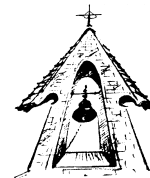


**Parish of St. Joseph & St. Benildus and St. Mary's  
Newtown Road, Waterford City, Ireland**



**NEWSLETTER**

**Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary  
Time**

**Date: 30th August 2015  
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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

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**

**Fri 9.30a.m ( First Friday )**

Sat 7.00pm

Sunday: 11.00 a.m.

**If you wish to prepare next**

**Sunday's Readings:-**

**23rd Sunday in Ordinary time**

**Is 35:4-7.**

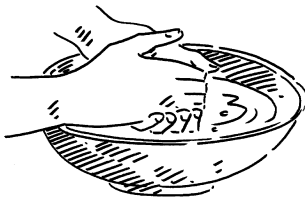
**Ps 145:7-10.**

**Jas 2:1-5.**

**Mk 7:31-37.**

**Gospel Reflection for the Twenty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**Dirty Hands**



Could it be true that at one stage or another we have all been guilty of hypocrisy? It's hard to get through life without finding that our actions and our words don't quite marry up. We know the tell tale signs all too well. We go to the polling booth to vote, or commit our opinions to 'Facebook', and experience a slight discomfort. It's a discomfort we know of old, but have become very good at ignoring. It's the discomfort that comes of saying one thing but doing another. It's the discomfort that comes of teaching something but not practising it. The discomfort is telling us that we might be guilty of hypocrisy. In today's gospel Jesus warns us against religious hypocrisy. Is there a danger that we have all become very good at saying the right things, but of doing something else?

Today we see Jesus voicing exasperation with rules that had become burdensome, unimportant and hypocritical. In biblical days there were a great many traditions and rules on the proper way to prepare food. There were rituals regarding the washing of hands, pots, and bowls. The Pharisees challenge Jesus on allowing his disciples to eat with dirty hands, but Jesus shocks the Pharisees by suggesting that their man made laws are irrelevant. Without actually throwing the rulebook out of the window, he suggests that we concern ourselves with matters of greater importance. Outer appearances are all well and good, but what lies beneath? What really matters is what comes from our hearts. "Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person," he tells them, "but the things that come out from within are what defile."

Key to guarding against hypocrisy is to remember before condemning others, that our own hands mightn't be as clean as we think. The person who goes to church on Sunday and appears to be doing all the right things, is not necessarily a good person if he or she doesn't do good deeds during the rest of the week. Similarly, the person who breaks man made laws is not necessarily a bad person.

Jesus tells us to use what is in our hearts when it comes to moral yard sticks, and not the rules made by others. What really matters is how well we listen to what is in our hearts, and how well we act upon it.

**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.

**29th/30th August 2015**

John Hearne

Joe Reville

Jim Phelan

John Sheridan

Claire & Noel O'Donohue

**5th/6th September 2015**

Kathy de Coloet

Tim Daly

Mary Mascall

Vincent McElroy

Garry O'Keeffe

## Last Sunday's Collection

**€2,354**

*Thank you for your generous offering*

### Recent Baptisms

A warm welcome to  
*Ruby Mai Kennedy,*  
*Finn Patrick Logan* and  
*Eoghan Joseph Haran*  
who were baptised recently.  
Please keep them, and their parents  
and godparents, in your prayers.

### National Eucharistic Congress

The 2015 National Eucharistic Congress will take place in Knock on September 26th and 27th.  
See [www.nec2015.ie](http://www.nec2015.ie) for details

### St.Vincent de Paul

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

### Rotas

The rotas for Eucharistic Ministers in St.Joseph & St.Benildus Church for the month of September are available in the sacristy.

### First Friday

Friday next is the First Friday of September.  
Holy Communion will be brought to the sick and housebound. Please contact the Sacristy or Parish Office if you know somebody who would like to be included.  
Mass will be celebrated in St.Mary's, Ballygunner at 9.30a.m.

### Rosary Procession

The Annual Diocesan Rosary Procession in honour of Our Lady's Birthday will take place on Tuesday 8th September at 7p.m, leaving Ballybricken Green to the Cathedral of the Most Holy Trinity, Barronstrand Street.  
All are very welcome to attend.

### Liturgy group

There will be a meeting of the Liturgy group on Monday 31st August in St.John's Pastoral Centre at 7.30p.m

### Change in Mass time

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

### New academic year

Best wishes to all pupils and teachers as they begin the new academic year.  
Please also remember in your prayers all students who are beginning their third level studies.

**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**

- *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.*

### Parents Meeting before Baptism of Children

We have had a wonderful response to these meetings. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 9th September, 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 are facilitated by Fr.Liam and members of the Baptism Team. Venue: Parish Centre, Room 1 ( Upstairs )  
Time: 7.30p.m—8.30p.m

### Edmund Rice Choral & Musical Society

ERCMS will commence rehearsals in the Edmund Rice Heritage Centre on Thursday 10th September at 7.45p.m. The society is an all-female three-part choir who sing for the entertainment of others and for their own enjoyment. We are open to new members until Thursday 1st October. Please contact 087 9647231 for details.

### Church Children's Choir

A rehearsal for the Children's Choir who sing at 10a.m Mass in St.Joseph & St.Benildus Church, will be held this Sunday after 10a.m Mass.  
If your child would like to join this choir, please leave the child's name and number into the Sacristy or Parish office ( 878977 )

### Saturday Night Cards

Saturday Night Cards will resume on Saturday 12th September in the Parish hall. All are welcome. If you would like to play 30's on a Saturday night, please contact the Parish Office ( 878977 )

### Autumn Collection Envelopes

Envelopes are now ready in the Parish office for collection by distributors. The Autumn collection will take place on Sunday 20th September in both churches. Weekly envelope boxes are included in your bags. Many thanks to all who distribute the envelopes.

*Please remember in your prayers those who died recently*

***Bridget Crowley, England***

*And those whose anniversaries and birthdays occur*

***John Murray, Joseph & Julia Power,***

***Sheila Morgan, Rex & Constance Nolan,***

***Matthew Mackey, The Hamm Family,***

***Vincent McElroy***