



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



NEWSLETTER
The Ascension of the Lord

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Gospel Reflection for Pentecost
Something Extraordinary

How often have we heard the claim ... "I never knew he had it in him!" The astonished claim is usually made when someone seemingly ordinary has achieved something extraordinary. We may have experienced first hand the surprise at finding hidden depths in times of trouble. Some of us might imagine that those depths were always there, dormant and untested. Others might be reminded that Jesus promised to leave us his Spirit to strengthen and guide us. On Pentecost Sunday we celebrate the pouring out of the Holy Spirit upon the first disciples and how the Holy Spirit inspired them to reach out around the world regardless of language, culture, race, age or class. Suddenly a group of frightened and inactive disciples stepped out of their comfort zones and began to do amazing things. These once ordinary people began to communicate in word and deed with seemingly little regard for their own safety. The early Christians were so inspired that they attracted the interest of non Christians who added their numbers day by day.

Can the Holy Spirit work similar wonders day? Can the Holy Spirit lend courage where there is fear, clarity where there is confusion and unity where there is diversity? Could the Holy Spirit help us find new ways to reach out? Acknowledging that the Holy Spirit could work through us is a very powerful belief. Empowered in baptism, could we be ordinary people capable of the extraordinary?

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 10.30 am & 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:
The Feast of the Most
Holy Trinity
Prov. 8:22-31
Ps 8:4-9
Rm 5:1-5.
Jn 16: 12- 15

Please remember in your prayers those who died about a month ago
(Eileen Whitty)

And those whose anniversaries and birthdays occur

Marie Dwyer Cora McGrath

Jack, Annie, Nola, Niall, Miller .Mario Gayeta,& Arselita Gayeta

MASSES

14th/15th/May 2016

21st 22th May 2016

St. Joseph & St. Benildus Church

6.30 (Sat)

Jack, Annie, Nola, Niall Miller

Louie (Elizabeth) Fitzgerald MM

10 am (Sun)

Marie Dwyer

Peggy Reville

12.00 Noon (Sun)

Cora McGrath

V. Rev Fr. Patrick Cooney

St Mary's Church

7.00pm (Sat)

John Barry

Darren O' Sullivan

11.00am (Sun)

Eileen Whitty (MM)

Ellen Glasheen (MM)

Last Sunday's Collection

€2,383
*Thank you for your
 generous offering*

Recent Baptisms

We welcome *Lilly May Hutchinson & Hannah Louise Chandler & Ellison O'Connor* who were baptised recently. Please keep them, and their parents and Godparents in your Prayers.

Pentecost Sunday: Day of Prayer

Pentecost Sunday 15th May: Day of Prayer, Praise, Holy Mass, music and healing in Mount Sion @ 10.30 to 5.30 pm Phone Sheila 0868590394.

May

The weather is getting marginally warmer, the parks are full of blossom. The month of May tempts us out into the open. Do God's planet a favour this month and leave the car at home whenever you can.

Ballygunner Scout Group

Ballygunner Scout Group invites all present and past members to the official opening of our campsite which will take place at Kilcop Woodstown on Sunday 15th May from 2pm onwards. The official opening will be performed by the Chief Scouts of Ireland, Christy McCann.

First Holy Communion

Wishing the very best to all the children of St John of God's School and St Mary's, Ballygunner who made their First Holy Communion this weekend.

We wish to express a much sincere thank you to the teachers who prepared the children so thoroughly for their special day.

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

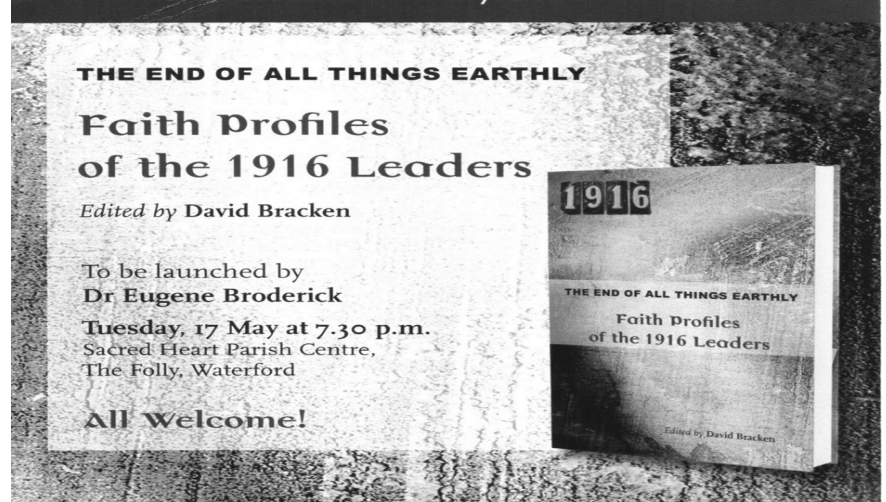
St John's Church

A Mass in honour of St. Peregrine, Patron Saint of those suffering from cancer, will be celebrated in St. John's on Wed. 15th May at 7.30pm.. An invitation is extended to all who have been touched by cancer to attend the Mass.

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).

Veritas Publications invites you to the launch of



Joint Meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Finance Council

At the meeting on Wed. evening last, a policy for fiscal sustainability in the parish was in principle agreed. A small committee will come together to develop the details of the policy and the programme for implementation. As soon as the details are agreed, the plan will be launched and all parishioners will be informed.

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 or call 051-874463. Total cost including flights & accommodation €700.