



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



NEWSLETTER

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

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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 & 7.30pm

Thurs Easter Triduum

Fri Easter Triduum

Sat 9.00pm

Sunday 10.00 am & 12pm

St. Mary's Ballygunner

Thursday Easter Triduum

Saturday: 9.00pm

Sunday: 11am

***Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
When Compromise Isn't An Option***

Today we remember Jesus' journey from Palm Sunday to Good Friday. A question that gets asked a lot is, why did Jesus not turn his donkey around and bypass Jerusalem altogether? Wouldn't it have been better for Jesus to have lived into old age continuing to teach and to heal? The hardest lesson for Jesus' disciples to learn was that for Jesus to have bypassed Jerusalem, he would also have had to bypass his mission. Jesus had an unwavering commitment, and as Christians we are asked to share that commitment, and understand what that commitment might mean in the detail of our lives.

Commitment doesn't just mean thinking something is quite a good idea, or thinking we really ought to pursue something. It doesn't even mean badly wanting to do something. Commitment is about a passion that drives us towards an end goal despite all the odds. Commitment is about dedication, and self discipline. Commitment means being uncomfortable now and then; it might even mean self sacrifice. Christianity is not just about wearing our Sunday best and being very nice people. As Christians we are looking at the world in all its life and death situations and knowing that compromise isn't an option.

How sad to get to the end of life and having to admit we have done nothing of great importance; nothing worthy of our commitment; nothing worthy of being a Christian. If this all seems a bit daunting, it doesn't have to be. Part of our larger commitment brings smaller daily commitments. Christianity is a big meaningful journey starting out with small manageable steps.

For Jesus, commitment and self sacrifice went hand in hand. This week we remember the death of Jesus as a supreme act of love. Jesus taught us that we are worth all that pain and suffering. How do we live our lives from this day on knowing that Jesus considered us worth his ultimate sacrifice?

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

Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34, 37-43.

Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23.

Col 3:1-4.

Jn 20:1-9.

Please remember in your prayers those who died recently

Ellen Glasheen, The Sycamores, Dunmore Rd.

Bernard Hayes, Ballygunner.

Those whose anniversaries and birthdays occur

Betty Barry.

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)

19th/20th Mar 2016

Canon Francis Hopkins

Olga Bagriy

James Phelan

William Farrell
Joseph Jennings (M.M)

26th/27th Mar 2016

Vigil (9.00pm)

Eileen Reynolds

Martin Doheny

Vigil (9.00pm)

Tony Power

Last Sunday's Collection

€2,462

Thank you for your generous offering

Recent Baptisms

We welcome *Robbie Foley, Hugh Murphy, Sophia McCarthy, Christina Hough, and Isaac Nagle* who were baptised recently. Please keep them, their Godparents and parents in your prayers.

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 pro-

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.

Triduum

The summit of the Liturgical Year is the Easter Triduum—from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday.

Café Theology: Is Faith Relevant for Today's Youth? Granville Hotel, Weds 23rd Mar, 7.30pm. All welcome.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

The regular Wednesday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in St.Joseph & St.Benildus Church will not take place during Holy Week and Easter Week.

Trócaire LentenAppeal

Please return Lenten Trócaire Boxes on Holy Thursday.

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.

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.

Nightfever Event :

A Nightfever event (lightfever) will be held in the Cathedral, of the Most Holy Trinity, Waterford on Wednesday next of Holy week, the 23rd of March, beginning at [1.00pm](#) and finishing with Benediction at [5.00pm](#) in time for the 5.30pm Mass. Nightfever is an afternoon of "Open Church" where street missionaries go in pairs onto the streets of Waterford and invite people to come inside and experience a special atmosphere of music, prayer, confession, and candlelight, allowing us spend some time in prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. All are very welcome. Feel free to come and go as you want.. www.nightfever.org.

Holy Week Services

St.Joseph & St.Benildus Church

Monday 21st March: Masses 7.30am & 10.30am.

Taizé-style Penitential Service 7.30pm.

Tuesday 22nd March: Masses 7.30am & 10.30am.

Weds 23rd March: Masses 7.30am & 10.30am & 7.30pm.

Anointing of the sick during 7.30pm Mass.

Holy Thursday 24th March 10.30am Mass of Chrism, (*Cathedral of the Most Holy Trinity*).

7.30pm: Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper.

Renewal of Commitment for Eucharistic Ministers.

Procession to the Altar of Repose. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, concluding with Night Prayer at 10.00pm. Watch & Pray.

Good Friday 25th March: Way of the Cross in the **City Centre**, 12noon.

Solemn Liturgy of the Passion 3.00pm. Stations of the Cross 7.30pm.

Holy Saturday 26th March: Easter Vigil 9.00pm.

Easter Sunday 27th March: Masses 10am & 12noon.

CONFESSIONS:

Monday: 7.30pm Penitential Service.

Tues & Weds: After 10.30am Mass.

Holy Thursday: After Ceremonies.

Good Friday: 11.00am to 12.30pm, and after ceremonies at 3pm & 7pm.

Holy Saturday: 11.00am to 12.30pm, and 2.00pm to 3.00pm.

St.Mary's, Ballygunner

Holy Thursday: 7.30pm Evening Mass of The Lord's Supper.

Good Friday 25th March: 12.00noon. Stations of the Cross.

(Confessions after Stations of the Cross)

7.30pm Solemn Liturgy of the Passion.

Holy Saturday 26th March: 12.00noon: Confessions

9.00pm Easter Vigil.

Easter Sunday March 27th: 11.00am Mass.