



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



NEWSLETTER
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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 7.30 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

First Fri 9.30am

Saturday: 7pm

Sunday: 11am

**If you wish to prepare
next Sunday's Readings:**
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 6:1-8.

Ps 137:1-5, 7-8.

1 Cor 15:1-11.

Lk 5:1-11.

Gospel Reflection for the Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time.

Pitfalls of A Prophet

There's an old saying, "An expert is someone who carries a briefcase and works two hundred miles from home." The saying finds resonance in Jesus' own words, "No prophet is accepted in his own native place." In today's reading Jesus is invited to preach back in his hometown synagogue. At first, Jesus' audience are impressed, but then they start to mutter to each other. Surely this is just the son of Joseph the carpenter! When this truth dawns on them they are enraged and drive him out of town. It doesn't matter how successful or famous or distinguished one has become, once you return home you will always be that little runny nosed seven year old who refused to wash behind his ears.

The readings over the Epiphany season are all about human kind coming to understand who Jesus is and what he is about. In particular, the readings tell us how this understanding is communicated. Jesus was an excellent communicator, but not even he was free of prejudice. The business of communicating with others on the subject of God is not without problems and pitfalls.

There is nothing elite about being a prophet. A prophet is anyone who stands up and speaks the truth. As Christians we are all required to stand up for the truth. There is plenty of injustice in the world to speak out against, but before speaking out, we are warned of the pitfalls. Today's gospel warns us of the pitfall of familiarity breeding contempt. What other pitfalls might we encounter in speaking out? It is easy for instance to imagine that everyone's faith should be the same as one's own. Might we misjudge the mood, readiness or interest of our audience? Might we be tempted to patronize, or worse, bore our listeners?

For two thousand years inspirational communicators have stood up in Jesus' wake and amplified his words. Today we are invited to choose our own words, weigh up our audience, examine the pitfalls and add our voice.

Please remember in your prayers those who died recently

Gerard O'Byrne, Riverview

Peter Cummins, Knockhouse, Dunmore Road

Those who died about a month ago

Michael Kearney

Those whose anniversaries and birthdays occur

Michael & Kathleen Conway

Billy Row

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.

30th/31st Jan 2016

Tim & Delia Quinn

Dearbhla Clark

Seán Caraway

James & Esther Hoey

John Evans Snr.,(M.M)

6th/7th Feb 2016

Joan Foskin(recently deceased)

Liam O'Connell

Joe McGrath

Nicholas & Mary Barry

James & Eugene Power

Last Sunday's Collection

€2,682

Thank you for your generous offering

Recent Baptisms

We welcome *Daithí Ryan*,
Tony Power,
Aoibheann McCarthy,
Davin Connolly who were baptised recently. Please keep them, their parents and Godparents in your prayers.

Divine Mercy Conference

This year's conference will take place on the 19th, 20th and 21st February, in the RDS, Ballsbridge, Dublin. It begins on Fri 19th with a new addition to the programme to encourage young people, free of charge, with Mass, Adoration, Confession and music.

This is the 25th anniversary of the conference and it coincides with the Year of Mercy, announced by Pope Francis.

Liturgy Group Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Liturgy Group in the Parish Centre from 6.30pm – 7.30pm, Monday 1st Feb 2016

St.Mary's Committee

There will be a meeting of the St.Mary's Committee on Wednesday 3rd Feb at 7.45pm in the Sacristy at St.Mary's Church.

Friends of

University Hospital Waterford

Coffee Morning, Wednesday 3rd Feb 2016, in Oscar's, Dunmore Road, from 10am-12noon. Admission 5euro...Tea/ Coffee & scones.

Please come, enjoy and support our efforts to provide Patient Comforts in UHW.

Catholic Schools Week: Jan31-Feb 6

Theme: Catholic Schools: Challenged to proclaim God's Mercy.

This is an all-Ireland annual event which invites Catholic schools to give expression in a special way to the ethos of Catholic education.

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

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. Cost 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.

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Feast Days this week

- Monday 1st February is the Feast Day of St.Bridget, Abbess, secondary patron of Ireland.
- Tuesday Feb 2nd (Candlemas), is the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord. (World Day for Consecrated Life). This feast is a remembrance of the Lord and of Mary, mother of the Lord. *Please leave candles in the sacristy if you wish to have them blessed.*
- Wednesday 3rd Feb is the Feast of St.Blaise. The blessing of St.Blaise is a sign of our faith in God's protection and love for us and for the sick. *There will be blessing of throats after Masses on St.Blaise's Day*

First Friday

Friday 5th Feb is the first Friday of the month. There will be Mass at 9.30am in St.Mary's. Communion will be brought to the sick & housebound. Please inform the Parish Office if you know anyone who would like to be included.

Taizé Evening

An evening of Taizé with the Island of Ireland Peace Choir will be held in the Edmund Rice Chapel, Friday 5th Feb at 8.00pm.

Saint Vincent de Paul

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

Reflective prayerful reading of Scripture during Lent (Lectio Divina)

Come and join us weekly for reflective reading of Sunday Gospels with prayer, music, stillness.

Thursdays Feb 11th/ 18th/ 25th, and March 3rd/10th, from: 7.30pm-8.30pm.

The Cry Chapel, St.Joseph & St.Benildus Church.

Join us for one evening or all !

Lectio Divina : "it consists of reading God's word in a moment of prayer and allowing it to enlighten and renew us". (Pope Francis)