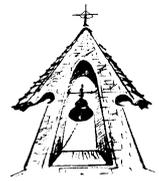




**Parish of St. Joseph & St. Benildus and St. Mary's  
Newtown Road, Waterford City, Ireland**



**NEWSLETTER**

**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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**MASSES THIS WEEK**

**St. Joseph & St. Benildus**

Mon 10.30 am

Tues 10.30 am

Wed 10.30 am

Thurs 10.30am

Fri 10.30am

Sat 10.30 am &  
6.30pm

Sunday 10.00 am & 12pm

**St. Mary's Ballygunner**

Saturday: 7.00pm

**Gospel Reflection for the Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**The Everlasting Purse**

There are no two ways about it; human beings are materialistic by nature. Even as very small children we have to be taught to share our toys and it doesn't come easily to us. Our possessions become a part of us. Anyone who has tried to declutter the attic only to find possessions they can't possibly be parted from will be only too aware of this. Worse than that, our possessions start to possess us. We think twice about visiting a friend who lives in the rough end of town. Will our car still be there when it's time to go home? We are trapped in jobs we hate simply because we are committed to buying that dream house. Suddenly our possessions are dictating how we live our lives. Then when we die, somebody will come along and give everything we owned to a charity shop, because at the end of the day, our possessions mean very little.

Today we are told, "Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Salvation doesn't depend on which church we go to, or how many prayers we say. Salvation is determined by what we do with what we have, and how much love we have in our hearts for others. How much we help others of course depends very much on what we have in the first place. "To who much is given much is required." Jesus tells us. If we have talents, a well-paid job and the good fortune to be born into an affluent society, we are expected to help those who have never had the opportunity to develop their talents or who own very little. Oh yes..... and there's a time limit! "But know this," says Jesus, "if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into." The Son of Man will return at an unexpected hour.

When we buy our possessions we think about how we would like to be defined. Do we want the brand trainers or the non brand trainers, a top of the range car or a mid range car. But at the end of life how would we like to be remembered? Do we want to be remembered as someone with a house full of possessions, or as someone who left a lasting mark on the world... an everlasting purse.

*Please remember in your prayers those who died recently:*

*Tom Heine, late of Grange Park*

*and those whose anniversaries and birthdays occur:*

*Kevin and Nancy O'Gorman, Bridie Howlett .*

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

**19th Sunday in Ordinary**

**Time:**

**Wis: 18:6-9**

**Ps32:1,12,18-20,22**

**Heb 11:1-2,8-19**

**Lk 12:32-48**

**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)**

**6th/7th August**

**Andrew Murtagh**

**Mary Murphy**

**Ann Ennis (1st Anniversary)**

**John & Catherine Kennedy**

**Gemma Phelan**

**13/14th August**

**Mary Sweeney**

**Frank & Mary Madders**

**David Walsh**

**Betty Molloy**

**Maureen & James Purcell**

**Catherine Leahy**

**Please Note: 7.30am Mass**

***The 7.30am morning mass  
will be discontinued until  
Monday 29th August 2016***

**Last Sunday's Collection**

**€2023**

***Thank you for your generous  
offering***

**Recent Baptisms**

A warm welcome to :  
Hannan Heffernan &  
Emmanuel Joseph  
who were baptised recently.  
Please keep them, and their parents  
and Godparents , in your prayers.

**Pope Francis's Prayer Intention  
for August**



It is important that those involved at the various levels of sports promote human and religious values which form the foundation of a just and fraternal society. This is possible because the language of sports is universal; it extends across borders, language, race, religion and ideology; it possesses the capacity to unite people, by fostering dialogue and acceptance. This is a very valuable resource!" This month Pope Francis invites us to join in his prayer intention..." **That sports may be an opportunity for friendly encounters between peoples and may contribute to peace in the world."**

A collection will be held on 1st & 2nd October 2016 for Mission Awareness.

**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](http://www.churchservices.tv/stjosephswaterford)

**Weekly Envelopes**

The order for weekly envelopes will be made over the next week. If you wish to contribute to the weekly collection by envelope, please give your name to the Parish Office on 051 878977. Boxes of envelopes will be distributed with the **Autumn collection**

***Amoris |Laetitia– The Joy of Love  
Pope Francis***

The lack of dignified or affordable housing often leads to the postponement of formal relationships. It should be kept in mind that "the family has the right to decent housing, fitting for family life and commensurate to the number of the members, in a physical environment that provides the basic services for the life of the family and the community".<sup>23</sup> Families and homes go together. This makes us see how important it is to insist on the rights of the family and not only those of individuals. The family is 22 Relatio Synodi 2014, 6. 23 Pontifical Council for the Family, Charter of the Rights of the Family (22 October 1983), Art. 11. 34 a good which society cannot do without, and it ought to be protected.<sup>24</sup> "The Church has always held it part of her mission to promote marriage and the family and to defend them against those who attack them",<sup>25</sup> especially today, when they are given scarce attention in political agendas. Families have the right to "to be able to count on an adequate family policy on the part of public authorities in the juridical, economic, social and fiscal domains".<sup>26</sup> At times families suffer terribly when, faced with the illness of a loved one, they lack access to adequate health care, or struggle to find dignified employment. "Economic constraints prohibit a family's access to education, cultural activities and involvement in the life of society. In many ways, the present-day economic situation is keeping people from participating in society. Families, in particular, suffer from problems related to work, where young people have few possibilities and job offers are very selective and insecure. Workdays are long and oftentimes made more burdensome by extended periods away from home. This situation does not help family members to gather together or parents to be with their children in such a way as to nurture their relationships each day.

**World Youth Day**

Those who attended World Youth Day "had one of the best experiences of their lives. First they did not just see an inspirational Pope but learned about figures like Fr. Jerzy Popieluszko, beaten to death by three agents of the Polish communist security services because he was a fearless witness to Gospel values. ..They also met people from all over the world who care about their faith, and realised that the negativity surrounding the Irish church is not the norm everywhere. Finally, it was really fun. ... World Youth Day ignites a spark, but it is a fragile spark unless, when they come home ,young people see a church that wants to make space for and nurture them, not a church riven by divisions..." (Excerpt from Breda O'Brien's column in the Irish Times, 6th August)

**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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