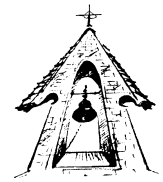




**Parish of St. Joseph & St. Benildus and St. Mary's
Newtown Road, Waterford City, Ireland**



NEWSLETTER

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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 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.

If you wish to prepare next

Sunday's Readings:-

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 53:10-11.

Ps 32:4-5, 18-20, 22.

Heb 4:14-16.

Mk 10:35-45.

**Gospel Reflection for the 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Golden Opportunities.**



Remember the story of King Midas? He was invited to make a wish, and he wished that everything he touched be turned to gold. At first the king had a whale of a time turning pots, vases, and simple household utensils into valuable objects. It didn't take him long however to work out that his love of gold was about to destroy everything most precious to him, as he turned food, butterflies and finally his beloved daughter into solid lumps of metal.

In many ways we are just as foolish as Midas. How many people do you know who won't go anywhere unless it's safe to park their brand new car? How many of us watch the aid agency adverts and sympathise, yet decide we can't part with any cash right now? How many of us cannot get up and get involved in worthy causes because our work commitments come first? We are just the same as Midas. Our material concerns stand in the way of what is really important.

The man in today's gospel story was not a bad man; he had kept all God's commandments. This makes the story all the sadder, that he couldn't follow Jesus because of the one thing that stood in his way, his wealth. The man turned away, because he had much wealth and couldn't let go.

Today's gospel invites the question, 'Do we own our possessions, or do our possessions own us?' Have we figured out what we could do with our lives that would be really worthwhile, and what is it that stands in our way? What golden opportunities does God put our way, and have we made space in our lives to rise to God's challenges.

The material things in our lives lure us with promises of security and comfort, but those are not the things we will be remembered for, we will be remembered for the differences we make in other people's lives. That is the true wealth God promises us.

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.

10th/11th Oct 2015

Agnes, Stephen & Jackie Rogers

Jerry Lynch

Ned & Statia Leamy

Seánie Gough

Paddy Walsh

17th/18th Oct 2015

Ann Cooke

Pádraig Dowling

Mary Butler

Caulfield & Conlon families

Joan, John & Pat Pierce

Last Sunday's Collection

€2,205

Thank you for your generous offering

Parents' meeting before Baptism of children

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 14th Oct, and every 2nd Wednesday of the month thereafter. This is an opportunity to meet other parents and deepen our understanding of the sacrament of baptism. Meetings are facilitated by Fr.Liam and members of the Baptism Team. Parish Centre, 7.30-8.30pm.

For Unity and Peace! One million children praying the Rosary!

October 18th 2015.

Place: where you are !

Time: 9.00am

The aim of this global idea is to spread the need of praying for the inner peace of each human being, and for the unity and peace of the family, the country and the whole world. g"*I think that if millions of children pray the Rosary, the world will change*" P.Pio

Madrigallery Choir

The Madrigallery Choir will sing at the 11am Mass on Sunday 18th October in St.Mary's Church.

Pastoral Plan

The Parish Pastoral Council has met twice in the past week to work on a 3 year Pastoral Plan for the Parish.

The plan will be finalised and published on the Parish website and with the newsletter next week.

Missionary Sisters of Peter Claber

Thanks to all who responded to the recent appeal for the support of the Missionary Sisters of Peter Claber.

FOOTLOOSE

De La Salle College will stage the Waterford premiere of the exciting musical **FOOTLOOSE** in the College Hall, **Tuesday October 20 – Saturday 24th**. This new musical is a production not to miss and it is being performed by the All Ireland winners of the **2015 Bord Gais National Theatre Awards**. 3000 schools and 87,000 students entered the competition but DLS scooped the top prize!!

Tickets can be purchased:

College Office

875294

Online at

delasallewaterford.ie

Golden Discs (City Square)

Abundant Life

The theme for Mission Sunday 2015 is "Abundant Life".

On Mission Sunday, in a special way, we celebrate the work of circa 1,300 Irish born missionaries and all missionaries throughout the world. We thank God for them, for all who support them in our own country, and during mission month we unite ourselves in prayer with them and with the communities with whom they work.

World Mission Sunday takes place on the second last Sunday of October each year. Since 1926, the Church has traditionally remembered its universal mission during the month of October. This year Mission Sunday will be celebrated globally on the 18th October.

This special Sunday provides Catholics with the opportunity to unite with their missionary sisters and brothers overseas, and to recommit themselves to bringing the Joy of the Gospel to everyone they meet in their daily lives at home and at work.

A second collection will be taken up at all Masses to support the work of the Missions.

Saint Vincent de Paul Society Requires Volunteers.

The Society of St Vincent de Paul provides an extensive array of services to people in need. Services range from Home Visitations, Hostels and Social Housing, to Holiday Homes, Breakfast Clubs, Shops and Creches. Volunteers can identify the area of work that might best suit their time and talents.

Have you a few hours to spare? Would you like more information about becoming a volunteer? If so, simply contact the regional office: 051 857112 or visit our website: www.svp.ie

Looking forward to hearing from you and remember your "yes" can last a lifetime!

Please remember in your prayers those whose anniversaries and birthdays occur

Cáit Daly,

*Michael Boland, Nora McCarthy,
John & Mary Breen, Niamh O'Dea*