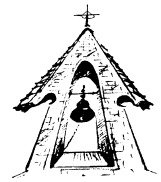




**Parish of St. Joseph & St. Benildus and St. Mary's
Newtown Road, Waterford City, Ireland**



NEWSLETTER

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Gospel Reflection for the twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Key to Life's Challenges



How do we live our lives? Do we feel overworked, overwhelmed anxious and tired? Do we feel unable to make an impact on the world around us? Do we suffer from negative feelings of inadequacy, failure, boredom or of panic? When we are at our lowest ebb we might ask for God's help, but few of us would consider completely putting our trust in God or expecting any fulfilment in return. It's exactly this that makes the Blessed Virgin Mary so special. Mary's trust in God and her lifelong fidelity have made her the model disciple.

Mary presents to us the key to life's challenges when she says, "...He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty...." Mary addresses two driving forces that come up again and again in our lives and our society; self-interest and the use of power to get our own way.

How would Mary behave if she were suddenly amongst us today? Almost certainly she would be leading the way, making Jesus' vision of a world free of poverty and abuse a reality. Almost certainly she would be showing us how to live faithful and fulfilled lives. Mary is the model of trust and fidelity.

Saying 'yes' to God is important, but in some ways it's not the hardest part. Making discipleship real day in and day out as Mary did is the really hard part, and our challenge for today.

**MASSES THIS WEEK
St. Joseph & St. Benildus**

Mon 10am, 12 pm

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

Mon: 11am

Saturday: 7.00pm

Sunday: 11am

If you wish to prepare next

Sunday's Readings:

19th Sunday in Ordinary

Time:

Jer:38:4-6,8-10

Ps:39:2-4,18

Heb 12:1-4

Lk 12:49-53

Please remember in your prayers those who died recently
**Mary Heraghty Disley, late of Henry Street and Vancouver,
Bridie Power, (formerly Lower Newtown)**

Frankie Kearney, Ballygunner Temple

and those whose anniversaries and birthdays occur:

**Noeleen Lonergan, Thrsya Kutty, John Murray, Sean Maher,
David Whittle, Tom Doolan**

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)

13/14th August

Mary Sweeney

Frank & Mary Madders

David Walsh

Betty Molloy

Maureen & James Purcell

Catherine Leahy

20th/21st August

Jim Phelan

Michael O'Hanlon

Jim Tobin

Bridget (Biddy) Warren

Pope Francis The Joy of Love

"Do not cast me off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength is spent" (Ps 71:9). This is the plea of the elderly, who fear being forgotten and rejected. Just as God asks us to be his means of hearing the cry of the poor, so too he wants us to hear the cry of the elderly.

Please Note: 7.30am Mass

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

Last Sunday's Collection

€2125

Thank you for your generous offering

Recent Baptisms

A warm welcome to :

Amanda Winifred Melvey & Fia Mailo Galvin

who were baptised recently in St. Joseph & St. Benildus.

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

Recent Marriages

Congratulations to **Georgina Nicholas & Randy Lambeth** who were married recently in St. Mary's Church.

Saturday Night Cards

Just a reminder to all card players, cards resumes on Saturday 3rd September at 7.30pm after 6.30pm mass. New members welcome. Contact Larry @086 2154540 or Peter @ 087 9021955 or Parish Office on 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

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Monday next, August 15th, is a Holy day of Obligation.

Masses as follows:

St.Mary's: Monday 15th at 11.00a.m.

St.Joseph & St.Benildus: Monday 15th at 10.00a.m and 12noon.

There will be no vigil mass in either church.

Special Masses to celebrate Harvest

(To coincide with the **Waterford Harvest Festival**)

- Saturday Sept. 10th: Vigil Mass 6.30pm (St. Joseph and Benildus)
- Sunday Sept. 11th: 11.00am Mass (St. Mary's, Ballygunner). The Parish Liturgy Committee is currently preparing the liturgy to celebrate the Harvest Festival and a special mass will be celebrated in both churches.

New Road in Ballygunner Cemetery

An appeal was lodged with An Bord Pleanala objecting to the retention of the widening and resurfacing of the road in Ballygunner Cemetery. The Bord issued an Order on August 9th which granted permission to retain the development subject to certain conditions. To comply, the parish is required to remove the leylandi trees on the northern boundary and to plant a mixture of hedging species and deciduous trees to compensate for the loss of the hedgerow on the roadway. The parish shall also be required to plant hedging species mixed with deciduous trees on the boundary of the road itself. We are also required to realign the entrance to the new road. Plans are being finalised with the local planning authority to ensure compliance with the order and work will begin as soon as possible. Naturally, this will incur considerable expense and we will be compelled to sell graves to finance the project. This sale will be advertised shortly.

VOLUNTEER IN AFRICA

Humanitarian Volunteers are looking for volunteers to travel to Kenya on 26 Nov 2016. The volunteers will work on a humanitarian project for two weeks. No experience required and no age restrictions. Support and Supervision provided. Volunteers will also visit the resting place of the Venerable Edel Quinn. No large fundraising. Volunteers will pay their own costs. If you can assist teaching English, or assist with sports, games, arts, crafts or more, then you can make a real impact on the lives of the poorest and those without hope. Contact Denis/Humanitarian Volunteers/ 086 8520271.

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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