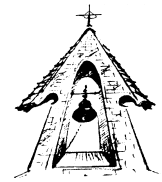


**Parish of St. Joseph & St. Benildus and St. Mary's
Newtown Road, Waterford City, Ireland**



NEWSLETTER

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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:-

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Am 7:12-15.

Ps 84:9-14.

Eph 1:3-14.

Mk 6:7-13.

Gospel Reflection for the Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Words of Wisdom

We readily accept words of wisdom if we hear them from the pulpit, or from a learned lecturer in theology. We are less likely to accept words of wisdom if we hear them from a TV soap, from the very nice lady on the supermarket checkout, or from our own children. We need to trust our source of information before we trust the information itself. At the end of the day, in our eyes some people are qualified to dish out words of wisdom and others are not. The danger of this outlook is that we can end up believing absolutely everything from the mouth of someone qualified, and nothing from the mouths of those who are not qualified. This is sad, because anyone can have an insight to share, and by closing our minds we do not hear the wisdom and an opportunity is lost.

When Jesus returned to his hometown to preach, he was treated with similar disregard. When the Nazarenes heard him speaking they could not take him seriously because they could remember all too well his humble origins. Wasn't he just a carpenter ... Mary's son? They closed their minds against Jesus, and because their minds were closed, Jesus could not work any great deed that day.

Of course, there is more to this story than Jesus being rejected in his hometown. This is a story about how we too can ignore or reject God. This is a story about the stumbling blocks we encounter in our faith. Perhaps our pet stumbling block might be our unwillingness to listen to others in the belief that we know best. Our stumbling block might be a reluctance to ask for help, fearing that this might be a sign of weakness. Our stumbling block might be the inability to recognise the voice of God in our day-to-day surroundings.

Could God be talking to us through a partner, through our children, parents or friends? Where will the next prophet come from, the other side of the globe or the other side of the street? The trick is, not to rule anything out. God is more likely to work wonders in an open mind, than a closed one.

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.

4th/5th July 2015

Jimmy O'Leary

Willy Mortell

Jack Hetherington

Ann Daniels

11th/12th July 2015

Paddy Holden

David (Davy) Walsh

Peter Foskin

Bridie Langford & Margaret Reid

Brigit Cummins

Last Sunday's Collection

€3,402

Thank you for your generous offering

St. Vincent de Paul

The monthly St. Vincent de Paul collection will be taken up this weekend. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Eight top tips on caring for the planet

From Pope Francis.....

- Avoid the use of plastic and paper
- Reduce water consumption
- Recycle
- Cook only what you can reasonably consume
- Show care for other living beings
- Use public transport
- Plant trees
- Turn off unnecessary lights

Recommended Reading Friday Suppers by Pauline Curran

'Friday Suppers', written by Pauline Curran with a foreword by Delia Smith, is packed with 40 delicious meat-free recipes. It is ideal for people looking for fresh inspiration for simple and tasty family meals, and for those looking to reduce their carbon footprint by eating less meat.

Nothing to do with our Parish

A Sunday school teacher asked her children on the way to service, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" One little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping."

Reminder !!!

Parents' Meeting before Baptism of Children.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday July 8th. The meetings are held monthly, and provide an opportunity to meet with other parents. It is also a time to deepen our understanding of the sacrament of Baptism, the great gift we give to our children.

The meetings are facilitated by Fr. Liam and the Baptism team.

Venue: Parish Centre, Room 1, (Upstairs).

Time: 7.30p.m—8.30p.m.

Date: Wednesday July 8th.

Time is inclusive of Tea/Coffee and social chat !

Pieta House Walk : Congratulations

Congratulations to Enda Doherty, one of our parishioners, who raised €60,000 for Pieta House in his walk from Belfast to Waterford. This was a very courageous and daunting endeavour by Enda who completed a marathon walk of 26 miles per day over 9 days carrying a washing machine on his back. He had to endure serious discomfort on the very arduous adventure, including severely blistered feet, extreme fatigue and pushing himself to the very limit of physical, spiritual and emotional boundaries.

At one stage, virtually exhausted and beginning to hallucinate, he was tempted to succumb and bow out of the great adventure. But heartrending stories communicated to him of those who survived suicide attempts pushed him to extreme limits of endurance. He has succeeded in drawing attention to the horrendous tragedy of suicide in our community and has contributed enormously to the possibility of ensuring that the Pieta House project in Waterford will be completed.

Heartiest congratulations again and all parishioners are very proud of his great achievement.

"Laudato Si" "Praised Be"

These words are taken from a popular prayer of St. Francis of Assisi. "Laudato Si" is the title of the recent Encyclical Letter of Pope Francis on care for our common home. Secular society and religious communities find common ground in "Laudato Si". Climate change is a problem of global perspective.

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

*Please remember in your prayers
those who died recently*

*Theresa Forde, Passage Road
Anne Carroll, Grange Heights
those who died about a month ago*

Tony Fennelly

and those whose anniversaries and birthdays occur

*Mary & Michael Walsh, Elizabeth Ware,
Nora Holden, Rosalind Walsh, Declan Grogan*