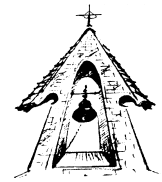




**Parish of St. Joseph & St. Benildus and St. Mary's
Newtown Road, Waterford City, Ireland**



NEWSLETTER

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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PARISH INFORMATION

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A priest is available to help you

in Ss. Joseph & Benildus Church

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY

from 7.00 pm - 8.00 pm.

MASSES THIS WEEK

St. Joseph & St. Benildus

Mon 7.30am & 10.30 am

Tues 7.30am & 10.30am

Wed 7.30am & 10.30 am

Thursday 7.30am & 10.30am

Friday 7.30am & 10.30am

Sat 10.30am & 6.30pm

Sunday 10.00 am & 12noon

St. Mary's Ballygunner

Sat 7.00pm

Sunday: 11am

If you wish to prepare next

Sunday's Readings:-

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 16:2-4, 12-15.

Ps 77:3-4, 23-25.

Eph 4:17, 20-24.

Jn 6:24-35.

Gospel Reflection for the Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary time
Does God Provide?

A senior policy researcher for Oxfam said, "The world produces more than enough food to feed everyone. Meeting the calorie needs of every person living with hunger would take less than 3 per cent of today's global food supply." That's an astonishing statistic. It's a sobering thought to realise that for the 868 million people who go hungry every day, the problem is not actually a food shortage. The reason that people go hungry is that we just don't seem capable of distributing food fairly and in safety. Even if we could distribute the food fairly, the people who are going hungry couldn't afford to buy it. Solutions to conquering hunger and starvation are elusive, but that doesn't give us the excuse to give up.

The feeding of the five thousand is a story that's very familiar to us all. In it we learn to trust in God. We are taught that Jesus is more than sufficient for our needs. When Jesus instructs his disciples to take the five loaves and the two fishes and share them amongst the five thousand, he is teaching them a lesson in faith, trust and reliance. We are being told how to live our lives. We must give up our will for God's. We must trust God to direct our lives and rely on him to know what's best for us. When we pray "Not my will God but yours," we are opening up the way for God's wisdom to replace all that negative thinking.

Putting our trust in God however, isn't an excuse for us to sit back expecting God to magic tonight's tea onto the table. We still need to work to share God's abundant provision fairly around the planet. That might mean supporting communities in third world countries, by funding equipment or being more pro active about campaigning for fair trade deals. It might mean campaigning for peaceful solutions in war torn areas.

Does God provide? God has already provided. We have food in abundance, but to save the 868 million people who are struggling to believe in that abundance, we have to work with God in keeping our part of the deal.

MASSES

St. Joseph & St. Benildus Church

6.30 p.m.

10.00 a.m.

12.00 Noon

St. Mary's Church

7.00 p.m.

11.00 a.m.

25th/26th July 2015

Theresa Forde (Month's Mind))
Grace, Eileen & Chris Falconer

Eileen Dowling

Jim & Brendan Phelan

Thomas Keane

Michael Troy

1st/2nd August 2015

Mary McGeary

Rita & Michael Quinton

Agnes & Josephine Colclough

Last Sunday's Collection

€2,171

Thank you for your generous offering

Parents' meeting before Baptism of children

We have had a wonderful response to these meetings and they are appreciated by parents. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday August 12th and thereafter on every 2nd Wednesday monthly. This is an opportunity to meet with other parents and also a time to deepen our understanding of the Sacrament of Baptism—the great gift we give to our children.

Meetings will be facilitated by Fr.Liam and members of the Baptism team.

Venue: Parish Centre, Room 1 (Upstairs)

Time: 7.30-8.30pm.

Weds August 12th.

Time inclusive of tea/coffee/social chat !

Peter's Pence Collection

Thanks to all who contributed to the Peter's Pence collection in St. Joseph, St.Benildus and St.Mary's. The collection raised 2,500euro.

Youth 2000 Summer Festival , Cistercian College, Roscrea, Co.Tipperary.

Thursday 13th-Sunday 16th August 2015.

For young people aged 16-35, this is a great opportunity to find out what your Catholic faith is all about in a friendly, chilled out atmosphere. The festival is donation only. Free buses available from all around Ireland.

www.youth2000.ie or phone 01 6753690

"Link" corridor.

We wish to remind you that the upstairs "link corridor" between the Parish Centre and the rear entrance to St.Joseph & St.Benildus Church remains closed . It has become structurally unsafe, and for safety reasons has been closed. The corridor needs to be removed and replaced. Work begins in the next few weeks. ***Please note that the church can only be accessed through the front door. You may still access the Parish Office through the Parish Hall.*** Thank you for your co-operation. Estimated cost is 50-60,000euro.

Launch of Laudato Si, Care for our Common Home

Tower Hotel

Tuesday 28th July

7.30pm.

Fr.Seán McDonagh, a leading environmental theologian who was involved in the drafting of Laudato Si, will introduce the Encyclical to Waterford and will discuss its implications for us locally. We hope as many as possible will come to hear Seán, whose life and work has been dedicated to raising awareness of the threat of climate change and environmental destruction.

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.

Ordination of Rev.Shane O'Neill

Congratulations to Rev.Shane O'Neill, who was ordained on Sunday 19th July 2015, in his native parish of Knockanore. This was the first ordination by Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan. Shane graduated from UCC in 2008 with a BA degree, and with a Master's in Irish in 2009. He began his training for the priesthood in Maynooth that year. He is one of fifteen men ordained for the priesthood in Ireland this summer.

Parish Website

The new parish website is now live. We invite you to browse, on **www.jbmparish.com**. If you would like to post anything on the website, please submit it to the office.

Please remember in your prayers those who died recently
Colm Long, Viewmount
those who died about a month ago
Brian Cully, Theresa Forde
And those whose anniversaries and birthdays occur
Noel Griffin, Monnie Nolan