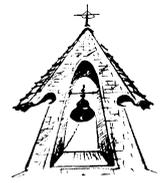




**Parish of St. Joseph & St. Benildus and St. Mary's
Newtown Road, Waterford City, Ireland**



**NEWSLETTER
Pentecost Sunday**

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**A priest is available to help you
in Ss. Joseph & Benildus Church**

**MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY
from 7.00 pm - 8.00 pm.**

MASSES THIS WEEK

St. Joseph & St. Benildus

Mon 7.30am & 10.30 am

Tues 7.30am & 10.30am

Wed 7.30am & 10.30 am

Thursday 7.30am & 10.30am

Friday 7.30am & 10.30am

Sat 10.30am & 6.30pm

Sunday 10.00 am & 12noon

St. Mary's Ballygunner

Sat 11.00am (Communion) &

Vigil 7.00pm

Sunday: 11am

If you wish to prepare next

Sunday's Readings:-

Deut 4:32-34. 39-40.

Ps 32:4-6, 9, 18-20, 22.

Rm 8:14-17.

Mt 28:16-20.

***Gospel Reflection for the Pentecost
Finding Inner Strength***

It's frustrating, but we all have limitations, and those limitations stop us from achieving. Finding time is probably one of our biggest limitations. By the time we've done all the things we have got to get done in any given day, there's very little time left to do anything new, let alone trying to save the world. We're limited by lack of knowledge, lack of wisdom, and lack of ability. There are things we'd like to do and like to achieve, but there's so much we need to know, learn, and develop before we can even begin.

So what do we do when we come up against limitations? Perhaps some of us put our ideas on a back burner. We kid ourselves that we are going to get things done but we never do. Many of us probably just give up, or worse still, bury our heads in the sand. We become ostriches.

In today's gospel the disciples are behaving a little like ostriches. They know what they should be doing, but they are hiding away for fear of the Jews. They are hiding from the Jews but they are also hiding from their own destiny. They have come up against their limitations and they are crippled inside. Then Jesus comes amongst them. He comes to give them an inner peace and an inner strength. He comes to breathe the Holy Spirit into them and all at once they are able to transcend the fear that had kept them trembling behind locked doors.

People are always telling us to know our limitations. As Christians we know our limitations, but we also know that we have the Holy Spirit to help us transcend the seemingly impossible. Saint Paul tells us the Spirit is working in all sorts of ways in different people.

To find the Spirit within us, we need to look at our own strengths and gifts. Have we found ourselves strong in situations where we didn't expect to feel strength? How do we find that strength again when it really matters? Make it a daily mantra. Ask the Holy Spirit for help, guidance and the ability to find our inner strength.

Please remember in your prayers those who died recently

Bill Murphy, California

and those whose anniversaries and birthdays occur

Peggy, Mary & Alan Everett, Nora Lyons,

Tadhg & Maeve Toomey, Clodagh Lee.

MASSES

St. Joseph & St. Benildus Church

6.30 p.m.

10.00 a.m.

12.00 Noon

St. Mary's Church

7.00 p.m.

11.00 a.m.

23rd/24th May 2015

Ralph Pheasy

Peggy Reville

Kathleen Phelan &
Nicola Doheny

Thomas & William Power

Margaret Mary Hogan

30th/31st May 2015

Patrick Flannery

John Barron

Jack, Anney, Niall, & Nuala Miller

Maureen Moloney &
Fr. Paddy Cooney

James (Jimmy) O'Leary

Last Sunday's Collection

€2,236

Thank you for your generous offering

Sacrament of First Holy Communion

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be received by the pupils of St.Mary's National School, Ballygunner in St.Mary's Church, on Saturday 30th May, at 11.00am.

Liturgy Group

There will be a meeting of the Liturgy Group in the Parish Centre on Wednesday 27th May, at 7.30pm.

Taizé

A night of spirituality and prayer.
Edmund Rice Chapel,
Barrack Street, Friday 5th June
at 8pm.

Lighting the flame of spirituality.

Congratulations

Well done to the boys and girls from Gael Scoil Ballygunner and the girls from St.John of God National School, who received First Holy Communion this weekend.

Graduation Mass

The De la Salle Graduation Mass will take place on Tuesday May 26th at 7.30pm in Ss.Joseph & Benildus Church.

Parents' Pre-Baptism Meeting...an update !

Last Wednesday, we were delighted that 13 parents accepted our invitation and attended a gathering of Fr.Liam and members of the Baptism team. It was an evening of sharing and reflection on the meaning of Baptism in our lives, followed by tea and coffee.

The next meeting will be on June 10th, from 7.30-8.30pm, in the Parish Centre.

Choir for Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

If you would like to join the choir for the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, practice is held each Wednesday at 7.30pm in the Pastoral Centre, John's Hill. All are welcome.

Confirmation

Congratulations to the children from St.Mary's National School who were confirmed on Friday 15th May in St.Mary's Church, and the children of St.John of God National School, who were confirmed on Saturday May 16th in Ss.Joseph & Benildus Church.

We were delighted to welcome our new Bishop, Most Reverend Alphonsus Cullinan, on the occasion of his first visit to the Parish.

Thanks to the teachers and all involved in preparing the children for their Confirmation day.

International Day of UN Peacekeepers 29th May

International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers is celebrated on May 29, 2015. The "International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers" is "a day to pray for all the men and women who have served and continue to serve in United Nations peacekeeping operations for their high level of professionalism, dedication, and courage and to honour the memory of those who have lost their lives in the cause of peace."

Happy Birthday Church

The feast of Pentecost is often referred to as the birthday of the Church. It's called that because Pentecost is when the apostles went out among the people and began spreading Jesus' message, thus establishing the beginning of the Church. On this day we are asked to pray for the Church and her continued growth.