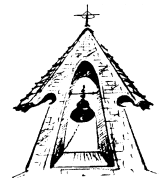




**Parish of St. Joseph & St. Benildus and St. Mary's
Newtown Road, Waterford City, Ireland**



NEWSLETTER
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Day of Prayer for Vocations

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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 & 10.30 am

Wed 7.30am & 10.30 am

Thurs 7.30am & 10.30am

Fri 7.30am & 10.30am

Sat 10.30am & 6.30pm

Sunday 10.00 am & 12pm

St. Mary's Ballygunner

Saturday: 7.00pm

Sunday: 11am

If you wish to prepare next

Sunday's Readings:

5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 14:21-27.

Ps 144:8-13.

Apoc 21:1-5.

Jn 13:31-35.

Gospel Reflection for the Fourth Sunday of Easter
Thought Word and Deed

Jesus is the 'Good Shepherd' and we are his flock or are we? It's easy to call ourselves Catholics or Christians, but unless we act like it we are only Catholics in name.

How can we call Jesus our shepherd or our role model yet not model our behaviour after the most basic of church teachings? How can we be a part of Jesus' flock if we condone violence, ignore poverty or harbour un-Christian attitudes? To be truly part of Jesus' flock we have to be Christians not just in name, but in thought word and deed.

Today Jesus tells us how to live our lives. "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me." Hearing Jesus' voice and following him is no easy task. Jesus asks us to follow him in many individual ways. Imagine how sad it would be to meet Jesus on Judgment Day, to hear him say, "Didn't you hear me? I was inviting you to travel the world, open a nursing home, research a new drug, become a campaign leader, make a film, write a book, adopt a child, raise funds for a well in a third world country or become a missionary. Weren't you listening?"

How would we reply? "Well.... I thought I was listening... but perhaps I was spending too much time watching TV or following Facebook!"

Deciding to follow Jesus might take some radical thinking and a good deal of courage, but for those who make that decision, Jesus promises "... I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand."

Please remember in your prayers those who died recently
Patrick Larkin, Passage Road
Eileen Whitty, Williamstown Village
And those whose anniversaries and birthdays occur
Edward Butler, Paddy Hennessy, Jack Hetherington, Nicholas Hamm,
Maude and Kerry Coughlan

MASSES

St. Joseph & St. Benildus Church

6.30 (Sat)

10.00 a.m.(Sun)

12.00 Noon (Sun)

St. Mary's Church

7.00pm(Sat)

11.00a.m (Sun)

16th/17th April 2016

Philip O'Keeffe

Michael Moynihan

John Upton

Philip & Elizabeth Hartley

23rd/24th April 2016

Tom Sheridan

Dick Cullinane

John Barron

Helena Kearney

Paddy & Maureen Moloney

Last Sunday's Collection

€2,613
Thank you for your generous offering

Recent Baptisms

We welcome *April Elizabeth Molloy*, and *Harry Mark Spencer* who were baptised recently. Please keep them, their parents and Godparents in your prayers.

Recent Marriage

Congratulations to Jackie Sheehan and Jason Quinn who were married recently in St. Mary's Church, Ballygunner.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Today, Sunday April 17th, 2016 marks the 53rd Anniversary of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday."

The purpose of this day is to publically fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.

Lough Derg Jubilee Year of Mercy

Pilgrimage Season opens on Sunday 1st May with One Day Retreats which continue on 2, 7, 8, 10, 14, 15, 17, 21, 22, 23, 28, 29 & 30 of May. Booking is essential.

The Three Day Pilgrimage season begins on Wednesday 1st June. You may begin the Pilgrimage on any day between 1st June and 3rd August.

Pre-booking is not required for the Three Day Pilgrimage. Contact Lough Derg by telephone 071 9861518, email info@loughderg.org, www.loughderg.org.

Live Streaming, St. Joseph & St. Benildus & St. Mary's Church Services

Live services from these Churches are available on:

<http://jbmparish.com> *and*
www.churchservices.tv/stjosephwaterford
www.churchservices.tv/stmarysballygunner

Edmund Rice Choral & Musical Society's Annual Concert

will be held in The Large Room, City Hall on Friday 22nd April at 8pm.

Guests are:

Soprano: Vanessa Whelan,

Tenor: Dominic McGorian,

Pianist: Billy O'Brien. ERCMS

Accompanist: Deirdre Long.

Musical Director: Catherine Power.

Tickets from Members, or 0876392868

or Reddy's Off Licence, Ballybricken.

Do you enjoy a cuppa and a chat?.....then the Waterford Contact Project may be for you!

For more information, please contact:

Mags Drohan (Project Coordinator), St Brigid's Family & Community Centre, 37 Lower Yellow Road, Waterford City, Tel: 051-375261

The Project is part-funded by HSE, IPB Insurance, Respond! Housing Association & Clannad Care.

TABLE QUIZ: LASALLIAN DEVELOPING WORLD PROJECTS

This year, the LaSallian Project is going to South Africa, outside Johannesburg, Nkaneng and Phokeng, building a Creche for squatter children and a Skills Training Workshop.

To raise funds for this project, a Table Quiz will be held as follows:

Date: Thursday 21st April

Venue: Oskar's, Dunmore Road.

Time: 8.30pm.

Table of four, 20euro.

Lots of Spot prizes and Auction items.

All welcome.

SafeTALK Training Programme—

Farronshoneen Youth and Community Centre

The Farronshoneen centre is providing a SafeTALK training programme as part of Youth Work Ireland Week on Saturday 23rd April in the Farronshoneen Centre from 9.30am—1.30pm.

SafeTALK is a challenging programme that prepares people to identify persons with thoughts of suicide and connect them to suicide first aid resources.

For information, or clarification on any queries or concerns you may have, contact Catriona Guerin on 086-7816269