



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



NEWSLETTER

Thirteenth 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

Fri 9.30a.m (First Friday)

Sat 7.00pm

Sunday: 11am

If you wish to prepare next

Sunday's Readings:-

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 2:2-5.

Ps 122.

2 Cor 12:7-10.

Mk 6:1-6.

Gospel Reflection for the Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

The Gift of Life

Most of us struggle to make the most of our lives. We worry about passing exams and getting into the right university. We worry about finding the right partner, we worry that we have left it too late to have children, and we worry whether or not we are in the right career. We have learned from an early age that it isn't life itself that is important but how we fill our lives. But even having realised this every important fact, we still strive to live longer lives rather than better lives.

When we read how Jesus cured and even brought people back from the dead, we notice one very important similarity, Jesus doesn't just add years to people's lives, he changes lives. He doesn't grant fairy tale endings with the wave of a magic wand, rather he makes his subjects whole and complete and ready to live life with a new outlook.

Both the women in today's story must have felt that life had slipped through their fingers. The woman who had suffered haemorrhaging for twelve years had reached the depths of despair. Jesus was her last and only hope. The young girl seemed beyond any help, she had already been declared dead. Jesus gave them both their lives back. Is it likely that they would have gone on living exactly as before? Probably not! There's nothing like a second chance, especially at death's door to make us re-evaluate.

The gospel call to change our lives is part and parcel of the call to faith, a faith in a God who saves lives and changes lives. Whether it be the very public faith shown today by Jairus the synagogue leader, or the very private display of faith shown by the destitute woman, faith and how we make the best of life goes hand in hand.

*Please remember in your prayers those
whose anniversaries and birthdays occur
**Peg Kirby, John Nolan, James Purcell, Paddy Keyes,
Julian Farrant, Mary & Breda Heine***

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.

27th/28th June 2015

James Purcell

Michael Dowling

Timothy O'Connor

Milo Tierney

Pierce & Patricia Kennedy

& Pierce Jnr.

4th/5th July 2015

Jimmy O'Leary

Willy Mortell

Jack Hetherington

Ann Daniels

Last Sunday's Collection

€2,813

Thank you for your generous offering

Recent Baptisms

A warm welcome to *Finn Geoff Nolan* and *Olivia Anne Madigan Kearney* who were baptised recently. Please keep them, and their parents and Godparents, in your prayers.

St.Mary's Rotas

Rotas for Ministers of the Word and Ministers of the Eucharist in St.Mary's are now available in the sacristy.

Collection for the Needs of the Diocese (Peter's Pence)

This collection will be taken up this weekend. Envelopes are available at the back of the church. We invite everyone to take one.

Copies of the Bishop's letter outlining the services in the Diocese are also available.

Bingo at the Forum

In aid of Farronshoneen Summer Programme 2015.
Monday 29th June. Doors open 7pm.
Eyes down 8.30pm.
Strictly over 16's.
5euro per book.
Contact Marian 086 858 9869 or
Catriona 086 781 6269

Laudato Si Praise be to you, my Lord.

The Encyclical Letter of Pope Francis on CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME which was published recently, can be accessed online at <https://laudatosi.com/download>.
"Let us be protectors of creation, protectors of God's plan inscribed in nature, protectors of one another and of the environment."

Parents' Pre-Baptism Meeting

This is held monthly, and is an opportunity to meet with other parents. It is also a time to deepen our understanding of the sacrament of Baptism and the great gift we give to our children.

The meetings are facilitated by Fr. Liam and the Baptism team.

Venue: Parish Centre, Room 1, (Upstairs).

Time: 7.30p.m—8.30p.m.

Date: Wednesday July 8th.

Time is inclusive of Tea/Coffee and social chat !

St.Otteran's Cemetery Committee

His Lordship, Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan will celebrate Mass on Thursday, 2nd July at 8.00p.m in St.Otteran's Cemetery.
All are welcome.

Blessed Sacrament Exposition

Reminder: there is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Wednesday, beginning after the 10.30a.m Mass, finishing at 7p.m.

Diamond Jubilee

Congratulations to Fr.Liddane, who celebrated the Diamond Jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood on June 20th.

The 6.30p.m Mass was attended by members of Fr.Liddane's family, Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan, Bishop Emeritus William Lee , Fr.Power, Fr. Treacy, Fr.John and Fr.Matthew (Hospital Chaplains) as well as a large crowd of parishioners.

We would like to thank everybody who helped to make this a memorable occasion, both at the Mass and at the celebration afterwards in the Parish Hall.

This would never happen in Waterford

One day, a rabbi, a priest and a high priestess decide to go fishing. When they are in the boat, the high priestess says, " I forgot the food". She steps off the boat, walks across the water, gets the picnic basket, and walks back. As they are eating, the priest thinks, "what a sight! Where does she get off, walking on the water???" Right then the rabbi says, " I forgot the drinks." He steps off the boat, walks across the water to get the drinks, and walks back. By this time, the priest is very frustrated! He excuses himself, and as the priest steps out of the boat, he falls in the water. The high priestess turns to the rabbi and says, "you think we should have told him about the rocks?"

Thought for the week

When you struggle, call upon God the Father from the heart of the tempest for a friend to lean on. Slowly, your fears will be melted away and you will find that the unease and disquiet within will be stilled to a whisper. Your faith and trust in a saviour God will be rewarded.
(St.J ohn's Justice and Peace Committee, Tralee)