



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



**NEWSLETTER**

**The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ  
Corpus Christi**

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**PARISH INFORMATION**

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**Gospel Reflection for the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ  
The Spiritual Diet**

The uncanny thing about being out of shape is that none of us consciously allow ourselves to become that way; it's something that creeps up on us. The extra pounds that pile on around our waistlines are the result of making wrong choices on a daily basis.

Just as we can become physically unfit so we can become spiritually unfit. None of us make bad choices on purpose, but nonetheless if we make choices on a daily basis that are not based on God's values we can easily feel weighed down, dissatisfied and unhappy.

The feeding of the five thousand is prophetic. Jesus is showing us that God's reign is about satisfying both human spiritual and physical need. The importance of the miracle is not so much about the multiplication of food, but the message that God can provide for all our needs.

On the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, we are reminded that in just the same way as we care for our physical diet, we need to make Jesus part of our spiritual diet both in communion and in our daily choices to live as Christians so that we might be spiritually whole. We are invited to feel alive and rejuvenated and ready to impact the world around us.

Jesus was all about sharing. He gave his time, his love and finally his body and blood. When we receive Holy Communion in Mass our action is twofold. The Eucharist is a banquet for the multitudes in which we remember Jesus' sacrificial self-giving.

More than this, we remember the promise that anyone who eats his bread and drinks his blood will share eternal life.

**MASSES THIS WEEK**

**St. Joseph & St. Benildus**

Mon 7.30am & 10.30 am

Tues 7.30am & 10.30 am

Wed 7.30am & 10.30 am

Thurs 7.30am & 10.30am

Fri 7.30am & 10.30am

Sat 10.30 am & 6.30pm

Sunday 10.00 am & 12pm

**St. Mary's Ballygunner**

**First Friday 9.30am**

Saturday: 7.00pm

Sunday: 11am

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

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**1 Kgs 17:17-24.**

**Ps 29:2, 4-6, 11-13.**

**Gal 1:11-19.**

**Lk 7:11-17.**

*Please remember in your prayers those who died recently*

**John Bradley, Ballinakill**

**Nora Kennedy, Ballinakill**

*And those whose anniversaries and birthdays occur*

**Tadhg Twomey, David Ellickson, Kevin O'Riordan,**

**Clodagh Lee, Benny Hooper, Martin Sullivan,**

**Christopher Sherry, Joseph Lyons,**

**Mary Broderick.**

**MASSES**

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

**6.30 (Sat)**

**10 am (Sun)**

**12.00 Noon (Sun)**

**St Mary's Church**

**7.00pm (Sat)**

**11.00am (Sun)**

**28th/29th May 2016**

**Ralph Pheasy**

**Anne Kennedy Walsh  
& David Ellickson**

**Kathleen Phelan  
& Nicola Doheny**

**Thomas & William Power**

**Mary Fitzgerald  
& Gemma Phelan ( Birthday Rem )**

**4th/5th June 2016**

**John & Mary Good**

**Paddy Holden**

**Garry Farrell**

**John Quann**

**Michael Cashin**

## Last Sunday's Collection

**€3,372**  
*Thank you for your  
 generous offering*

### Recent Baptisms

We welcome *Finn Thomas Ryan* and *Mason Keating* who were baptised recently.  
 Please keep them, their parents and Godparents in your prayers.

### First Friday

There will be a First Friday Mass in St.Mary's, Ballygunner at 9.30am on Friday 3rd June. Holy Communion will be distributed to the sick and housebound. If you know anyone who would like to be included, please leave contact details in the Sacristy or contact the Parish Office 051878977

### An Evening of Taizé

There will be an Evening of Taizé, with the Island of Ireland Peace Choir in the Edmund Rice Chapel, Mount Sion, Waterford on Friday 3rd June at 8pm.

### St.Mary's: Corpus Christi Procession

A Corpus Christi Procession will be held after 11.00am Mass this Sunday, led by the children who made their First Holy Communion in the Parish.

### St.Mary's: Cemetery Mass

The Annual Cemetery Mass for St.Mary's Cemetery, Ballygunner will take place on Thursday 16th June at 7.30pm. This Mass will be for both cemeteries.

### Meet & Greet

Volunteers are needed for Meet & Greet at the 6.30pm Mass in St.Joseph & St.Benildus Church. This will be on a rota basis. Please contact Parish office if interested 051878977

### Liturgy Group Meeting

The Parish Liturgy Group will meet on Monday 30th gMay in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm.

### St.Mary's Ballygunner Committee

There will be a meeting of the St.Mary's Committee on Wednesday 1st June at 7.45pm in the Sacristy.

## Live Streaming, St.Joseph & St.Benildus & St. Mary's Church Services

Live services from these Churches are available on:

<http://jbmparish.com> *and*  
[www.churchservices.tv/stjosephswaterford](http://www.churchservices.tv/stjosephswaterford)  
[www.churchservices.tv/stmarysballygunner](http://www.churchservices.tv/stmarysballygunner)

### Drop-in Meetings : St.Joseph & St.Benildus Church

The arrangement whereby parishioners could drop in to the sacristy on Monday, Wednesday and Friday has been temporarily suspended due to Fr.John's illness. Fr.Liam would be delighted to meet anyone who wishes to see a priest or arrange a wedding or Christening, etc, but it will be necessary to make an appointment in advance. Please ring the office ( 051 878977 ).

### Waterford & Lismore Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Please pray for all those going on the Waterford and Lismore Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, from 6th to 11th June.  
 Petitions, which will be brought to Lourdes, can be left in the Sacristy.

### "Volunteer Driver Service"

The Irish Cancer Society "Volunteer Driver Service" is a free transportation service available to patients undergoing chemotherapy treatment in University Hospital Waterford. To avail of this service please talk to your healthcare professional or call Gail in the Irish Cancer Society on 01 2310 566

### Reminder: Corpus Christi Procession

There will be a Corpus Christi procession on Sunday 29th May at 3pm. The route of the procession is as follows:  
 Commences at the Bull Post, Ballybricken, along Mayor's Walk, onto Newgate Street, onto New Street, onto Michael Street, onto John Roberts Square for Benediction.

### Corpus Christi : Sunday 29th May 2016

*"From this feast of Corpus Christi have originated many practices of Eucharistic devotion that, under the inspiration of divine grace, have increased from day to day, and that the Catholic Church uses eagerly to show greater homage to Christ, to thank him for so great a gift and to implore his mercy." Pope Paul VI*

### New Altar Servers

Congratulations and Welcome to our three new Altar Servers, Aaron & Edward Breen and Henry Avery, who served their first Mass on Saturday 21st May in St.Joseph & St.Benildus Church at 6.30pm.

### End of Secondary School Year

Best Wishes to all Secondary School students who are completing their end of year exams, and who are looking forward to their summer break.  
 We extend an early *Rath Dé ar an Obair* to all students who are currently preparing to sit the State Exams. The Junior Cert and Leaving Cert Exams start on Wednesday 8th June.

### Confirmations : Congratulations

Congratulations to our young parishioners who were confirmed this weekend in St.Mary's and in St.Joseph & St.Benildus Church.  
 We would like to thank their teachers who prepared them so well for the ceremony.