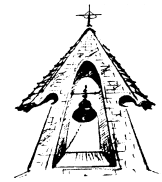


**Parish of St. Joseph & St. Benildus and St. Mary's  
Newtown Road, Waterford City, Ireland**



**NEWSLETTER**

**Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**18th September 2016**  
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**PARISH INFORMATION**

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**MASSES THIS WEEK**

**St. Joseph & St. Benildus**

Mon 7.30am & 10.30am

Tues 7.30am & 10.30am

Wed 7.30am & 10.30 am

Thurs 7.30am & 10.30am

Fri 7.30am & 10.30am

Sat 10.30 am &

6.30pm (vigil)

Sunday 10.00 am & 12pm

**St. Mary's Ballygunner**

Saturday: 7.00pm

Sunday: 11am

**If you wish to prepare next**

**Sunday's Readings:**

**26th Sunday in Ordinary**

**Time:**

**Am 6:1, 4-7.**

**Ps 145:6-10.**

**1 Tm 6:11-16.**

**Lk 16:19-31.**

**Gospel Reflection for the Twenty Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**Rat Race**

Why is that so many people who are selfish and even dishonest do so much better in life than those with integrity? Could it be to do with the way we are wired? As human beings we have a primeval instinct for self-preservation. It would appear that self-preservation is a far more powerful a motivation than the motivation to be altruistic.

In today's gospel story we find a dishonest manager intent on securing his future. Faced with dismissal, the dishonest manager quickly negotiates some shady deals with his master's customers. The manager makes sure that there will always be a place he can go and people who will welcome him in the eventuality of him becoming destitute. Oddly Jesus seems to applaud the manager for his quick thinking. We are asked to consider what 'children of the light' can learn from the 'children of the world'. Like the manager in today's story, the 'children of the world' are the men and women who leave the house at 6am and work from morning to night securing business deals and amassing wealth for their future. The determination and single mindedness of these workers is to be In today's gospel story we find a dishonest manager intent on securing his future. Faced with dismissal, the dishonest manager quickly negotiates some shady deals with his master's customers. The manager makes sure that there will always be a place he can go and people who will welcome him in the eventuality of him becoming destitute. Oddly Jesus seems to applaud the manager for his quick thinking. We are asked to consider what 'children of the light' can learn from the 'children of the world'. Like the manager in today's story, the 'children of the world' are the men and women who leave the house at 6am and work from morning to night securing business deals and amassing wealth for their future. The determination and single mindedness of these workers is to be applauded, but how sad that our fragile and brief existence on this earth should be determined by a rat race with cash bonuses as its prize.

As Jesus' disciples, how do we, 'children of the light' look after our future? When the day of reckoning comes, will there be a place that welcomes us? Can we use the same energy, determination and single mindedness of the business entrepreneur but for a more worthwhile end than a healthy bank balance? As Christians we do not need an incentive to do good works. We are already motivated to do good works.... all we need is a sense of urgency. We might be able to transcend the rat race, but we can never transcend our brief existence.

**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)**

**17th/18th September 2016**

**Bryan Sheridan**

**Louis Ryan**

**Brian McGovern**

**Michael Doyle**

**Nancy & Charlie O'Sullivan  
& son Jim O'Sullivan  
& grandson Darren O'Sullivan**

**24th/25th Sept 2016**

**Bridie Folan**

**Agnes Whittle**

**Mary Fitzpatrick  
& Ned & Statia Leamy**

**Margaret Moloughney**

**Niall Warren  
& Olive Glynn**

**Last Sunday's Collection**

€2407

*Thank you for your generous offering***Recent Baptism**

We welcome

*Phoebe Yvonne Davy* and*Ciara Denise Kiely*,

who were baptised recently.

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

**Harvest Mass**

Many thanks to everybody who helped in any way to make last weekend's Harvest Masses such memorable events.

Locally grown food was donated by parishioners. Pupils from local schools presented fruit and veg grown in the school. We are grateful to *Ardkeen Stores* and *Tesco* who contributed produce for the ceremonies. As has been the custom over the past few years, all food collected was donated to local charities.

**Year of Mercy: series of talks**

His Excellency Charles J. Brown will speak on "*The Truth of God's Embracing Mercy*", in the Cathedral of the Most Holy Trinity, Waterford, on Thursday 29th Sept at 7.30pm.

The evening will begin with prayer at the Holy Door.

The **Parish Pastoral Council** will meet Weds next, **Sept 21st at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.**

**Diocese of Waterford & Lismore**

Eucharistic Adoration Retreat  
Sunday 2nd October., 2-4pm.  
Glencomeragh House of Prayer,  
Kilsheelan, Clonmel.  
Retreat talk by Fr. Jimmy Brown  
Cost 10euro.  
All welcome.

**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)

[www.churchservices.tv/stmarysballygunner](http://www.churchservices.tv/stmarysballygunner)

**Day of Retreat & Renewal**

A Day of Retreat and Renewal for all involved in Ministry in our Parish, will take place on Saturday 8th October, from 10am-1pm, in the Parish Centre. It will be facilitated by Frances Rowland.

**Exploring the Christian Faith**

**Series of Ten Sessions : Ten DVDs, each exploring different aspects of faith. Includes discussion & reflective sharing.**

**Session One : The Person of Jesus.**

**ALL ARE WELCOME, ESPECIALLY PEOPLE WISHING TO EXPLORE THEIR RELIGIOUS FAITH AND THOSE STRUGGLING WITH THEIR FAITH.**

**Starts Weds 28th September, 7.30pm—9.00pm.**

**Venue: St. Joseph & St. Benildus Parish Centre.**

**Tea and Coffee included.**

**Further dates: Oct 5th, 12th and 26th.**

**Nov 2nd, 9th, 23rd and 30th.**

**Dec 7th and 14th.**

**Welcome to Fr. Emmanuel Emalu**

Fr. Emmanuel is a priest in the diocese of Sorito in Uganda, student of Canon Law, in the University of Santa Croce in Rome. He will help out in the parish for two weeks before returning to Rome to complete his studies.

He is a guest of Bishop Cullinan

A **Coffee Morning** in aid of **The Friends of University Hospital Waterford** will be held at St. Ann's Tennis Club, John's Hill, on Weds 21st Sept at 10.30am. Come early, bring your friends. All welcome.

Please remember in your prayers those whose anniversaries and birthdays occur:

*Christina Murray, Hubert & Lily Davis,  
Carmel Hetherington, Bridget Douglas,  
Richard & Rita Fitzpatrick,  
Mary Aylward, Bridie & Ned Dunne,  
Paddy & Genevieve Wade, Kevin & Agnes O'Brien.*

**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