



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



NEWSLETTER
Fifth Sunday of Lent

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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 & 6.30pm

Thurs 10.00am & 12noon

Fri 7.30 am & 10.30 am

Sat 10.30am & 6.30pm

Palm Sunday 10.00 am & 12pm

St. Mary's Ballygunner

Weds 7.00pm

11.00am StPatrick's Day

Saturday: 7pm

Palm Sunday: 11am

Gospel Reflection for the Fifth Sunday of Lent

The Inwards Looking Glass

It's easy to list other people's faults; we do it all the time. But if we were to list our own faults, we could probably come up with only a few. We might be surprised and hurt to see ourselves as others see us. Obviously it is easier to see the faults of others because we are looking outwards at the world, but if we are to become good at forgiving others, we must first hold up an inwards looking glass to our own faults. Once we can see ourselves as needing God's forgiveness, it is so much easier for us to forgive others.

Today Jesus orders us to step away from our moral high ground. In today's reading, the Scribes and Pharisees, filled with self-righteous contempt, drag an adulteress before Jesus. She has been caught in the act and by the Law of Moses must be stoned. What does Jesus have to say on the matter? It's a trap of course! If Jesus is not seen to uphold the Law of Moses he will be accused of heresy. But Jesus tactically avoids any discussion on the law altogether by saying "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone...." One by one the crowd disperses. Then Jesus gives the woman God's forgiveness and tells her not to sin again.

We have a problem with forgiveness. When someone has hurt us, forgiveness is the last thing on our mind. We equate forgiveness with letting someone off the hook. Even when someone repents, we still imagine that only their punishment will make us feel better. Similarly we have a problem with being forgiven. Has God really forgiven the sins of our past? Perhaps because we are so bad at giving out forgiveness ourselves, do we carry the sins of our past round like excess baggage, allowing shame to cloud our self-perception. There are two challenges in today's gospel reading. The first is to accept that we are really forgiven by God and to feel the joy of going through life without the burden of our past. The second is to afford others their forgiveness. This doesn't have to mean letting our criminal element off the hook, but it does mean judging others through Jesus' eyes and administering justice with reconciliation and second chances in mind rather than punishment and revenge.

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

Is 50:4-7.

Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24.

Phil 2:6-11.

Lk 22:14-23:56.

Please remember in your prayers those who died recently

Joe Murphy, Béara, Cork

Those whose anniversaries and birthdays occur

Charlie Ware, Nicholas Flynn, Josephine Maher,

Bobby Power, Richard Morgan,

Peter Powell, Jack & Elizabeth Walsh

MASSES

St. Joseph & St. Benildus Church

6.30 p.m. (Sat)

10.00 a.m.(Sun)

12.00 Noon (Sun)

St. Mary's Church

7.00pm (Sat)

11.00a.m (Sun)

12th/13th Mar 2016

John Hogan

Patrick White

Patrick Joseph O'Shea

Linda Grace
& Mary & Tim Power

John Lyons

19th/20th Mar 2016

Canon Francis Hopkins

Olga Bagriy

James Phelan

William Farrell
Joseph Jennings (M.M)

Last Sunday's Collection

€2,501

Thank you for your generous offering

Trócaire Lenten Appeal

Trócaire Lenten Boxes are available on tables in the church.

Aifreann as Gaeilge

Beidh Aifreann as Gaeilge i Seipéal Naomh Mhuire, ag 11.00 ar maidin, Lá Fhéile Pádraig. Fáilte roimh chách.

There will be an Irish language Mass in St.Mary's at 11.00am, St.Patrick's Day.

Lenten Food Collection

Non-perishable food items are being collected in both churches after Mass each Sunday during lent. All items collected will be donated to the St.Vincent de Paul Society. Baskets at rear of both churches.

Meeting of Baptism Team Members

Next meeting on Monday March 21st at 8.30pm in the Parish Centre. Meeting will be in the small room upstairs. Tea/Coffee provided.

Mt.Sion: Holy Thursday

Holy Thursday Special Taizé Hour with the Island of Ireland Peace Choir, 9.00pm-10.00pm Edmund Rice Chapel, Mount Sion.

Coffee Morning, St.Mary's

A coffee morning will be held in the Sacristy of St.Mary's Church after 11.00am Mass on Palm Sunday, 20th March.

Rotas

Rotas for St.Mary's Church are available in the sacristy.

Lenten Movie

The movie "ROMERO", on the life of Archbishop Oscar Romero, will be shown in the Parish Centre (Upstairs) on Tuesday 15th March at 8.00pm. Dr.Paul Clogher (Lecturer in Theology, W.I.T) will facilitate a discussion on the theme of Mercy which is one of the major themes featured in the film.

Child Safety: Important Meeting

Avril Halley, *Safeguarding Children Co-ordinator* in the Diocese, would like to address all those involved in Ministries in the Parish. Avril wishes to inform us of new protocols in relation to Child Safeguarding. The meeting will be held on **Thursday April 7th, in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm.**

Taizé-style Penitential Service

Monday March 21st, in St.Joseph & St.Benildus Church, with Waterford Peace Choir at 7.30pm.

Public Conference

Remembering, Forgetting and Fulfilling 1916.

Can the future be built upon the untapped resources of the past?

Prof Charles Townshend: "The Complexities of Commemoration "

Prof Ronan Fanning: "The Political Abuses of 1916"

Mr.Dermot Meleady : "Misremembering History"

The Ven Robin Bantry White: "Contrasting Voices: DrKathleen Lynn & Prof Walter Alison Phillips"

Christ Church Cathedral, Waterford. March 18th-19th, 2016.

www.christchurchwaterford.com or phone 051 858958

Cost for full conference 80euro (including light lunch Saturday for those who pre-register) Concession 39euro for retired people or on receipt of Student or Social Welfare Card.

The Synod on the Family: What about Women?

Presented by the WIT Dept. of Applied Arts' Religious Studies & Theology Research Group. Dr.Phyllis Zagano asks what the synod has to say about the role of women in the Catholic Church. Dr.Zagano is an internationally acclaimed Catholic scholar and lecturer on contemporary spirituality and women's issues in the Church. 14th March, 2016, 18.00-19.00pm. Main Auditorium, Cork Road Campus. Cost: Free..

Thursday, St.Patrick's Day

Masses as follows:

St.Mary's:

Vigil Mass, Wednesday 16th at 7.00pm

Thursday, 17th at 11.00am (as Gaeilge)

St.Joseph & St.Benildus Church:

Vigil Mass, Wednesday 16th at 6.30pm.

Thursday, 17th at 10.00am & 12 noon

Saint Patrick, 17th March

"What distinguishes Patrick is the durability of his efforts. When one considers the state of Ireland when he began his mission work, the vast extent of his labours (all of Ireland) and how the seeds he planted continued to grow and flourish, one can only admire the kind of man Patrick must have been. The holiness of a person is known only by the fruits of his or her work" www.americancatholic.org