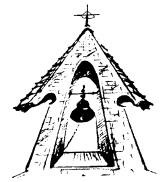


**Parish of St. Joseph & St. Benildus and St. Mary's
Newtown Road, Waterford City, Ireland**



NEWSLETTER

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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PARISH INFORMATION

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A priest is available to help you

in St. Joseph & Benildus Church

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY

from 7.00 pm - 8.00 pm.

MASSES THIS WEEK

St. Joseph & St. Benildus

Mon 10.30 am (Public Hol)

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

First Friday 9.30am

Sat 7.00pm

Sunday: 11am

If you wish to prepare next

Sunday's Readings:-

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:4-8.

Ps 33:2-9.

Eph 4:30-5:2.

Jn 6:41-51.

Gospel Reading for the Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
Filling the Void

Money can't buy happiness, but neither can poverty. We need money to pay the bills and so we spend most of our lives striving to earn it. Then when we've got enough to pay the bills, it's nice to have a little extra for birthdays and Christmas and for holidays. Money doesn't buy happiness, but it can it can certainly buy security and comfort.

The trouble is, striving to earn money can become an end in itself. There comes a point where we are left uncertain as to whether we are working to live, or living to work. Money can easily become a trap where however much we have, there always seems a need for more. Enough it seems is never enough. The thirst for money is a thirst that cannot be quenched. We only have to look at the lives of the rich and famous, in some cases very tragic lives, to know that material pursuits don't bring happiness. However hard we strive, if material pursuits are our only goal, there will always be a void in our lives. Jesus tells us that only God can fill this void. "Do not work for food that perishes," he tells the Galileans, "but for the food that endures for eternal life."

In today's gospel reading we hear how the crowd followed Jesus because they were impressed that he had fed five thousand with only five loaves and two fishes. They followed him because they wanted more. But Jesus knew that they had missed the point. "You are looking for me not because you saw signs," he says, "but because you ate the loaves and were filled." The true bread, he tells them, is the bread of God, which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world. Then Jesus takes the crowd one step further, he tells them that to share in the bread of eternal life they must believe in the one that God sent.

This must have been hard for the Galileans to take in, but in retrospect easier for us. We look around at those who live by Jesus' teaching, and observe that these people seem content with their lives. ... happy even. In what ways are the rest of us working for the food that endures for eternal life?

MASSES

St. Joseph & St. Benildus Church

6.30 p.m.

1st /2nd August 2015

Mary McGearry

8th/9th August 2015

Mary Sweeney

10.00 a.m.

12.00 Noon

St. Mary's Church

7.00 p.m.

Rita & Michael Quinton

Betty Molloy

Ann Carroll

11.00 a.m.

Agnes & Josephine Colclough

Martin Sullivan

Last Sunday's Collection

€2,366

Thank you for your generous offering

Recent Marriages

Congratulations to **Jennifer Coade** and **Andrew Keane**, who were married recently in St.Mary's Church.

Recent Baptisms

A warm welcome to **Riley Browne**, **Beth Nolan**, **Conor Fleming**, **Grace Harris-Daly**, **Sadie Duggan**, who were baptised recently. Please keep them, and their parents and Godparents, in your prayers.

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.

First Friday

Friday next, 7th August, is the First Friday of the month. Communion will be brought to the sick and housebound. Please contact the Parish office or Sacristy if you know somebody who would like to be included. Mass will be celebrated in St.Mary's Ballygunner at 9.30am.

Saint Vincent de Paul

The monthly Saint Vincent de Paul collection will be taken up this weekend. Thank you for your continued generosity.

"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.

**Youth 2000 Summer Festival ,
Cistercian College, Roscrea, Co.Tipperary.
Thursday 13th-Sunday 16th August 2015.
www.youth2000.ie or phone 01 6753690**

**Conference on local responses to
Laudato Si,
Pope Francis' encyclical on Caring For Our Common Home.
Saturday 3rd October 2015, Waterford Institute of Technology.
Registration 9.00am**

Speakers on the day will include:

- Dr.Seán McDonagh, who was involved in the drafting of the encyclical.
- Dr.Michael Lehan, Environmental Protection Agency.
- Staff members of W.I.T will be invited to discuss areas of research in environmental protection.
- Representatives from the National Biodiversity Data Centre will speak on challenges of biodiversity locally and nationally.
- Representatives from Waterford City and County Council will deliver a paper on council policies on pollution control, reduction in carbon emissions and water protection.
- Local environmental groups will be invited to contribute to the conference by erecting display stands to inform the public of their mission.
- ***The primary aim is to raise awareness of the content of the Encyclical and to explore how we are responding to the challenge of environmental degradation and the danger posed by climate change.***

Sponsored Swim in aid of Church Renovation Fund

Fr.Liam is participating in the Snámh Fada (Guillamene to Pier in Tramore) which is organised by the Newtown Swimming Club. The swim will take place on August 9th, beginning at 11.00am. Sponsorship cards will be available at the church doors. All welcome to contribute !

*Please remember in your prayers those
whose anniversaries and birthdays occur*
**John Emmatty, Dick Doyle, Nuala McCarthy,
Mary Murphy, Fintan O'Carroll,
Bridie Howlett, Jim Quinn
Andrew Murtagh**