



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



NEWSLETTER

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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 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

Fri 9.30am (First Friday)

Sat 7.00pm

Sunday: 11.00 a.m.

If you wish to prepare next

Sunday's Readings:-

27th Sun in Ordinary Time

Gn 2:18-24.

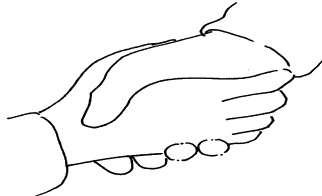
Ps 127.

Heb 2:9-11.

Mk 10:2-16.

Gospel Reflection for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In It Together



We can't go through life without being part of a group, a club, or an organisation. Schools, the workplace, and organised religions are all like being part of a club. Clubs have something in common. When we're in a club we enjoy a sense of belonging, friends, shared values and an agreed way of doing things.

But being part of a group also has its dangers. We can tend to see our club as our territory, and woe betide anyone who treads on our patch. We see the newcomer as an outsider.... worse, a mistrusted outsider. A new teacher arrives in school with some radical new views. A new supervisor joins the workplace and changes the coffee breaks. In church, someone arrives from a different parish with their own ideas about how something should be done. We don't like it. Routine gives us a sense of security, and when that routine is changed, particularly by an outsider, we resist. If the outsider is successful at what they do, we resent it even more because we are left feeling threatened. Clubs can be good, but they are not good if we close ranks against someone else working to the same ends.

In today's gospel reading, the disciples complain to Jesus about an exorcist who is working as an outsider to their group. That the exorcist is working successfully is making them feel all the more threatened. Jesus' answer is very plain. "Whoever is not against us, is for us." In other words, if someone is working towards the same end, it doesn't matter whether or not they are in the same 'club', or whether their ways are quite the same as ours.

Jesus' lesson is very relevant to us today. Catholicism is not served by rejecting other religions. Accepting other Christian religions doesn't have to mean a watering down of our own beliefs. God is bigger than any 'club' and by following Jesus' example we are working 'for' each other and not 'against'.

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.

26th/27th Sept 2015

Gay Murphy

Eileen, Tom & Harry Lupton

Louis Ryan

Paddy & Nora Nolan

Bridget Douglas

4th /5th Oct 2015

Eileen Kearney

Jimmy & Mary Quinlan

Bridget Flynn

Nancy & Charlie O'Sullivan & grandson Darren

Margaret Moloughney

Last Sunday's Collection

€2,520

Thank you for your generous offering

Recent Baptisms

A warm welcome to **Russell Walsh, James O'Donnell, Cillian Anderson, Lucy O'Toole** and **Theo Young** who were baptised recently. Please keep them, and their parents and godparents in your prayers.

First Friday

Friday next, Oct 2nd, is a First Friday. Mass will be celebrated in St.Mary's Church, Ballygunner at 9.30am. Holy Communion will be brought to the sick and housebound. Please contact the sacristy if you know somebody who would like to be included.

St.Vincent de Paul

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

Diocese of Waterford & Lismore

Eucharistic Adoration Retreat,
Sunday 4th October 2015,
at Glencomeragh House of Prayer,
Kilsheelan, Clonmel.
Cost 10euro. All are welcome.
See www.waterfordlismore.com for details

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

Parish Finance Committee

A meeting of the Parish Finance group will take place on Monday 28th Sept at 11.00am in the Parish Centre.

CONCERT, 9th October

A 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** (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).
Bring a cushion on the night !

Autumn Collection

Thanks to all who contributed to the Autumn Collection for the support of the priests.

Coffee Morning : Friends of University Hospital Waterford

Where : St.Anne's Tennis Club, John's Hill, Waterford.

When : Wednesday 30th September, from 10.30am –12.30pm.

Cost: 5euro, to include Tea/Coffee & Scones.

Please support our efforts to provide comforts for patients in UHW.

Taizé Prayer: a service of song, silence and contemplation.

Friday 2nd October, 8pm, Edmund Rice Chapel.

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 .

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.*

Please remember in your prayers those who died about a month ago

Kitty Lyons

And those whose anniversaries and birthdays occur

Elizabeth & James Long,

Bill Nolan, Harry Cotter,

Tommy McDonagh, John B.O'Sullivan