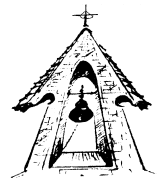




Parish of St. Joseph & St. Benildus and St. Mary's  
Newtown Road, Waterford City, Ireland



**NEWSLETTER**  
All Saints

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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 7.30a.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**

**First Friday 9.30am**

Sat 7.00pm

Sunday: 11.00 a.m.

**If you wish to prepare next**

**Sunday's Readings:-**

**32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**1 Kgs 17:10-16.**

**Ps 145:7-10.**

**Heb 9:24-28.**

**Mk 12:38-44.**

**Gospel Reflection for All Saints**

**The Greatest Sermon**

We are asked to emulate the lives of the saints, but how do we even begin to live our lives like one of those slightly impossible to believe-in-people whose faces we find on our church medals, cards and statues. Could they ever have been just normal people like us?

Today we hear the 'Sermon On the Mount', sometimes called the 'greatest sermon of all time'. It begins with a list of revolutionary statements, which we now know as the 'Beatitudes'. The Beatitudes give us a blue print for living our lives, and a key for entering the Kingdom of God.

Be poor in spirit we are told, not allowing our lives to be governed by money or material concerns. We should be meek, always seeking to serve rather than seeking the power with which to lord it over others. Hunger for righteousness we are told, never tolerating injustice, always having the integrity to suffer for what we believe in if needs be. We should be merciful, not only with those we feel deserve mercy like the poor and the disadvantaged, but with those who need our forgiveness and consideration. Are we always pure of heart or do we enjoy a good gossip, a joke at someone else's expense? Are we peacemakers, or do we fuel battles against neighbours, workmates or people from different communities?

The Beatitudes are a list of ideals and challenges designed to shape our lives for the better, but are we left looking at the list and feeling that it's just too much of a tall order? As in anything that initially seems too difficult are we in danger of simply 'switching off'?

On this the feast of 'All Saints' we celebrate the lives of those saints whose lives we aim to imitate. But what is interesting to note, is that not even these very special men and women have managed to live by every single beatitude.

A saint is not necessarily a perfect person, but someone who has sought his or her hardest to be faithful to God. When we determine to live our lives by Jesus' ideals what matters is our commitment and integrity, not our measure of success.

**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.

**31st Oct/1st Nov 2015**

John Walsh

John B. O'Sullivan

Tony Barden (M.M)

Mary Joyce ( 1st Anniv)

**7th/8th Nov 2015**

For deceased during year

Dick Mahony

Holy Souls Novena

Ann Tierney

Eddie Burke

**Last Sunday's Collection****€2,617***Thank you for your generous offering***Recent Baptisms**

We welcome *Leila Frisby*,  
*Luke Devereux*,  
*Tara Smith*, and  
*Jade Kavanagh*.

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

**Liturgy Group**

The Parish Liturgy Group will  
meet in St.John's Pastoral Centre  
on Monday 2nd Nov at 7.30pm

**Ballygunner Committee**

There will be a meeting of the  
Ballygunner Committee on  
Wednesday 4th Nov at 7.45pm in  
St.Mary's Church.

**Remembering our Dead**

St.John's Pastoral Centre, John's  
Hill, Waterford on Thursday  
12th Nov at 7.30pm. A sacred  
space to honour family, friends  
and all who have died.

You are invited to a time of  
prayerful reflection during this  
special month. The evening will  
include Scripture reading,  
personal prayer, silence and  
music.

All are welcome.

**Nursing Home Visitation  
Team**

Our next meeting is on  
**Monday 2nd November**,  
Parish Centre, 8-9pm

**Baptism Team Meeting**

Our next Team Meeting is on  
**Monday November 9th**, Parish  
Centre, 8-9pm.

**Taizé Prayer**

A service of song, silence and contemplation.  
Friday 6th November, 8pm, Edmund Rice Chapel.

**Bereavement Mass**

A Mass for those who died in our parish in the past year will be  
celebrated in St.Joseph & St.Benildus Church on Saturday 7th  
November at 6.30pm.  
Tea and coffee will be available in the Parish Hall after the Mass.

**New Dublin Voices  
10th Anniversary Gala Concert**

Internationally-acclaimed Chamber Choir *New Dublin Voices*, presents a 10th  
Anniversary Gala Concert in Christ Church Cathedral, Waterford on Sat, Nov 7th  
at 8pm.

*Voci Ladies Choir* is delighted to be part of this concert.

Tickets : 15 euro. ( conc. 10 euro ), available from :  
newdublinvoices.com, and at the door.

**First Friday**

Next Friday, November 6th, is the First Friday of the month. Mass will be  
celebrated in St.Mary's at 9.30am. Holy Communion will be distributed to the  
sick and housebound. If you know anyone who would like to be included, please  
contact the sacristy or parish office.

***Friday 6th Nov, 2015 is the Feast of All the Saints of Ireland***

**St.Vincent de Paul**

The monthly St.Vincent de Paul collection will be taken up this weekend.

**Holy Souls Novena**

The Holy Souls Novena begins on Saturday November 7th at  
6.30pm in St.Joseph & St.Benildus Church.

The *St.Mary's Ballygunner* Holy Souls Novena begins on  
Thursday 19th November at 11.30am.

**Respond Open Day: St.John's College**

Respond! Housing Association has successfully completed its  
12.4ml euro redevelopment of St.John's College. The total project  
consists of 67 dwellings and associated Communal Facilities,  
including a Day-care Centre, Activation Room, Sensory Garden  
and Community Education Centre.

Respond! thanks everyone who supported this Redevelopment.  
We invite you to visit the College to view the completed  
construction during our Open Day on Sunday, November 8th,  
between 1-4pm. *Entrance to the College from The Folly, limited  
parking available.*

*Please remember in your prayers those  
whose anniversaries and birthdays occur*

***Maura Curtin, John Davis,  
Canon Frank Hopkins,  
Anne O'Connell, Maurice Gough***