



Parish of St Joseph & St Benildus & St Mary

SUNDAY 9 MARCH 2025 – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



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PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS

Monday to Friday - 9 am to 1 pm

PARISH SHOP OPENING HOURS

Monday to Friday 11 am – 2 pm

PARISH WEBSITE

jbmparish.com

NEWSLETTER EMAIL ITEMS

Email: jbmnews@gmail.com by
 Wednesday each week at 12 pm

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS & CERTIFICATE REQUESTS

Email: parishofficejbm@gmail.com

FACEBOOK PAGE

www.facebook.com/josephand
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LIVE STREAMING OF MASSES

St. Joseph & Benildus Church
<https://www.mcn.live/Camera/st-joseph-and-st-benildus-waterford>

St. Mary's Church

<https://www.mcn.live/Camera/st-marys-church-waterford>

MASS & SERVICE TIMES

St Joseph & St Benildus Church
Mass: Sunday
 5.45 pm Vigil (Saturday)
 10.00 am – Children's Liturgy Mass
 12.00 noon

Mass: Monday to Friday

7.30 am & 10.30 am

Mass: Saturday

10.30 am & Novena Prayer

Holydays of Obligation

5.45 pm Vigil, 7.30 am & 10.30 am

Confessions

Saturday after 10.30 am Mass

St Mary's Church, Ballygunner

Mass: Sunday

7.15 pm Vigil (Saturday)

11.00 am

Holydays of Obligation

11.00 am

BOOKING MASS INTENTIONS: must be made through the Parish Shop

either in person or by phone.

SAFEGUARDING:

The Safeguarding Representatives for our Parish are Michael Maher and Mary O'Sullivan. If you have a safeguarding concern, contact the Diocesan Designated Liaison Person, Fr John Harris at 087 966 1959 or Anne Walsh at 089 485 8845.

LOOP INDUCTION SYSTEM:

Hearing aid users at St. Joseph & Benildus Church: digital aids work automatically, while others should switch to "T" for clear PA sound.

NIGHT PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

Monday to Friday at 8 pm. Zoom login: 943 588 4859

ADORATION:

Wednesdays 11 am – 2 pm at St Joseph and St Benildus.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Julia Mitchell, Grange Park Road, Waterford
Anthony (Tony) Gavin, Ballinakill Court, Dunmore Road, Waterford

Michael Lonergan, The Folly, Waterford

Laura Burke, Stephen Street, Waterford

Angela Kelly (nee Reidy), Lisduggan, Waterford

Philomena (Phil) Heenan, Grange Upper, Waterford

ANNIVERSARIES / REMEMBRANCE

Mary Brady (1st Anniversary), Richard Morgan Senior

REMEMBERING IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEKEND 8/9 MARCH 2025

St. Joseph & St. Benildus Church, Newtown

5.45 pm: Colum Forde (Month's Mind)

Nicky Reynolds (Anniversary)

John Hogan (Anniversary)

10.00 am: Patrick White (Anniversary)

12 Noon: Aidan McAvinue (Anniversary)

St. Mary's Church, Ballygunner

7.15 pm: Mary & Tim Power (Anniversary)

11.00 am: Bridget (Bea) Kearney (1st Anniversary)

Bernard Hayes (Anniversary)

REMEMBERING IN OUR PRAYERS NEXT WEEKEND 15/16 MARCH 2025

St. Joseph & St. Benildus Church, Newtown

5.45 pm:

10.00 am: Betty Wadding (Anniversary)

12 Noon: Catherine Sheehan (Anniversary)

Peter Powell (Anniversary)

St. Mary's Church, Ballygunner

7.15 pm: Paul Mattejiet (Month's Mind)

Jade & Elizabeth Walsh (Anniversary)

11.00 am: Mary Lyons & John Lyons (Anniversary)

Nan & Bertie Downes & Janet Walsh (nee Downes) (Anniversary)

Lily & Tommy Glasheen (Anniversary)

TROCAIRE BOXES

Trocaire Boxes are now available at the back of the church. We encourage everyone, especially families, to take one home and use it as a way to give during Lent. Your generosity supports those in need worldwide. Thank you for your kindness.

"PILGRIMS OF HOPE": PRAYER SPACES EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING

Wednesday, 12th March in St John's Pastoral Centre, John's Hill, X91 HW9D, Waterford. Prayer Spaces will be open from 12 noon to 6.00 pm for personal prayer. A Training Session with Emma Thompson from Prayer Spaces in Schools Ireland will follow from 7:15 pm to 8:45 pm. All welcome.

ANAM CARA

The monthly evening for bereaved parents will take place on Tuesday 11th March at 7.30 pm in the Brandon House Hotel, New Ross. No need to register in advance. The event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was. Anam Cara also offers an online support group meeting. For more information, call 01 4045378 or email info@anamcara.ie.

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS THIS LENT

Join us this Lent for a special Holy Hour for Vocations, held each Saturday beginning 15th March, immediately following the 10:30 am Mass. This is a wonderful opportunity for our parish community to pray together for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Schedule:

11:00 – 11:15 am: Silence and Reflection

11:15 – 11:30 am: Chaplet of Divine Mercy

11:30 – 11:45 am: Personal Prayer

11:45 am – 12:00 pm: Hymns

All are warmly invited to spend time before the Lord, asking Him to guide, bless, and inspire vocations in our Church.

CHURCH COLLECTION

1/2 March - € 2,597

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS

The Parish Office is open Monday to Friday from 9 am to 1 pm. Please note that we will be unable to take calls or provide assistance outside of these hours.

SERIES OF TALKS ON RELIGION AND SPIRITUALITY IN THE POETRY OF PATRICK KAVANAGH

A series of six sessions focusing on religion and spirituality in the poetry of Patrick Kavanagh will begin on Tuesday, March 11th, in the Parish Centre. The talks will be presented by Professor Emeritus Michael Howlett who completed his doctoral thesis in the Gregorian University on the work of the poet. The talks will begin at 2.30 pm. All are welcome. Just turn up on the day or if you wish, you can book by emailing Fr Liam. The email address is liampowerwateford@gmail.com.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ST. MARY'S 200TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

We are seeking volunteers to help serve tea and refreshments during St. Mary's 200th Anniversary events on Thursday, 27th March (after the evening talk) and Sunday, 30th March (after Mass). Your support will help make these celebrations welcoming and memorable for everyone. If you can assist, please contact us at stmarysballygunner200@gmail.com. Thank you for your generosity!



St Joseph & St Benildus Journey through Lent

Parish Tarsus Scripture Team OPENING THE BIBLE – GETTING STARTED

- What is it really about?
- An introductory course for those who wish to know more, and those unsure where to begin!
- A series of presentations (TV) covering aspects of New and Old Testaments
- Every Thursday a different topic!
- **Venue: Parish Centre- Upstairs**
- **March 13th, 20th, 27th, April 3rd, 10th**
- **Time: 7.30 – 8.30pm**

We invite you to come and join us for all or any Thursday!

- Parish Tarsus Scripture Team -
"God's word is unpredictable in its power"
 (Pope Francis, *The Joy of the Gospel*)

CELEBRATING THE WOMEN OF OUR PARISH

On March 8th, we join the world in celebrating International Women's Day, honouring the faith, strength, and compassion of women everywhere. Inspired by Mary, our Blessed Mother, and countless faithful women throughout Scripture and our own community, we thank God for their essential contributions. May the Lord bless all women of our parish and community today and always! Happy International Women's Day!