTRATED WITH LIFE? ARE YOU RESTLESS?

Live-streamed event for young people

Revive

Join us FRI 21ST MAY 7.30 - 8.30PM

FOR MUSIC, PRAYER AND SHARING
HOW GOD HAS WORKED IN OUR LIVES!

SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR ALL EXAM STUDENTS!

LIVE-STREAMED ON WWW.HOLYFAMILYMISSION.IE

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

Irish Hospice Foundation

Bereavement Support Line

1800 80 70 77

Mon-Fri
10am-1pm

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

*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.*