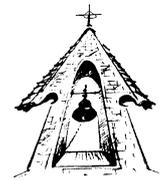


**Parish of St. Joseph & St. Benildus and St. Mary's
Newtown Road, Waterford City, Ireland**



NEWSLETTER

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Date: 12th July 2015

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PARISH INFORMATION

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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 7.00pm

Sunday: 11am

If you wish to prepare next

Sunday's Readings:-

16th Sunday in Ordinary time

Jer 23:1-6.

Ps 22.

Eph 2:13-18.

Mk 6: 30-34.

Gospel Reflection for the Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Three Point Plan



Travel light so as not to get distracted. Work hardest where your work is appreciated, but don't waste time where your work isn't producing any results. It's not just great advice for evangelising; it's great advice for living your life. In today's gospel Jesus is giving his disciples a three point strategy for spreading his teaching.

First Jesus promotes single mindedness. The disciples must travel light unhampered by any distractions. How many advertising campaigns fail because the heart of the message is cluttered and confused? How many Christians come out of church on a Sunday remembering only that they need to contribute to the church steeple restoration fund rather than remembering the central gospel lesson.

The second part of Jesus' plan was to choose the best audience. We are all familiar with the street preacher who stands in the middle of the city centre whilst tides of shoppers give him a wide berth. For all his good intentions, this person has not chosen an audience who are in any mood to stop and listen. Jesus advises not to stay where we are not wanted nor try to teach those who refuse to listen. Choosing the best audience and setting are all important.

Thirdly, make the message clear and compelling. Jesus tells the disciples to teach a message of repentance and to cure the sick. In other words, we are to instigate a change for the better in the lives of others. It's a powerful message. Who doesn't want to change for the better? Who wouldn't listen if they were promised a better life?

So did Jesus' strategy work? That Christianity is so strong two thousand years down the line is a great testimony to Jesus and the work of those early disciples.

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.

11th/12th July 2015

Paddy Holden

David (Davy) Walsh

Peter Foskin

Bridie Langford & Margaret Reid

Brigit Cummins

18th/19th July 2015

Noreen Murphy

Don Brennan

John Walsh

The Flynn Family

Mary Lyons

Last Sunday's Collection

€2,122

Thank you for your generous offering

Recent Baptisms

A warm welcome to
Mary Dooley,
Harry Murphy,
Mila O'Donnell-Kearney,
Chloe Walsh,
Claire McGrath,
 who were baptised recently.

Please keep them, and their parents and Godparents, in your prayers.

Highly recommended reading:

"Laudato Si...."

This is a very readable publication, very relevant to daily life, and I would encourage everybody with an interest in the environment to read it.

The parish has ordered a number of copies of the Encyclical for parishioners.

It can also be accessed online at <https://laudatosi.com/> download.

Peter's Pence

The Peter's Pence collection for the needs of the Diocese will be taken up in St. Joseph & St. Benildus Church this weekend.

Thank you for your generosity.

Closure of "link" corridor.

We regret to inform you that the "link" corridor between the Church and Parish Centre (St. Joseph and St. Benildus Church) has become structurally unsafe, and for safety reasons is closed. The corridor needs to be removed and replaced. Work begins in the next few weeks. **The church can only be accessed through the front door. You may still access the Parish Office from the church carpark.** Thank you for your co-operation.

Eircode

Every house in Waterford City and County will receive its new Eircode in the next few weeks. It is **very important** that this is kept safely. A meeting co-hosted by **Active Retirement** and **Home Care Instead Senior Care** to explain the importance of the code to **seniors** is being held in **Waterford** on the 20th of July at 11am in **Dooley's Hotel**. Waterford's Eircode Ambassador **Niamh Budds** will address the meeting and will be happy to answer any questions you may have on Eircode.

Outcomes from Parish Finance Council meeting, Monday 6th July 2015.j

1. **Closure of Link Corridor** (see above).
2. **Sale of Graves:** the Council approved plans to extend each row of graves in Ballygunner cemetery as far as the boundary (on the northern side), and to remove the rows of Leylandi trees. This will mean that approximately five extra graves per row will be available to the parish. We intend to make these graves available for sale to parishioners. If anyone is interested in purchasing a grave, please contact the Parish office (051 878977)
3. Our parish insurers Allianz, have insisted that maintenance work be carried out on the **paths in Ballygunner cemetery**. The paths pose a serious hazard in their present condition. Estimated cost is 10,000euro. Work will start as soon as possible.
4. We have received a number of complaints about the parlous state of the **derelict buildings opposite St. Mary's Church**. They are attracting a lot of anti-social behaviour and pose a serious danger to anyone entering the buildings. The Finance Council agreed that they should be demolished as soon as possible. We have applied for permission to do so from the City & County Council. Estimated cost: 7000euro (plus VAT).

*Please remember in your prayers
 those whose anniversaries and birthdays occur
 Peter Foskin, Josie O'Neill, Margaret McFeeley,
 Mary Watt*