



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



**NEWSLETTER**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

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**PARISH INFORMATION**

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**Gospel Reflection for the Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**Peace and Love**

Our world is complex and demanding. The daily pressures on us all are immense, and that is when stress can take over and affect us in all sorts of negative ways. Stress can make us perform less well, it can make us difficult to live with, it can even make us ill.

Finding peace can just seem like a bit of a naïve idea. We think we might find peace if we finish that mountain of work or sort out a money problem, but somehow there is always another problem just around the corner and peace eludes us yet again. Could it be that we are looking for peace in the wrong places?

In today's gospel reading, Jesus bids farewell to his friends and gives them some parting promises. One of his promises is that he will leave us his peace, but it will not be a peace found of this world. We will not find Jesus' peace in being marooned on a desert island, in the freedom of a bank holiday Monday or in a pension plan. We will not even find peace in the absence of hostility conflict or war. We will only find peace by living in God's love, and living in God's love means sharing his mission. Jesus' peace is found in integrity and justice and wholeness. Peace is found when we stop thinking about ourselves and think about others.

In Jesus' farewell it is easy to sense the abandonment the disciples must have felt; easy, because there are times when we too feel alone and abandoned. There will almost definitely be times when the inner peace we thought we'd found isn't enough! There'll almost definitely be times when we are afraid and our friends and family seem ill equipped to help us. Jesus reminds us that in times such as these we have the Holy Spirit ever present and dwelling within us to give us strength, comfort and guidance.

In these weeks before Pentecost we celebrate that while life is dishing out its unfair share of relentless challenges, the Spirit is always there to encourage and remind us.

**MASSES THIS WEEK**

**St. Joseph & St. Benildus**

Mon 7.30am & 10.30 am

Tues 7.30am & 10.30 am

Wed 7.30am & 10.30 am

Thurs 7.30am & 10.30am

Fri 7.30am & 10.30am

Sat 10.30am & 6.30pm

Sunday 10.00 am & 12pm

**St. Mary's Ballygunner**

**First Fri 9.30am**

Saturday: 7.00pm

Sunday: 11am

**If you wish to prepare  
next Sunday's Readings:  
The Ascension of the  
Lord**

**Acts 1:1-11.**

**Ps 46:2-3, 6-9.**

**Eph 1:17-23**

**Lk 24:46-53.**

*Please remember in your prayers those who died about a month ago*

**Robin Dawson**

*And those whose anniversaries and birthdays occur*

**Nicholas Kennedy, Karen Ann Finnerty,**

**John Heffernan.**

**MASSES**

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

6.30 (Sat )

10.00 a.m.( Sun )

12.00 Noon ( Sun )

**St. Mary's Church**

7.00pm( Sat)

11.00a.m ( Sun )

**30th April/1st May**

Kathleen O'Connell

Séamus Reale

Michael & Elizabeth Cusack

Bernard Hayes (M.M)  
& John Heffernan

**7th /8th May 2016**

Dora & Patrick Forrest

Michael Croke  
& Pat (Patsy ) Larkin ( M.M)

Declan O'Sullivan

Colm Hartley

## Last Sunday's Collection

**€2,433**  
*Thank you for your generous offering*

### Recent Baptisms

We welcome *George Malone, Aisling Grace Connolly,* and *Charlie David Everett*, who were baptised recently. Please keep them, their parents and Godparents in your prayers.

### Reopening of Link Corridor

We are delighted to announce that the Link Corridor between St. Joseph & St. Benildus Church and the Parish Centre is now fully renovated and ready for use. We apologise that it took so long to complete. Thank you for your patience.

### Coffee Mornings

The Coffee Morning held on Wednesdays has now raised 1090euro to send a parishioner to Lourdes. We will continue to collect for this worthy cause until the end of May, and would encourage everyone to come and join us for a cuppa on Wednesdays after the 10.30am Mass.

### Camp Veritas

Camp Veritas is a one-week "Play & Pray" sleepaway summer camp for teens 12-18 years old. This is its second year running and it is being held in Maynooth University Campus from 26th June to July 1st. Cost, approx. 400euro. (reductions for those who register early). Volunteers are also needed and can be aged 18 upwards. Lots of fun and life-long friendships to be made, and a chance to deepen your relationship with Christ our Lord.  
 Info: [www.campveritas.ie](http://www.campveritas.ie)

### First Friday

Friday 6th May is the First Friday of the month. Mass will be celebrated at 9.30am in St. Mary's, Ballygunner. Communion will be delivered to the sick and housebound. If you know someone who would like to be included, please notify the sacristy/parish office 051-878977.

## Live Streaming, St. Joseph & St. Benildus & St. Mary's Church Services

Live services from these Churches are available on:  
<http://jbmparish.com> *and*  
[www.churchservices.tv/stjosephswaterford](http://www.churchservices.tv/stjosephswaterford)  
[www.churchservices.tv/stmarysballygunner](http://www.churchservices.tv/stmarysballygunner)

### Year of Mercy Reflection MERCY HAS A FACE

Presented by Most Rev Bishop Donal Murray DD. ( Bishop Emeritus—Limerick Diocese ). Cathedral of the Most Holy Trinity, Waterford. Tuesday 10th May @ 7.30pm. *We will gather in prayer at the Holy Door, followed by reflection from Bishop Donal.* All are welcome

### Drop-in Meetings : St. Joseph & St. Benildus Church

The arrangement whereby parishioners could drop in to the sacristy on Monday, Wednesday and Friday has been temporarily suspended due to Fr. John's illness. Fr. Liam would be delighted to meet anyone who wishes to see a priest or arrange a wedding or Christening, etc, but it will be necessary to make an appointment in advance. Please ring the office ( 051 878977 ).

### Edmund Rice Week of Prayer 2016 (May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>)

All events start at 8.00 pm.

**Opening night, Tuesday May 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Mass celebrated by Fr. Robert Grant PP. Ballybeg – a past pupil of Waterpark College. The guest speaker will be Ms. Monica Reilly. She has been deeply involved in Brothers' projects in deprived areas of Dublin. She will speak about Edmund Rice's influence on her life and ministry. The choir on Tuesday will be the Cathedral Vigil choir led by Caroline Reid-O'Brien.

**On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May** the Edmund Rice Camp Leaders based here in Mount Sion will lead a Retreat session. Three of them went to India last summer. They will recount their experiences there and the impression it made on them

**On Thursday May 5<sup>th</sup>** (The Feast of Blessed Edmund) Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Patrick Duffy. Fr. Duffy, who is from Dublin, spent some of his early adult life here in Mount Sion as a Christian Brother teaching in the Manor CBS. He left the Brothers before Final Profession, later married, and became a father, later a grand-father. When his wife died he became a priest in Ferns.

The guest speaker on this evening is Dr Donal Blake, a Christian Brother based in Dublin. He too spent some time in Mount Sion. The Edmund Rice Choral and Musical Society will sing at this Mass.

**Friday May 6<sup>th</sup>,** is a first Friday and we will have our usual Taizé Prayer evening with the Island of Ireland Peace Choir. They will be joined by some members of the High Hopes Choir who will give us an insight into the realities of Homelessness.

### Diocese of Waterford & Lismore : World Youth Day 26th July – 2nd August 2016 Krakow, Poland.

You are invited to join the Diocese of Waterford & Lismore on what promises to be a wonderful pilgrimage of faith, discovery and sheer enjoyment. We will lead a pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Krakow Poland from July 26th to August 2nd, 2016, and want you to be part of it.

If you are aged between 18-35 years and are interested in being part of this adventure, or to find out more, please email: [waterfordlismore@eircom.net](mailto:waterfordlismore@eircom.net) or call 051-874463. Total cost including flights & accommodation 700euro.