



Parish of St. Joseph & St. Benildus and St. Mary's
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NEWSLETTER
The Most Holy Trinity

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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 Most Holy Body &
Blood of Christ
Gn 14:18-20.
Ps 109:1-4.
1 Cor 11:23-26.
Lk 9:11-17.**

Gospel Reflection for Trinity Sunday
Who is God?

As children we might have wondered what God was like. We might have pictured an old man with a fluffy white beard and a kind face. As we get older we stop wondering what God is like and think about who God is. We might think that the trinity is some theological mystery, but perhaps it isn't as much a mystery as we think.

We already know a lot. We know that God is the Father who created a world for us to cherish, and who created each of us for an individual purpose. God is the Son who came and lived among us, teaching us how to become a part of God's Kingdom and saving the world from sin. God is the Holy Spirit left with us always to guide us towards truth. God is three persons but one God. God is certainly a mystery, but as Jesus himself points out, we are not expected to understand everything all of the time. All that is expected is that we keep searching for better understanding.

In Jesus' farewell to his disciples he says, "I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth." It is clear that Jesus is teaching his disciples in stages. Like every good teacher, Jesus knows that we can only digest so much new information at a time. The original disciples had to learn to walk before they could run, and that goes for us too.

We are all at different stages in our journey of faith, but that journey should never become static. "I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now." Jesus implies that we will be ready to learn more at some future date and he is leaving us the Spirit of truth to guide us towards revelation. It is tempting in the face of great mysteries like the Trinity to give up and leave theology to the great academics; but we are reminded that God has revealed truth to all sorts of people from small children to acclaimed philosophers, and from simple fishermen to learned theologians.

God is a sensitive teacher, but we have to play our part and be willing students. In an age of improved communications, discussion groups, television, competitive publishing and the internet, there's not much excuse for us to cease searching for insight and truth.

Please remember in your prayers those who died about a month ago
Ellen Glasheen,
Louie (Elizabeth) Fitzgerald,
And those whose anniversaries and birthdays occur
Clodagh Lee, Benny Hooper, Kevin O'Riordan, Gemma Phelan,
Nora Lyons.

MASSES

St. Joseph & St. Benildus Church
6.30 (Sat)

10 am (Sun)
12.00 Noon (Sun)

St Mary's Church
7.00pm (Sat)

11.00am (Sun)

St. Mary's Church

21st/ 22nd May 2016

Louie (Elizabeth) Fitzgerald MM

Peggy Reville
V. Rev Fr. Patrick Cooney

Darren O' Sullivan

Ellen Glasheen (MM)

28th/29th May 2016

Ralph Pheasy

Anne Kennedy Walsh
Kathleen Phelan
& Nicola Doheny

Thomas & William Power

Mary Fitzgerald

Last Sunday's Collection

€2,726
*Thank you for your
 generous offering*

First Holy Communion

We wish the very best to all the children of Gaelscoil Phort Lairge, *Baile Mhic Gonair* who made their First Holy Communion this weekend.

We wish to express a sincere **Go Raibh Míle** to the teachers who prepared the children so thoroughly for their special day. *Guímid beannachtaí Dé ar gach éinne.*

May Rosary Procession

The Annual May Rosary Procession will take place on Sunday 22nd May at 3pm, leaving Ballybricken Green to the Dominican Church, Bridge Street where the *Crowning of Our Lady* will take place.

All are very welcome to attend, especially those children who have received their First Holy Communion.

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.

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. 25th 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).

Madrigallery Chamber Choir

A concert with Madrigallery Chamber Choir will take place in St. Patrick's Gateway Centre, Patrick's Street, Waterford on Saturday 28th May at 8pm. All are welcome.

Waterford & Lismore Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Please pray for all those going on the Waterford and Lismore Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, from 6th to 11th June. Petitions, which will be brought to Lourdes, can be left in the Sacristy.

SOUNDS OF SUMMER

After their recent successful trip to Vienna, **WATERFORD MALE VOICE CHOIR** present their **Annual Summer Concert at the Tower Hotel on Wednesday next, 25th May, at 8pm.** The concert will feature the Barrack Street Concert Band, Dylan Brown (classical pianist), and Vocal Trio, "Dulcet".

Tickets at 10euro available from choir members, City Square Jewellery Repair and Christ Church shop.

Corpus Christi Procession

There will be a Corpus Christi procession on Sunday 29th May at 3.00pm. The route of the Procession is as follows: Commences at the Bull Post, Ballybricken, along Mayor's Walk, onto Newgate Street, onto New Street, onto Michael Street, onto John Roberts Square for Benediction.

Lasallian Project 2016

On behalf of the Lasallian Project 2016, Br. Tom Walsh will speak at all Masses this weekend about this summer's project in South Africa. There will be a collection for the project after each Mass. Thank you for your continued support.

Bitesize

All truths are easy to understand once they are discovered; the point is to discover them. *Galileo Galilei. Italian astronomer & physicist (1564 - 1642)*