



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



**NEWSLETTER**

**Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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**PARISH INFORMATION**

**PRIESTS**

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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 7.30a.m & 10.30 am

Tues 7.30a.m & 10.30am

Wed 7.30a.m & 10.30 am

Thursday 7.30a.m & 10.30am

Friday 7.30a.m & 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.

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

**Success, Power and Wealth**



If you took a survey out onto the street asking, "Which people would we regard as the most successful?" celebrities like Bill Gates or Simon Cowell might figure highly on the list. Favourite pop idols, film stars, politicians and royalty might be up there too. It seems that we measure success in terms of popularity, glamour, money and power. Even in our own not so famous circles, we strive for status and job promotion. With promotion comes extra responsibility and with that extra responsibility, increased power to our elbow.

The disciples may well have been feeling bemused in today's gospel story. Jesus tells them that man will hand him over to his death. The disciples were probably wondering why Jesus should succumb to this kind of ignominy. After all, wasn't he the Son of God? Couldn't he exercise some power? Who knows, perhaps it was this idea that prompted their conversation on the way to Capernaum. We are told that the disciples were discussing amongst each other, which of them was the greatest. They must have known deep down, that Jesus would not approve of this discussion, because when Jesus asks them what they were talking about, they fall silent with shame.

Jesus places a small child in their midst to teach them a lesson. He is asking them, and us, to accept the child's world as our own. We are asked to accept a world of vulnerability and absence of status. We are asked to take stock. Who do we look up to in our society? Do we look down on those who appear to lack ambition or position? Today we remember that Jesus' way is not of pomp and circumstance, but of servitude and humility. We have to learn that success is not about what we have, but who we are.

**If you wish to prepare next  
Sunday's Readings:-  
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Num 11;25-29.**

**Ps 18:8, 10, 12-14.**

**Jas 5:1-6.**

**Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48**

**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.

**19th/20th Sept 2015**

Declan O'Carroll

Gemma Phelan (M.M)

Brian McGovern

Niall Warren

Carmel Hetherington

**26th/27th Sept 2015**

Gay Murphy

Eileen, Tom & Harry Lupton

Louis Ryan

Paddy & Nora Nolan

Bridget Douglas

## Last Sunday's Collection

**€2,411**

*Thank you for your generous offering*

### Rotas

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

### Conference on local responses to

**Laudato Si,**

**Pope Francis' encyclical on Caring For Our Common Home.**

**Saturday 3rd October 2015, W.I.T. Registration 9.00am**

*The primary aim of the conference is to raise awareness of the content of the Encyclical and to explore how we are responding locally to the challenge of environmental degradation and the danger posed by climate change. All are welcome. Copies of programme for the day available in the church.*

### Legion of Mary Pilgrimage to Knock

The annual Legion of Mary Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine will take place on Sunday Sept 27th coinciding with the Eucharistic Congress.

Cost 20euro ( meals extra ).

Details 087 7148100

or 086 3100581

### DSI Coffee Morning

Many thanks to all who supported the recent Coffee Morning in aid of Down Syndrome Ireland. The event raised 727euro, as sponsorship for Fr.John who is participating in the Tour of Leinster charity cycle. The cycle is from Sept 24th-27th, covering 600Km. We wish all cyclists a safe journey!

### Beginning Experience Weekend

Beginning Experience is a worldwide specially designed programme for men and women who have suffered the loss of a spouse or partner by death, separation or divorce. The next weekend is at Ennismore Retreat Centre, Cork, 2nd -4th Oct 2015. Details 087 9886480

## CONCERT, 9th October

Concert in aid of the reconstruction of the link corridor will be held in St.Joseph & St.Benildus Church on Friday 9th October at 8pm. Artistes include Dominic McGorian ( of the Irish Tenors ), Vanessa Whelan ( Soprano ), Madrigallery Choir, and more. Tickets, costing 15euro, available from members of the Hospitality Team and at the Parish Office ( 878977 ).

### Diocese of Waterford & Lismore

Eucharistic Adoration Retreat, Sunday 4th October 2015, at Glencomeragh House of Prayer, Kilsheelan, Clonmel.

Cost 10euro. All are welcome.

### Harvest Mass

Many thanks to everybody who helped in any way to ensure the success of the recent Harvest Masses in both St.Joseph & St.Benildus Church and St.Mary's, Ballygunner. Seasonal fruit and veg was donated by local producers, as well as Ardkeen Stores and the local Tesco. *Go raibh míle maith agaibh go léir !* All food items were donated to Meals on Wheels, Lady Lane.

### Volunteers

If you would like to be involved in any of the following Parish activities, please contact the Sacristy or Parish Office ( 878977 )

- *Ministers of the Word,*
- *Eucharistic Ministers,*
- *Member of Liturgy group.*

Training will be provided for Ministers of the Word and Eucharistic Ministers. The Liturgy Group meets once a month, and is involved in preparing activities such as the Harvest Mass .

### Diocese of Waterford & Lismore Catechism of the Catholic Church Adult Studies 2015

Information evening on The Study of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, St.John's Pastoral Centre, with Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan. Thursday 24th September 2015, from 7.30pm—9.00pm.

There will be a number of people present who will share their experience of the study of the Catechism and how life changing this was for them. These studies are open to all adults who wish to have a deeper understanding of the Catholic Faith. All welcome.

For details, contact Fidelma Griffin at Bishop's House, 051 874463

*Please remember in your prayers those who died recently*

**Kevin O'Brien, Viewmount**

*Those who died about a month ago*

**Gemma Phelan, Edward Roles**

*And those whose anniversaries and birthdays occur*

**John B.O'Sullivan**