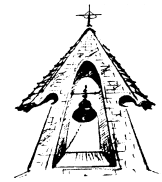


**Parish of St. Joseph & St. Benildus and St. Mary's
Newtown Road, Waterford City, Ireland**



NEWSLETTER

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Date: 13th Sept 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 7.30a.m & 10.30 am

Tues 7.30a.m & 10.30am

Wed 7.30a.m & 10.30 am

Thursday 7.30a.m & 10.30am

Friday 7.30a.m & 10.30am

Sat 10.30 a.m & 6.30pm

Sunday 10.00 am & 12noon

St. Mary's Ballygunner

Sat 7.00pm

Sunday: 11.00 a.m.

If you wish to prepare next

Sunday's Readings:-

25th Sun in Ordinary Time

Wis 2:12, 17-20.

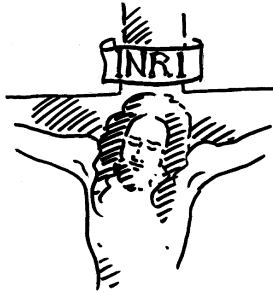
Ps 53:3-6,8.

Jas 3:16-4:3.

Mk 9:30-37.

Gospel Reflection for the Twenty Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Picking Up Our Crosses.



Today Peter recognises Jesus as the Son of God, but he completely fails to grasp the implications. He certainly doesn't understand the necessity for Jesus to die on the cross and he tells him so. Jesus puts Peter straight. "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." "For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel will save it."

Taking up our crosses is essential to being a Christian, and far from being a burden, it can be the source of huge happiness and fulfilment. Taking up our crosses, simply means understanding the needs of others, and putting the needs of others first. We need to forget about our own problems and look to the problems of others. We don't have to look far. The news is full of other people's problems at the moment, and it certainly puts our own problems into perspective. Taking up our crosses means imagining how others feel and how we would like to be treated if we were in their shoes. Empathy is key to taking action. Taking up our crosses means giving up our time and our skills and our money for the happiness of others. Jesus didn't need to choose the road to Jerusalem and crucifixion, but he did. In the same way, Christians need to be pro-active about choosing their crosses. Do we see the need of others and take action, or do we sit back and leave things to others?

There are an estimated 2.1 billion Christians on our planet. How different the world would be if each and every one of us picked up our crosses.

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.

12th/13th Sept 2015

Dick Jones (1st Anniv)

Helen Upton

Brian Sheridan

Michael Doyle

Anna Doyle (1st Anniv)

19th/20th Sept 2015

Declan O'Carroll

Gemma Phelan (M.M)

Brian McGovern

Niall Warren

Carmel Hetherington

Last Sunday's Collection

€2,594

Thank you for your generous offering

Rotas

Rotas for Ministers of the Word and Ministers of the Eucharist in St.Mary's, Ballygunner are now available in the sacristy.

Conference on local responses to Laudato Si,

Pope Francis' encyclical on Caring For Our Common Home.

Saturday 3rd October 2015, W.I.T. Registration 9.00am

The primary aim of the conference is to raise awareness of the content of the Encyclical and to explore how we are responding locally to the challenge of environmental degradation and the danger posed by climate change. All are welcome.

Recent Marriages

Congratulations to *James Keane* and *Tara Cunningham* who were married recently in St.Mary's Church.

Weekly Envelopes

Boxes of weekly envelopes are currently being distributed. The new envelope year begins Sunday 4th October 2015. This year, all envelopes are dated for your convenience. Please continue to use your white envelopes until 4th October. The new blue ones can be used from that date.

National Eucharistic Congress Knock on September 26th and 27th.

Chief Celebrant: Archbishop Michael Neary of Tuam.

Homilies: Archbishop Charles Brown, Papal Nuncio.

Waterford coach: Sunday: leaving at 6.45a.m. (phone for details)

Cost: 20euro (not including food, but with a hotel stop)

Contact Mai Cushing 087 714 8100.

REMINDER :

DOWN SYNDROME IRELAND Coffee Morning, Weds Sept 16th

A coffee morning in aid of Down Syndrome Ireland will be held in the Parish Centre, St.Joseph & St.Benildus Church, at 11a.m on Wednesday 16th September to raise some sponsorship for Fr.John, who is participating in a charity cycle (Tour of Leinster) to raise some much needed funds for DSI. All are welcome.

Thank you for your generosity.

Volunteers

If you would like to be involved in any of the following Parish activities, please contact the Sacristy or Parish Office (878977)

- *Ministers of the Word,*
- *Eucharistic Ministers,*
- *Member of Liturgy group.*

Training will be provided for Ministers of the Word and Eucharistic Ministers.

The Liturgy Group meets once a month, and is involved in preparing activities such as the Harvest Mass .

AUTUMN DUES

Autumn Dues for the support of the priests will be taken up on Sunday next, 20th September 2015 in both churches.

Please give as generously as possible.

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Feast) Monday 14th September

The discovery of the True Cross is dated to 14 September 320. On the 13th September 335 the churches on Calvary were dedicated and the cross that St.Helena discovered was venerated there the next day. The annual commemoration of that event has been celebrated since, in praise of the redemption won for us by Christ.

WATERFORD / S.E. REGION CHARISMATIC CONFERENCE 2015

Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th September.

Rhu Glenn Hotel, Slieverue, Co.Kilkenny

Speakers: Fr.Fio Mascarhenas, Frances Hogan, Tom O'Dwyer. Open to all.

Further info: Sile- 086 8590394 or Tom- 087 2701311

Weekend: 20euro (Pre-booking not necessary)

Please remember in your prayers those who died recently

Tony Barden, Ballygunner Temple

And those whose anniversaries and birthdays occur

Kathy Bell-Howlett,

Frank & Mary Madders