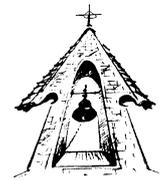


**Parish of St. Joseph & St. Benildus and St. Mary's  
Newtown Road, Waterford City, Ireland**



**NEWSLETTER**  
**17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**30th July 2017**  
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**PARISH INFORMATION**

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**MASSES THIS WEEK**

**St. Joseph & St. Benildus**

Mon 7.30 am & 10.30am

Tues 7.30 & 10.30am

Weds 7.30 & 10.30am

Thur 7.30 & 10.30am

Fri 7.30 & 10.30am

Sat : 10.30am & 6.30pm

Sunday 10.00 am & 12noon

**St. Mary's Ballygunner**

Saturday: 7pm Vigil

Sunday: 11am

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

**Buried Treasure**



“The Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure buried in a field; which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.”

“The Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all he has and buys it.”

In both parables both men appreciate the true value of what they have discovered. Both men are certain about the wisdom of what they must do and are willing to put everything on the line to secure their newfound treasure.

Today Jesus is asking us to determine how much we treasure the Kingdom of Heaven. How valuable is Heaven to us and what are we prepared to do to secure it? Are we prepared to give all we've got and to renounce everything that gets in the way? If the two men in the parables had passed their treasure by or failed to recognise the treasure's value, we would have thought them insane, yet this is how we behave all the time.

All too often we are prepared to let the Kingdom of Heaven slip through our fingers. Perhaps we do this because we have never stopped to reflect on how valuable the Kingdom of Heaven is. Perhaps we have recognised the value of God's Kingdom to us but have forgotten it in the day-to-day distractions of putting meals on the table and paying the bills. Perhaps heaven's rewards seem so distant that we prefer instead to work for more immediate and tangible rewards .... , home improvements, fame, social acceptance and career development. Perhaps we think we can work on God's agenda and our own agenda simultaneously, recognising the value of God's Kingdom but not quite able to renounce our own self-interest.

Jesus gives us some concrete advice. He tells us that those who study the scriptures and search diligently will find the discernment to recognise God's treasure and the wisdom to secure it.

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

**Transfiguration of the  
Lord**

**Dn 7:9-10, 13-14.**

**Ps :1-2, 5-6.**

**2 Pt 1:16-19.**

**Mt 17:1-9.**

**MASSES**

**St. Joseph & St. Benildus Church**

**6.30pm ( Sat )**

**10.00am ( Sun )**

**12.00pm ( Sun )**

**St Mary's Church**

**7.00pm ( Sat )**

**11.00am ( Sun )**

**29th/30th July 2017**

**Mary McGeary**

**Fahy/Brennan Family**

**Rita & Michael Quinton**

**Michael Troy  
& his sister Anne Howard  
(recently deceased)**

**5th/6th August 2017**

**Mary Murphy**

**Pierce & Bridie Caulfield**

**Edward Hartley ( M.M)  
& Frank Kearney**

**Last Sunday's Collection**

€2,573hh

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

We welcome

*Will Patrick Keyes-Lonergan,**Ben James Keane,**Jacob Fionn Worley,**and Milly Anna Phelan* who

were baptised recently.

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

**Certificate in Theology:  
( Pontifical University,  
St.Patrick's College,  
Maynooth )**One-year course. Lectures  
Mon & Weds 6.30-9.30pm.

For details, email

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**The Liturgy Committee:  
4-week course.***A course designed for  
members of faith-based  
communities who are  
involved or who want to  
become involved in liturgy  
planning.*

The course covers liturgical principles, the basic structure of the Mass, tools for planning liturgies and strategies for working together as a committee.

Ph 051878977 for details.

**Trócaire Collection**

Many thanks for the very generous response to the Trócaire Appeal last weekend.

€6,129 was collected in the parish. The money will be forwarded directly to Trócaire.

**Parish Barbecue !!!****We invite all parishioners to attend a Parish Barbecue on Friday 11th August 2017. This is a great opportunity for parishioners to meet each other and build up our community.**Venue: Car park of St.Joseph & St.Benildus Church.Time: 6.30pm.

Tickets: Adults: €15 / Children: €6 ( Available from Parish Office 051 878977, or after all weekend Masses ).

Mary Grimes will provide the catering. There will be a special menu for children. All welcome!!!

**Down Syndrome Ireland: Tour of Munster  
Coffee Morning**

A coffee morning in support of the Down Syndrome Ireland Tour of Munster will be held on Wednesday August 2nd after the 10.30am Mass, in the Parish Centre beside the church of St.Joseph &amp; St.Benildus.

*Fr.John will take part in the Tour, which takes place in mid August, and covers a distance of 625Km. We wish him all the best!*

Please support the Coffee Morning. All welcome.

**Youth 2000 Festival, Cistercian College, Roscrea, Co.Tipperary.  
17th—20th August 2017**For young people aged 16—35, an opportunity not to be missed to experience the Catholic faith and meet many new people, with over 1400 young people from all corners of Ireland attending last year. The festival is donation only. Free buses travel from all around Ireland. See [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie) or Tel: 01 6753690**Havenwood Rotas**

Rotas for Havenwood are now available in the Sacristy.

**Change in daily Mass Schedule**

From Monday 7th August, there will be no 7.30am Mass in the church of St.Joseph &amp; St.Benildus. The 10.30am Mass will be celebrated as usual.

The 7.30am Mass will resume at the end of August.

**The Munster Gathering & Spirituality Day: Rebuilding the Pioneer Flame**

Venue: Fitzgerald's Woodlands House Hotel, Adare, Co.Limerick

Date: Sunday 1st October, 2017.

Cost: €30

For further information: 087 285 2155

This will be a most important day for the future of the Pioneer Association in Munster.

*Please pray for those who died recently***Anne Howard,****Tony Mescall***And those whose anniversaries or birthdays occur:***James Quinn, Maureen O'Brien,****Tom Heine, Geoffrey Brett.****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.