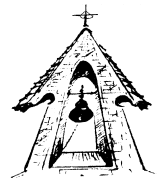




Parish of St. Joseph & St. Benildus and St. Mary's
Newtown Road, Waterford City, Ireland



NEWSLETTER

Thirtieth 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 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:- All Saints

Apoc 7:2-4, 9-14.

Ps 23:1-6.

1 Jn 3:1-3.

Mt 5:1-12.

Gospel Reflection for the Thirtieth Sunday

A Wing and a Prayer



We understand Bartimaeus' cry for help very well. Most of us have felt just as desperate at some stage in our lives. We know what it's like to lose someone we love, to be drowning in debt, floundering in a miserable relationship or stuck in a dead end job. Then when all our human efforts to change our lives fail, many turn to prayer as a last resort.

We might make our prayers in a half-hearted apologetic sort of way. Did it really take dire straits to prompt us to pray? We might not be really expecting our prayers to be heard or answered. Perhaps we don't deserve an answer? Perhaps our prayers are bordering on superstition.

Loaded with all these negative thoughts, we quickly give up when God doesn't seem to take any notice of us. At the end of the day, praying to God doesn't seem a very practical option. We all see the need to do something pro-active when times are desperate, but prayer doesn't figure on our 'action' list. Somewhere along the way we've lost our belief in miracles.

There's an old maxim that goes, "Success is ten percent inspiration and ninety percent perspiration!" Bartimaeus certainly set us a good example in 'not giving up'. So desperate was he to have his sight restored that he prayed long and hard and very loudly. He prayed with persistence and huge faith. There was no way he was going to give up until he got his miracle.

Of course we don't have to wait until we are desperate to ask for God's help. Why go it alone when God is always there to listen to our prayers? At the heart of the gospel is the message that in all of life's ups and downs, God is listening to our cries for help.

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.

24th/25th Oct 2015

Gina Burke

Paddy & Kitty O'Connor

Mary Barry

Michael & Margaret O'Sullivan

Liam Lunden

31st Oct/1st Nov 2015

John Walsh

John B. O'Sullivan

Holy Souls Novena

Tony Barden (M.M)

Mary Joyce (1st Anniv)

Last Sunday's Collection

€2,437

Thank you for your generous offering

Recent Baptisms

A warm welcome to

**James Keane,
Jason Keane, and
Catherine Whelan,** who
were baptised recently.

Please keep them, and their
parents and godparents in
your prayers.

Café Theology

**Tuesday October 27th, at
7.30pm, in the Granville Hotel
(Tapestry Room).**

Worried about getting young
people back to Church? Then why
not come to Café Theology in
Waterford city?

Tony Foy and his NET Ministries
Team will present a talk on:

***Can we get our young people back
to the Church?***

NET stands for National
Evangelisation Teams, who are
Catholic Christian Missionaries
who encourage young people to
love Jesus and embrace the life of
the Church.

**All welcome. No charge, but
please leave a donation for the
coffee/tea and event expenses.**

Nursing Home Visitation Team

Our next meeting is on

Monday 2nd November,
Parish Centre, 8-9pm

Baptism Team Meeting

Our next Team Meeting is on

Monday November 9th, Parish
Centre, 8-9pm.

Public Holiday

Reminder: Monday 26th Oct 2015 is a Public Holiday. Mass will
be celebrated in St. Joseph & St. Benildus Church at 10.30am only

Taizé Prayer

A service of song, silence and contemplation.

Friday 6th November, 8pm, Edmund Rice Chapel.

October 27th, Feast of St. Otteran

St. Otteran, a descendant of Conall Gulban, is usually identified with
Odhran, who preceded Columba in Iona. His death is recorded in
548 A.D. and his grave was greatly revered in Iona. He was chosen by the
Vikings as patron of the city of Waterford in 1096 and later patron of the
diocese.

The Spiritual Search for our Times

The Romero Institute of Peace and Justice will host an informal gathering
in the Edmund Rice Centre, Barrack Street, Waterford to launch a series
of programmes and seminars that will be offered by the Institute over the
months and years ahead.

Facilitated by: Dr. Phil Brennan, Martina Harte (MA), and Declan Kelly
(Irish Tenor).

To register: email: philbrennanjnr@googlemail.com or call to
The Edmund Rice Centre, Thursday 29th Oct 10.00am-11.00am

Cost: 10euro.

Event date: Saturday 31st October, 9.30am-12 noon.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

The Parish Pastoral Council met on Wednesday evening. They are
in the process of completing the Pastoral Plan for the parish for the
coming years. The plan will be published in the next few weeks.

New Dublin Voices

10th Anniversary Gala Concert

Internationally-acclaimed Chamber Choir New Dublin Voices, will
present a 10th Anniversary Gala Concert in Christ Church
Cathedral, Waterford on Saturday November 7th at 8pm.

Voci Ladies Choir are delighted to be part of this concert.

Tickets : 15 euro. (conc. 10 euro), available from :
newdublinvoices.com, and at the door.

Please remember in your prayers those who died recently

Séamus Breen, (Alphonsus Road)

Those who died about a month ago

Olive Glynn, Agnes Whittle

And those whose anniversaries and birthdays occur

Lorraine Coady, Mary Fitzpatrick

Paddy Prenderville, Margaret Colfer