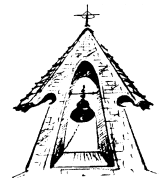




**Parish of St. Joseph & St. Benildus and St. Mary's
Newtown Road, Waterford City, Ireland**



NEWSLETTER

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**Gospel Reflection for the Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
Getting the Message Out**

We live in a world of wolves! The Christian message grows quieter and quieter just when it needs to be strong. The Church is smaller just when the need around us is greater. How can we promote Jesus' message in a society that tries to confine Christianity to a Sunday afternoon TV Slot?

We might feel small in face of impacting our beliefs on an unbelieving world. That we feel small perhaps helps us to understand the task the early disciples faced in Luke's Gospel. The scene set in today's gospel must have looked something like a biblical 'campaign trail'. Jesus sent seventy-two disciples ahead of him in pairs to every town and place he intended to visit to prepare the way. Jesus knew that they were up against the odds. He describes them as lambs among wolves. "The harvest is abundant," he says, "but the labourers are few." More credit then, to those early disciples that the Christian message has survived for over two thousand years. What can we learn from their obvious success?

Jesus gave his early disciples some important practical advice. His first words of advice were for us to travel light. How can we concentrate on impacting Jesus' will if we are burdened with other concerns? Next Jesus advocates relying on hospitality and walking away from opposition. Perhaps today we would call it 'knowing one's audience'. In a nutshell, Jesus is asking us to focus on the job in hand, avoid distraction, and not to be deterred by opposition or setbacks.

God's message needs 'selling' just as much now as it did two thousand years ago. The message of peace is ever more relevant in a divided world. The job to be done might seem impossible, but we take encouragement from those few early disciples and the scale of their obvious success.

Please remember in your prayers those whose anniversaries and birthdays occur

*Teresa Forde, Mary & Michael Walsh,
Nancy Hearne, Declan O'Connell*

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

**If you wish to prepare
next Sunday's Readings:
15th Sunday in Ordinary
Time**

Deut 30:10-14.
Ps 68:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36-37.
Col 1:15-20.
Lk 10:25-37.

MASSES

St. Joseph & St. Benildus Church

6.30 (Sat)

10 am (Sun)

12.00 Noon (Sun)

St Mary's Church

7.00pm (Sat)

11.00am (Sun)

2nd/3rd July 2016

Nora Holden

John Nolan

Hugh Green

**Ann Carroll
& Luke Kenny (M.M)**

Peter Foskin

9th/10th July 2016

Willie Mortell

Jim & Brendan Phelan

**Bridie Langford
& Margaret Reid**

Brendan Murray

Last Sunday's Collection

€2,599
**Thank you for your
 generous offering**

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

Recent Baptisms

We welcome *Emmeline Mae Geraghty*, *Leah Halina Cleere*, and *Elena Gomez* who were baptised recently in St. Mary's, and *Leah Marie Hutchinson* who was baptised recently in St. Joseph & St. Benildus Church.

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

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).

St. Vincent de Paul

The monthly SVP collection will be taken up at Masses this weekend. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Calling all Gardeners!!!

Volunteers are needed for the Flower Team in the Parish. This will be on a Rota basis. If interested, please contact the Parish Office or Sacristy at 051 878977

Year of Mercy Retreat

(Waterford/S.E. Region Charismatic Renewal)

Saturday July 16th & Sunday July 17th, Woodlands Hotel, Dunmore Road, Waterford. Speaker: Fr. Fio Mascarenhas SJ. (Missionary of Mercy). Contact Sile 0868590394 or Mossy 0872136812. Door 20euro. Pre-booking not necessary. Start 10am both days.

Blessed Sacrament Exposition

It has been decided to continue with the regular schedule of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St. Joseph & St. Benildus Church for the month of July. Exposition starts after the 10.30am Mass on Wednesday, and ends at 7pm.

Youth 2000 Summer Festival

The Youth 2000 Summer Festival is taking place from Thursday 7th July to Sunday 10th July in the Cistercian College, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary. For young people aged 16-35, an opportunity not to be missed to experience the Catholic faith and meet many new people, with over 1200 young people from all corners of Ireland attending last year. The festival is donation only. Free buses available from all around Ireland. Further information and to book online, see www.youth2000.ie or phone 01 6753690.

Recommended Viewing

One to watch: *Of Gods and Men*.
 BBC2, Friday 8th July, at 12.35am.

Peter's Pence Collection

The annual Peter's Pence Collection for the needs of the Diocese will be taken up at all Masses next weekend. Envelopes are available at the back of the church.

Prayer Meeting

Prayer Meeting at St. Joseph & St. Benildus Parish Centre (Left hand side entrance).
 Starts at 8.15pm on Wednesdays.
 Prayers, Readings.
 Come along any evening.
 Tel: 087 981 7030
 All are welcome.

From : *The Joy of Love*, by Pope Francis

Patience refers to the quality of one who does not act on impulse and avoids giving offence. We find this quality in the God of the Covenant, who calls us to imitate him also within the life of the family. St. Paul's texts using this word need to be read in the light of the Book of Wisdom, which extols God's restraint, as leaving open the possibility of repentance, yet insists on his power, as revealed in his acts of mercy. God's "patience", shown in his mercy to sinners, is a sign of his real power.

Being patient doesn't mean letting ourselves be constantly mistreated, tolerating aggression or allowing others to use us. We encounter problems whenever we think that relationships or people ought to be perfect, or when we put ourselves at the centre and expect things to turn out our way. Then everything makes us impatient, everything makes us react aggressively. Unless we cultivate patience, we will always find excuses for responding angrily. We will end up incapable of living together, antisocial, unable to control our impulses, and our families will become battlegrounds.

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.

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