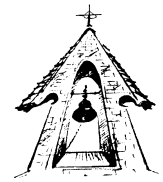




**Parish of St. Joseph & St. Benildus and St. Mary's  
Newtown Road, Waterford City, Ireland**



**NEWSLETTER**

**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Date: 16th August 2015**

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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 10.30 am

Tues 10.30am

Wed 10.30 am

Thursday 10.30am

Friday 10.30am

Sat 10.30 a.m & 6.30pm

Sunday 10.00 am & 12noon

**St. Mary's Ballygunner**

Sat 7.00pm

Sunday: 11.00 a.m.

**If you wish to prepare next**

**Sunday's Readings:-**

**21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Jos 24:1-2, 15-18.**

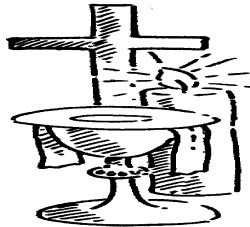
**Ps 33:2-3, 16-23.**

**Eph 5:21-32.**

**Jn 6:60-69.**

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

**Wisdom and Folly**



Wisdom and Folly are personified in the book of Proverbs. Each lays on a banquet and we are invited to choose which to attend. Those who share the bread and wine offered at Wisdom's banquet will learn from the Lord and gain wisdom and life. Those who choose Folly's banquet will learn nothing more than to live by one's own thoughts and desires. The drama provides a backdrop for today's gospel reading.

"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." Jesus is describing a spiritual diet in which we can achieve a union with him. We are what we consume. If we consume a diet of pulp fiction, junk television, consumer catalogues and gossip, our heads will end up full of trivia and poor priorities. If we consume a diet of thoughtful conversation, prayer selective reading and action based on faith we will be worthier people as a result. So too when we celebrate the Eucharist, we become what we consume. We become God's people.

The invitation to eat Jesus' flesh and drink his blood was too much for some of Jesus' earliest disciples. They turned their backs and walked away. Today we are given the same choice. The banquet is set and the guests are invited. We can choose between Wisdom and Folly. We can accept the invitation to spiritual nourishment through the Eucharist, or we can find our sustenance elsewhere.

**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.

**15th/16th August 2015**

Maureen Purcell

Pat Nugent

Biddy Warren

Gerry O'Carroll

**22nd / 23rd August**

Bridie & Pierce Caulfield

Helena Cahill

Michael O'Hanlon

Jim Tobin

Philip Lahert

## Last Sunday's Collection

**€2,226**

*Thank you for your generous offering*

### Recent Baptisms

A warm welcome to  
*Noah O'Sullivan*  
and *Rian Shanahan*  
who were baptised recently.  
Please keep them, and their  
parents and godparents, in your  
prayers.

### Leaving Cert Results

Congratulations to all students  
who received their Leaving Cert  
results on Wednesday 12th  
August.  
Please keep them in your prayers  
as they await CAO offers on  
Monday.

### Change in Mass time

Please note that the 7.30a.m  
Mass in St.Joseph &  
St.Benildus Church is  
discontinued until  
September.

### "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.

### An Snámh Fada

Congratulations to Fr.Liam who completed An Snámh Fada  
hsponsored swim from the Guillamene to the Pier in Tramore on  
Tuesday 11th August. This was to raise money for the church  
renovation fund. Photos will be on the parish website soon !  
Thank you to all who contributed. Donations can be made in the  
parish office.

### Franciscan Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Island

Sunday 23rd August, departing at 10a.m from Munster Express  
Office, The Quay, Waterford. Returning there at 4p.m (approx.).  
Adults 12euro. Children 6euro. Tickets available from the Friary  
Office.

### Viatores Christi

Interested in overseas volunteering? Join the VC Overseas Volunteering  
Preparation Course ! Where and when? VC HQ, 8 New Cabra Road, Phibsboro,  
Dublin 7. The training course is completed over 4 weekends :  
12-13 September, 10-11 October, 7-8 November, 5-6 December.  
Fee 400euro, less 20% for unwaged.  
Email [apply@viatoreschristi.com](mailto:apply@viatoreschristi.com) or call 01-8689986.

### 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.***

*Please remember in your prayers those who died recently*

***Edward Roles, Summerville Avenue***

***Ann Ennis, Butlerstown***

*and those whose anniversaries and birthdays occur*  
***Helen Downey, William Kenneally, David Whittle***