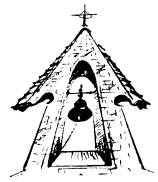




**Parish of St. Joseph & St. Benildus and St. Mary's
Newtown Road, Waterford City, Ireland**



NEWSLETTER

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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 10.30 am & 6.30pm

Sunday 10.00 am & 12pm

St. Mary's Ballygunner

Saturday: 7.00pm

Sunday: 11am

Gospel Reflection for the Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Choosing the Better Part

"Don't just stand there gawping," we're told as children," do something!"

We have grown up knowing that we all must pull our weight, and so when the overworked Martha complains to Jesus that her sister Mary has not helped with the meal, we get understandably hot under the collar when Jesus condones Mary's choice to sit at his feet in conversation.

There is of course a big danger in the story of Martha and Mary. The danger is that we feel the need to side with one sister, thereby judging the other wrong. In truth, both sisters have something to teach us.

Martha we are told, was concerned with many things, but we're led to believe that all of them were finite and transitory. If we took time to make a list of the concerns in our own lives we might find that we have a lot of Martha in us. We worry about work, we worry about money and we worry about how we are going to fit our chores in. If we look back at our anxieties of last year, or last month, or even last week, we might be forced to admit that most of those worries had no lasting significance, yet they still managed to dominate our lives and rob us of what was important. Mary on the other hand was only concerned with one thing, ... the Kingdom of God ... finite, ultimate and lasting.

It is important to note that Jesus was not reproaching Martha, after all without Martha there would have been no meal on the table that night. Without the Marthas of the world nothing would get done. On the other hand, it doesn't matter how hard we work, without God at the centre of our lives, our actions are hollow. Mary chose 'the better part', but we all need a little of Martha too.

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

**If you wish to prepare
next Sunday's Readings:**

17th Sunday in Ordinary

Time

Gn 18:20-32.

Ps 137:1-3, 6-8.

Col 2:12-14.

Lk 11:1-13.

MASSES

St. Joseph & St. Benildus Church

6.30 pm (Sat)

10 am (Sun)

12.00 Noon (Sun)

St Mary's Church

7.00pm (Sat)

11.00am (Sun)

16th/17th July 2016

Tom Clarke (M.M)

John & Claire O'Brien

Don Brennan

Thomas Keane

Pierce Kennedy

& Pierce Kennedy Jnr & Patricia Kennedy

23rd/24th July 2016

Noreen Murphy

Eileen Dowling

John Walsh

Mary & Nicholas Lyons

Last Sunday's Collection
€2,511
*Thank you for your
 generous offering*

Recent Baptisms

We welcome
 Fionn Hearne,
 Oisín Hearne,
 Max Hogan,
 Zoe Elizabeth Fleming, and
 Grace Marie Power who were
 baptised recently.
 Please keep them, their
 parents and Godparents in your
 prayers.

Lightfever

A Lightfever event will be held in
 the Cathedral of the Most Holy
 Trinity, Waterford on Saturday
 23rd July from 1-5pm.
 Lightfever is an afternoon of
 "Open Church" where missionaries
 go in pairs onto the streets and
 invite people to come inside and
 experience a special atmosphere of
 music, prayer, confession and
 candlelight, allowing us spend time
 in prayer and adoration before the
 Blessed Sacrament.
 Feel free to come and leave as you
 want.

Who was St. Mary Magdalene? 22nd July

Poor old Mary Magdalene, dubbed as a
 prostitute and a sinner, but who was she
 really? Mary Magdalene is mentioned in
 each of the four gospels in the New
 Testament, but not once does it mention
 that she was a prostitute or a sinner.
 At some point Mary Magdalene became
 confused with two other women in the
 Bible: Mary, the sister of Martha and the
 unnamed sinner from Luke's Gospel
 (7:36-50)
 In 1969 the Catholic Church declared that
 Mary Magdalene was not the penitent
 sinner of Luke's Gospel but the reputation
 still lingers.

Drop-in Meetings : St.Joseph & St.Benildus Church

The arrangement whereby parishioners could drop in to the
 sacristy on Monday, Wednesday and Friday has been temporarily
 suspended due to Fr.John's illness. Fr.Liam would be delighted to meet
 anyone who wishes to see a priest or arrange a wedding or Christening, etc,
 but it will be necessary to make an appointment in advance. Please ring
 the office (051 878977).

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/stjosephswaterford
www.churchservices.tv/stmarysballygunner

Green fingers???

Calling all gardeners. If you would like to help out with the floral
 decorations of the church, your assistance would be greatly
 appreciated. This would be on a rota basis. Please contact the
 Parish Office or Sacristy on 051 878977

Meditation

How this day turns out depends, in part, on how it begins.
 Begin your day with an attitude of joyful anticipation, and you reap the
 reward of your own state of mind.
 But begin it with disgust or reluctance, and your state of mind will
 pursue you as the hours unfold. You set the tone of your day by the
 way you welcome it.
 Each day is a gift of God to us, but sometimes the gift comes wrapped
 in sombre colours. We may wake up with pain, or with the knowledge
 that we face a difficult or disagreeable task. Trusting that God is with us
 can give us the courage we need. Looking forward to something
 pleasant can lessen the difficulties we have to face. Learning to believe
 in ourselves can calm the fears we feel. However we choose to begin
 this day, we do have the power to determine, to some extent, what this
 will be like.

He knelt down at the open windows (Dan. 6.10)

You have given us this day , Lord,
 And I want to receive it with as joyful heart as I can.
 I have the power to make it more beautiful.
 I have the power to lessen its pains.
 I have the power to rediscover its joys.
 May I live this day, as you would have me live it.
 (Focus Your Day, Kenneth E.Grabner, C.S.C)

.Bitesize

There are those who look at things the way they are, and ask
 "why?"... I dream of things that never were, and ask "why not?"h
Robert Francis Kennedy, 1968 presidential campaign

Newsletter Notes: This Newsletter welcomes any notices presented for non-profit making events, subject to
 certain conditions. Items for inclusion may be handed into the sacristy at St Joseph & St Benildus Church.

The deadline, however, is every Wednesday at 10.00 a.m.

We are particularly grateful to **Intercom** for resources used in this publication. All details included in this
 issue were correct at time of going to print.