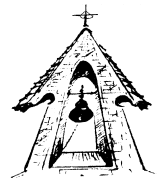




**Parish of St. Joseph & St. Benildus and St. Mary's  
Newtown Road, Waterford City, Ireland**



**NEWSLETTER**

**Thirty-second 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 7.30am & 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:-**

**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Dn 12:1-13.**

**Ps 15:5, 8-11.**

**Heb 10:11-14, 18.**

**Mk 13:24-32.**

**Thirty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**Giving Our All**

Jesus sits down opposite the treasury, and watches the crowd putting money into the collecting boxes. Many rich people put in large generous looking sums, but nevertheless large sums that they can easily afford. Then along comes a poor widow and puts in two small copper coins, doubtless all she has. Jesus points out that because she has given her all, her contribution is worth far more than the rich people's contribution.

Jesus teaches us a difficult lesson in generosity.

We have to give until it hurts, whether it's a giving of our money or of our time and energy. If we only give a small part of ourselves then the question we have to ask is, what is it that we are holding back, and more importantly, why? Do we only give a fraction of our resources because we lack faith? Do we hold back from giving because we imagine that the money we give might not reach its intended destination, or that it might not make any difference? Do we hold back because we lack empathy, or have become immune to the plight of the disadvantaged? Do we hold back because we feel we have better ways to spend our money and our time? Do we hold back because we imagine there are plenty of other people better fixed to help out than us? Or do we simply hold back because we feel our own needs should come first?

It would be useful if God advised exactly what percentage of our money and time we should give, but the only clue we are given in today's gospel is that we are judged not by our outward show of generosity, but by what is in our hearts

**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.

**7th/8th Nov 2015**

For deceased during year

Dick Mahony

Holy Souls Novena

Ann Tierney

Eddie Burke

**14th/15th Nov 2015**

Martin Lawrence

Holy Souls Novena

Maurice Downey

Liam O'Donnell

Marilyn Brennan

## Last Sunday's Collection

**€1,480**

*Thank you for your generous offering*

### Recent Baptisms

We welcome

*Christopher McLoughlin and Cian Clancy* who were baptised recently. Please keep them, their parents and Godparents in your prayers.

### Baptism Team Meeting

Our next Team Meeting is on **Monday November 9th**, Parish Centre, 8-9pm.

### The Art of Balanced Living

An opportunity to explore practical ways of supporting your daily living through meditation, silence, mindfulness practice, prayer and reflection.

Advent Reflection, St.John's Pastoral Centre, Saturday 28th November, 10.00am—12 noon. Facilitator: Antoinette Dilworth, rsj.

### Some of the services available from

#### St.John's Pastoral Centre:

#### ACCORD

Contact: Mary O'Sullivan 051 878333

#### Communications Office

Contact : Fr.Liam Power, 051 874199

CURA: 051 876452 or 1850 62262

#### Diocesan Liturgy Commission

Contact: Mary Dee, 051 874199

*Diocesan Programme leaflets available at the back of the church.*

### Holy Souls Novena

Reminder: the Holy Souls Novena starts in St.Joseph & St.Benildus Church on Saturday 7th November at 6.30pm.

The Novena in St.Mary's Ballygunner starts on Thursday 19th November at 11.30am.

Envelopes are available at the back of the church, if you wish to provide the names of your deceased relatives and friends for inclusion in the novena.

### Remembering our Dead

St.John's Pastoral Centre, John's Hill, Waterford on Thursday 12th Nov at 7.30pm. A sacred space to honour family, friends and all who have died. *Facilitator: Ann O'Farrell*

You are invited to a time of prayerful reflection during this special month. The evening will include Scripture reading, personal prayer, silence and music. All are welcome.

### St. Martin of Tours (c316-397) November 11<sup>th</sup>

One winter's night, while Martin was serving with the army, he met a beggar, cold and half starved to death. Having already given away all his money and food rations, Martin had only what he stood up in! He took off his thick army cloak, cut it in two and gave half to the beggar. That night in his dreams, Martin saw Jesus, surrounded by angels, wearing the half cloak he had given to the beggar, and he heard Jesus say, "See, this is the cloak which Martin has given me." In 371 the Christians of Tours, chose him as their new bishop and he remained there for twenty-six years, proving himself a champion of the under-dog and an unflagging and courageous missionary.

### Respond Open Day : St.John's College

Reminder: Respond! Housing Association has completed its redevelopment of St.John's College, Waterford.

We invite you to visit the College to view the completed construction during our Open Day on Sunday, November 8th, between 1-4pm. *Entrance to the College from The Folly.*

### Reflection on the Advent & Christmas Scripture Readings

Facilitator: Fr. Michael Mullins, D.D.

Over three evenings, Fr.Michael will look at the scripture readings of Advent & Christmas. Thursday 26th Nov, and 3rd & 10th Dec. St.John's Pastoral Centre. Each evening at 7.30pm.

5euro including light refreshments.

*Please remember in your prayers those who died recently*

**John Evans ( Williamstown )**

**Thomas Phelan ( Grantstown )**

*And those whose anniversaries and birthdays occur*

**Bernadette Howard, Maurice Downey,**

**Eddie Burke, Ann O Connell,**

**John ( Jackie ) Walsh, Tony Lee,**

**May Barriscale, John Davis,**

**Christopher Sherry**