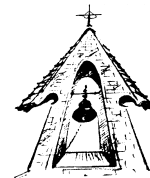


**Parish of St. Joseph & St. Benildus and St. Mary's  
Newtown Road, Waterford City, Ireland**



**NEWSLETTER  
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Date: 24th Jan 2016**  
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**PARISH INFORMATION**

**PRIESTS**

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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 7.30 am & 10.30 am

Tues 7.30 am & 10.30 am

Wed 7.30 am & 10.30 am

Thurs 7.30 am & 10.30 am

Fri 7.30 am & 10.30 am

Sat 10.30am & 6.30pm

Sunday 10.00 am & 12pm

**St. Mary's Ballygunner**

Saturday: 7pm

Sunday: 11am

**Gospel Reflection for the Third Sunday Ordinary Time  
Great Words**

Everyone loves listening to a great orator. Everyone appreciates an orator's ability to captivate and inspire audiences with powerful and motivational speeches. Great speeches create a sense of purpose and continuity. Successful orators recognise that great truths can be remembered best by one small quote. Keeping things short and succinct will make one's words more memorable than a great big rambling speech. Then of course it takes a big personality to put the weight of truth and integrity behind his or her words.

When Jesus is invited to stand up and preach back at his own hometown synagogue he chooses his reading with care. What Jesus chooses to read is to be a statement about his own mission priorities. He chooses to speak of social injustice. "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me," he reads, "... because he has anointed me to proclaim glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, sight to the blind, freedom to the oppressed." Then Jesus points to himself as the fulfilment of the ancient prophecy before handing back the scroll and sitting down. Jesus has obeyed all the rules of public speaking, he has considered the purpose of his reading, chosen words that will best convey his purpose, and delivered them powerfully and succinctly.

How will Jesus' listeners respond to his claim? Today's reading doesn't give us the listeners' response so we have time to imagine what our own response would have been. Would we have been inspired and motivated to hear Jesus speak these words? Would we suddenly see the ancient prophecy as just that, an ancient prophecy, or as mission to be fulfilled under Jesus' exciting new leadership? Can we hear the poetry of these words resonating two thousand years later?

*Please remember in your prayers those recently deceased*

**Robert Harte, Kings Channel**

*Those who died about a month ago*

**Ita English**

*Those whose anniversaries and birthdays occur*

**Maurice Downey, Johanna & Brian Delaney,**

**Jimmy Kinsella, Kathleen Hennessy,**

**Kathleen Power, Eamonn O'Reilly,**

**Myra McCreevy, Peggy Harnett**

**If you wish to prepare  
next Sunday's Readings:**

**4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Jer 1:4-5, 17-19.**

**Ps 70:1-6,15,17.**

**1 Cor 12:31-13:13.**

**Lk 4:21-30.**

**MASSES**

**St. Joseph & St. Benildus Church**

6.30 p.m.

10.00 a.m.

12.00 Noon

**St. Mary's Church**

11.00a.m

7.00 p.m.

**23rd/24th Jan 2016**

Michael Higgins (M.M)

John Kennedy

Niall Byrne

Esther O'Keeffe

**30th/31st Jan 2016**

Tim & Delia Quinn

Dearbhla Clark

Seán Caraway

James & Esther Hoey

John Evans Snr.,(M.M)

## Last Sunday's Collection

**€2,468**

*Thank you for your generous offering*

### Recent Baptisms

We welcome

*Emma Jane Corcoran* who was baptised recently. Please keep her, her parents and Godparents in your prayers.

### "Come and See"

**Vocations Afternoon, 2.00-4.30pm  
Sat 6th Feb.**

*For women considering a religious vocation.*

Poor Clare Monastery, College Road,  
Cork.

[Www.poorclarescork.ie](http://www.poorclarescork.ie)

Email:

[vocationspoorclarescork@gmail.com](mailto:vocationspoorclarescork@gmail.com)

### Ecumenical Service

An Ecumenical Service for Christian Unity will be celebrated in the Cathedral of the Most Holy Trinity, Barronstrand Street, Waterford on Sunday 24th January at 7.30pm. All are welcome

### Catholic Schools Week begins Sunday

January 31st 2016 on the theme "Catholic Schools, challenged to proclaim God's mercy". This special week is an annual event, celebrated throughout Ireland, to acknowledge the tremendous contribution made by our primary and post-primary schools, not just to Irish society but to the mission of the Church. Further information on [www.catholicschools.ie](http://www.catholicschools.ie)

### Funeral Arrangements: Robert Harte

Funeral Mass for the recently deceased Robert Harte, late of Kings Channel will be celebrated on arrival in St.Mary's Church, Ballygunner at 2pm on Sunday 24th January. Burial immediately afterwards in the adjoining cemetery.  
*Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.*

### Parish Notes: from Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

- The Evening Prayer in the church on Sundays in Advent was a success as a beginning and we hope to continue it in the future.
- St.Mary's Church is still looking for choir members for both adult and children's choirs. Interested people should contact Fr.John or Fr.Liam.
- Confirmation preparation is beginning shortly. Adults sharing faith with the children are needed. Instruction will be given to these adults.
- It is envisaged that a Parish Visitation Team be established to visit houses in the Parish, distributing Parish information and assessing the needs of the people. Volunteers are needed and training will be provided.
- Up to date information on safeguarding children is now available in both churches on noticeboards and where children can see them.
- Adult faith evenings will be organised in the near future, consisting of D.V.D shows and discussion periods. Further information to follow.

### Come & See

**5-6 Feb 2016**

**St.Patrick's College, Thurles.**

Maybe you have been thinking about the priesthood as a way of life for you? Maybe you have felt that you are being called? This event is an opportunity for you to "come & see". We start on 5th Feb with dinner at 6.30pm, followed by some time of prayer; meet others thinking of the priesthood and some recently ordained priests. Stay overnight. Feb 6th: prayer, breakfast, a brief talk on discerning a vocation, preparation for Mass, lunch, discussion, depart. Event free. 051 874463 or 087 2465509

Atomic **Foroige** Youth Club in Ballygunner are looking for volunteer leaders aged 18 years upwards, to help out Monday evenings from 7.00pm to 8.30pm. Please contact Gail on 086 2316302 or [gail.osullivan@foroige.ie](mailto:gail.osullivan@foroige.ie). By volunteering with **Foroige** you help change young people's lives.

### Distributors' Meeting

A meeting of all distributors of dues envelopes will be held on Monday 1st Feb 2016 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall at St.Joseph & Benildus Church. All distributors are invited to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

### The Divided Self, Addiction & Recovery in a Secular Age.

A 2-day Symposium will be held on Thursday and Friday, 4th/5th February in the W.I.T. The event is sponsored by The Irish Centre of Faith & Culture, The Irish Bishops' Conference and The School of Humanities, W.I.T. Speakers include: Dr.Shane Butler, T.C.D., Dr.Paul Clogher, W.I.T Prof Michael A.Conway, Maynooth; Prof Christopher C.H. Cook, Durham University; Kate McCarthy, W.I.T; Dr.Niamh Maguire, W.I.T; Dr. John O'Brien, W.I T; Dr. Jennifer Yeager, W.I.T. 25euro. Lunch included on Friday.

### Mental Health & Suicide Awareness

#### "Supports & Developments in Mental Health Care"

February 19th-20th 2016. The Park Hotel, Dungarvan. Further information from : Cllr.Liam Brazil, 087 2119203. Email [cllrbrasil@waterfordcouncil.ie](mailto:cllrbrasil@waterfordcouncil.ie)