



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



**NEWSLETTER  
Third Sunday of Easter**

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**PARISH INFORMATION  
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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 7.30am & 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**

Saturday: 7.00pm  
Sunday: 11am

**Gospel Reflection for the Third Sunday of Easter  
Second Chances**

After the Resurrection, we might have expected the disciples to rush off in a frenzy of enthusiasm spreading the good news, but no, today we find them back on the lake fishing. When you stop for a minute to imagine what it might have been like to be in Peter's shoes perhaps it isn't all that surprising. Peter had given up everything for Jesus and promised his all. But despite all his promises, Peter had ended up denying Jesus three times. Almost certainly he would have been suffering from feelings of crippling guilt and insurmountable failure. Is it really any wonder that fishing suddenly seemed a more attractive option than evangelising?

But for Jesus, giving up is not an option. Jesus appears at dawn by the lakeside where he asks Peter. "Do you love me?" Three times Jesus asks the same question ... the same number of times that Peter had previously denied him. It's as though Jesus is giving Peter the chance to put right a wrong. This is part of Peter's healing process. This is Peter's big chance to put his hopes and dreams back on track. Then Jesus, who has known all along what is in Peter's heart, gives him a gentle reminder of his commission to shepherd his Church.

There's a heartening message for us too in this story. How many times do we see in the Bible people getting not just second chances but third and fourth chances? We can get things wrong and we can let ourselves down ... but God who knows what is in our hearts, reminds us that he is there to take away the burden of our guilt and of our failures and set before us new horizons and second chances. We are not expected to be perfect; we are only expected to be human.

**If you wish to prepare next  
Sunday's Readings:  
4th Sunday of Easter  
Acts 13:14, 43-52  
Apoc 7:9, 14-17  
Ps 99:1-3, 5  
Jn 10:27-30**

*Please remember in your prayers  
those whose anniversaries and birthdays occur*

***Thea O'Shea, Donal McBride, John Corcoran, Nancy Pepper, Michael Maher, Gregory Walsh, Joyce Robinson & deceased members of Conway Family, deceased members of St. Joseph & St. Benildus Bridge Club***

**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 )

**9th/10th April 2016**

Thea O'Shea

Donal McBride

John Corcoran

Nancy Pepper

Michael Maher

**16th/17th April 2016**

Dave Cotter

Michael Moynihan

John Upton

Philip & Elizabeth Hartrey

## Last Sunday's Collection

**€2732**  
*Thank you for your generous offering*

### Easter Collection

The Easter Collection envelopes for the support of the priests may be handed in to the sacristy. Thank you for your continued generosity.

### Parents' Meeting before Baptism of Children

*Our next meeting will be on 13th April 2016 at 8pm in the Parish Centre.*

At these meetings, parents and team spend time exploring our understanding of Baptism. It is also a time for parents to meet each other.

### Lough Derg Jubilee Year of Mercy Pilgrimage Season

opens on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May with One Day Retreats which continue on 2, 7, 8, 10, 14, 15, 17, 21, 22, 23, 28, 29 & 30 of May. Booking is essential.

The Three Day Pilgrimage season begins on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June. You may begin the Pilgrimage on any day between 1<sup>st</sup> June and 3<sup>rd</sup> August. Pre-booking is not required for the Three Day Pilgrimage. Contact Lough Derg by telephone 071 9861518, email [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org), [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org).

### VOLUNTEER IN AFRICA

Humanitarian Volunteers are looking for volunteers to travel to Kenya on 26 June 2016. The volunteers will work on a humanitarian project for two weeks. No experience required and no age restrictions. Supervision provided. Volunteers will also visit the resting place of the Venerable Edel Quinn. No large fundraising. Volunteers will pay their own costs.

If you can assist teaching English, or assist with sports, games, arts, crafts or more, then you can make a real impact on the lives of the poorest and those without hope. **Contact Denis/ Humanitarian Volunteers/086 8520271.**

## 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)

### The Door of Mercy—Talk

*'I have decided to announce an Extraordinary Jubilee which has at its centre the mercy of God. It will be a Holy Year of Mercy. We want to live in the light of the word of the Lord: "Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful" (cf. Lk 6:36). And this especially applies to confessors! So much mercy! - Pope Francis'*

A talk will be given by Sr. Marie Fahy, Abbess of St. Mary's Abbey, Glencairn. She will provide a reflection on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April @ 7.30pm in the Cathedral of the Most Holy Trinity on the door of Mercy in this year of Mercy

We will begin by gathering for prayer at the Holy Door before Sr. Marie begins her reflection.

### *Do you enjoy a cuppa and a chat?.....then the Waterford Contact Project may be for you!*

The Waterford Contact Project is a free of charge visiting/befriending service for older people in Waterford city and close surrounding areas. It has been established for the past five years and is run by St Brigid's Family and Community Centre. The Waterford Contact Project has a pool of volunteers who are available to visit older people in their own homes (upon their request) once per week for one to two hours for a chat & company.

All volunteers are interviewed, reference checked, garda vetted and enjoy chatting and reminiscing. The Waterford Contact Project also supports older people to connect with activities and services in their local community.

#### **For more information or if you would like a Volunteer to visit, please contact:**

Mags Drohan (Project Coordinator), St Brigid's Family & Community Centre, 37 Lower Yellow Road, Waterford City, Tel: 051-375261

The Project is part-funded by HSE, IPB Insurance, Respond! Housing Association & Clannad Care.

### Follow the Icon

Celebrating 150 Years with the Redemptorists.

*Jubilee Pilgrimage, Most Holy Trinity Cathedral, Waterford.*

#### Monday 11th April:

5.30pm Mass of Welcome, celebrated by Bishop Cullinan.

8.00pm Healing Service

#### Tues 12th April:

7.00am Mass

10.30am Mass.

11.30am Prayer Service for Primary Schools