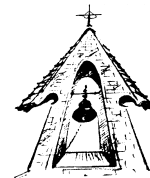


Parish of St. Joseph & St. Benildus and St. Mary's
Newtown Road, Waterford City, Ireland



NEWSLETTER
Fifth Sunday of Easter

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Gospel Reflection for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

Love Is Catching

Does it ever seem to you that Jesus can be a little unrealistic? Today Jesus tells us **"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."** But how can we go round loving everyone we meet? Isn't love reserved to those closest to us ... our parents, children, and partners? Harder still, how can we love as Jesus loved? Jesus loved us to the point of death. Surely following this kind of example is a very tall order!

The main thing to remember in following Jesus' teaching is that he wouldn't ask anything of us that we couldn't do. Secondly, we might not be ready to love each other to the point of death, but Jesus gives us plenty of other lessons in how to love. We're not talking about some impossible ideal or some form of idealistic behaviour. We simply need to recognise, as Jesus recognised, that love is a basic human need. Jesus had a talent for seeing everyone as an individual. We too need to see people as individuals rather than lump them together into categories. We too need to recognise need and respond accordingly.

Loving someone is a decision we make rather than the harbouring of fluffy romantic sentiments found in greeting cards. Loving someone is about serving the need to be liked, appreciated, forgiven or helped. We follow Jesus' lessons in love every time we seek to alleviate someone else's suffering ... every time we reject violence and retaliation every time we make a stand against neglect or greed or apathy.

There are plenty of people who are already living their lives by Jesus' example. These people are shining examples of discipleship, not by what they say but by how they behave. Have you ever been filled with so much respect for someone that you wanted to imitate them? If you start to behave in the same way it won't be long before others are looking up to you as a role model. Watch out love is catching.

Please remember in your prayers those whose anniversaries and birthdays occur

*Lily May Kinsey, Edward McFeely,
Patrick & Johanna Power, Bridie Meehan,
Nora Holden*

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

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

6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29.
Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8.
Apoc 21:10-14, 22-23.
Jn 14:23-29.

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)

23rd/24th April 2016

Tom Sheridan

Dick Cullinane

John Barron

Helena Kearney

Paddy & Maureen Moloney

30th April/1st May

Kathleen O'Connell

Michael & Elizabeth Cusack

Robin Dawson (M.M)

Bernard Hayes (M.M)
& John Heffernan

Last Sunday's Collection

€2,061
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.

Clerical Assistant Needed

There is a Community Employment position available as Clerical Assistant in our Parish Office. Applicants must be computer literate. Minimum qualification: ECDL. All those who are entitled to apply should contact Georgina Kiely at 086 8874891. Application forms will be available on the Solas (previously Fás) website.

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

Lough Derg Jubilee Year of Mercy

Pilgrimage Season opens on Sunday 1st 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 1st June. You may begin the Pilgrimage on any day between 1st June and 3rd August.

Pre-booking is not required for the Three Day Pilgrimage. Contact Lough Derg by telephone 071 9861518, email info@loughderg.org, www.loughderg.org.

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
www.churchservices.tv/stmarysballygunner

Table Quiz: 19th/29th Ballygunner Scout Group.

Our scout group will hold a table quiz next week.

Date: Thursday 28th April.

Venue: Oskar's Bar, Dunmore Road.

Time: 8pm.

Entry Fee 5euro per person, or 20euro per team of four.

Prizes for winning teams and raffle prizes.

Please come along for a fun night out !

Entries on the night or in advance to noneilosullivan@gmail.com. We will award a prize to a pre-entered team with the best name based on scouting theme !

An Evening of Taizé

An Evening of Taizé with the island of Ireland Peace Choir will take place in the Edmund Rice Chapel, Mount Sion, Waterford on Friday May 6th at 8pm.

Friends of University Hospital, Waterford : TABLE QUIZ

Thursday 28th April, at 8pm in the Cove Bar.

20euro per table of 4 people. First prize 100euro. Also, a Raffle with lots of prizes ! Please come and support us. All the money collected goes to providing patient comforts at the hospital.

First Holy Communions

Pupils from Newtown National School and Christchurch National School will make their First Holy Communion this Sunday. Many thanks to Olive Ruane, Parish Catechist, for her work in preparing the children.

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).

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.

Thank you , Betty !

As you know, Betty Swift finished in our office last week, as her CE contract expired. We are most grateful for her wonderful presence in the office, and for her great dedication to the Parish.