

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

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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

Night Prayer 8-8.30pm (via Zoom
only)

Saturday Vigil Mass: 6:30 pm

Sunday Mass:

10:00 am & 12:00 noon

St. Mary's

Weekday Masses:

First Fridays 9:30 am (Sep-Jun)

Holy Days

11:00 am

Saturday Vigil Mass: 7:00 pm

Sunday Mass:

11:00 am

Gospel Reflection for 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10th Oct 2021



Have you ever backed away from an opportunity that could have changed your life? Have you ever turned down an invitation to take part in something because you felt inadequate or afraid?

In today's gospel story a man kneels at Jesus' feet and asks "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" The man is a good man, a man who has kept all the commandments from his youth. Jesus replies, "You lack one thing, go, sell what you own and give the money to the poor; then come and follow me." The rich man goes away sadly, because he has many possessions and cannot do what

Jesus asks.

The rich man in the story represents all of us. In this country even the poorest of us is rich compared to those in third world countries. We are all more like the rich man in the story than we'd care to admit. Like the rich man we can't quite get our heads round what Jesus considers rich and what Jesus considers poor. Like the man in the story we have trouble leaving worldly concerns behind and placing complete trust in God. In short, the story is uncomfortable for most of us because in it we hear Jesus asking us to do something that is frankly too difficult. Some of Jesus' disciples at the time obviously thought so too. "They were greatly astounded and said to one another 'Then who can be saved?'"

In this story we might feel that we are being set up for failure, but this is not the truth. Why would Jesus ask something that was impossible? In actual fact Jesus was inviting the man to be a disciple. He was giving the man a wonderful opportunity. Jesus had faith in the man. He has looked at the man and seen great possibilities. Jesus was giving the man the opportunity to take his faith to another level. How sad that the man's wealth proved too great a stumbling block. Today's gospel is an invitation for us all to take our faith up a gear, and to ask what stumbling blocks might be barring us from the opportunity of a lifetime.

Upcoming Masses

9th/10th Oct 2021

16th/17th Oct 2021

St. Joseph & St. Benildus

6:30 pm Vigil

Bid Power

10:00 am

Madeline, Kenneth
& Gerald Dickenson

Pádraig Dowling

Noel Schorman

12 noon

Michael Boland

Jerry Lynch

Ned & Stasia Leamy

St. Mary's, Ballygunner

7.00 pm:

Phyllis O'Sullivan
Darren O'Sullivan

Liam Walsh

Pat Currid

William Mortell

11.00am:

Pat Mc Carthy

Pat Flynn

Anne Hamm

Pray for those whose Birthday or Anniversary occurs around this time



**Anthony Power, Harry Totter, Bill Nolan,
Andrew & Margaret McCarthy, Bree Bergin Foley,
Molly Fitzgerald, Betty O'Carroll, Elizabeth Whelan,
Daithí Nevins, Ann Cooke**

All Masses can be viewed via livestream:
[St. Joseph & Benildus](#) or [St. Mary's Ballygunner](#)



If you wish to donate, all payments to the Parish can be made via the donate button on our website **Thank you.**

Night Prayer of the Church

Night Prayer of the Church will commence on Monday 11th October via Zoom.

It will be held Mon to Fri from 8-8.30pm. If anyone needs help with Zoom, please contact the parish office (051 878977)

Log-in I.D 9435884859

Please note that Evening Prayer has ceased.



A Parish Secretary is required for St. Joseph, St. Benildus & St. Mary's Parish.

- Approx. 23 hours per week, Monday to Wednesday but can be flexible to suit a successful candidate.
- The parish secretary will be requested to work additional hours at busy times.
- The successful candidate will be required to provide administrative assistance to the Parish Priest and Parish in the day to day running of the office.

For a full job description, please contact the

Parish Office: parishofficejbm@gmail.com
Remuneration depends on experience and qualifications.

To apply for this role, please send your CV and a letter of application to Fr. Liam Power PP : liampowerwaterford@gmail.com before the 22nd October 2021

ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE MASS

At our Liturgy Meeting on Monday night, the annual Remembrance Mass was discussed. Seventy-two families were bereaved in the past year, so it was decided that in order to accommodate them safely, a special Mass was necessary. **This Mass will be held on Saturday 6th November at 4:30p.m.** We felt we might not be able to accommodate hpeople safely at the 6.30pm Vigil Mass.

As in previous years, invitations are being sent to the bereaved families.

Readings for next weekend 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 53:10-11, Ps 32:4-5, 18-20. Heb 4: 14-16. Mk 10: 35-45.

AUTUMN DUES COLLECTION

The Autumn Dues Collection for the support of the Priests of the diocese can be handed in to the sacristy or parish office.

We appreciate your generosity.

GAELSCOIL ENROLMENTS

Gaelscoil Phortláirge will accept enrolment applications for September 2022 from the 4th to the 25th of October. Forms are available to download from the website, www.gaelscoilphortlaarge.ie or from the office at (051) 879736. *Fáilte romhaibh.*

Annual Graveyard Mass

Because of Covid, the annual graveyard Mass will not be celebrated this year. It is hoped that it can be held next year, 2022.

Parish Bookclub

We are starting a Parish Bookclub that will meet every two weeks in the Parish Centre. We will read and discuss the works of authors who are and were inspired by the Christian vision. For more information, contact the Parish Office and keep an eye on the Newsletter.

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

We welcome news items of interest to the parish community, however they must be of a non-commercial nature.

St. Mary's is in need of Readers and Ministers of the Eucharist..

If interested please contact Betty, Martha or Fr. Breen. Training will be offered (by Fr. Breen) in late Oct/ early Nov.

WANTED FOR HAITIAN ORPHANAGE PROJECT ESPWA (HOPE) info@4haiti.ie
Children's toys, / Crutches, Zimmer frames, etc.:**NO STUFFED / SOFT TOYS PLEASE AS ITEMS MUST BE SANITISED.**

For further Information, call 086 7367129 (10am

- 6pm)SHIPMENT LEAVING IRELAND NOVEMBER 2021.

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER CHY19799



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Applications are invited for a training course for parish catechists. The 3 year **Ministry of Catechist** programme is sponsored by the Diocese. *The primary role of a Catechist is to create opportunities for people to have a personal encounter with Jesus Christ and to help them explore their Catholicism in ways that are relevant and meaningful.* For Information and Application forms, email emma.sisk@waterfordlismore.ie or call 085 862 3705