



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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PARISH INFORMATION

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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 6.30pm only

Sunday 10.00 am & 12pm

St. Mary's Ballygunner

Saturday: 7.00pm

Sunday: 11am

Gospel Reflection for the Ascension

Abandoned?

The trouble with the Ascension is that we're left with a feeling of abandonment. We imagine Jesus going to some place high above the clouds, or to some faraway place beyond death. If the disciples felt any sense of abandonment that's certainly not how they acted. Notice that the disciples didn't leave the scene of the Ascension in mourning; they returned with great joy and praised God in the temple day after day. It is clear that the disciples did not experience Jesus as absent. It is clear that in everything they did from then on that Jesus was real and present in their lives. It's true that Jesus is no longer with us physically, but he has not left us; he has simply handed over the reins.

Like every good teacher who eventually trusts his students to stand on their own two feet, so Jesus finally trusts his disciples to carry the baton. So too, we need to think of Jesus, not in a far off kind of way, but as part of our lives and part of our daily decisions.

The focus of today's gospel reading is exaltation and mission. It's time for us to stop looking into the sky wondering where Jesus has gone, and focus on the important business of putting his teaching into action. It's time to dismiss any notion of mourning Jesus' physical absence and rejoice in his guiding presence in our daily lives.

**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

Pat (Patsy Larkin)

And those whose anniversaries and birthdays occur

Anastasia Lahert, Michael Croke,

Declan O'Sullivan, Colm Hartley, Myra McGrath

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)

7th /8th May 2016

Dora & Patrick Forrest

Michael Croke

& Pat (Patsy) Larkin (M.M)

Declan O'Sullivan

Colm Hartley

14th/15th May 2016

Jack, Anne, Nola & Niall Miller

Marie Dwyer

Cora McGrath

John Barry

Eileen Whitty

Last Sunday's Collection

€2,653
*Thank you for your
 generous offering*

Recent Baptisms

We welcome *Libby Winspear & Daragh Francis Brennan* 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.

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.

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

Mass times

Please note that there will be no 10.30am mass on Saturday 14th May 2016 as the Children from St. John of God National School will be making their First Holy Communion at 11am.

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

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).

Parents Meeting—Before Baptism of Children

Next Meeting on Wednesday May 11th 2016

Upstairs in Parish Centre

8pm to 9pm

We welcome all parents awaiting Baptism of children. This is an opportunity to meet other parents and to reflect on the sacrament of Baptism. Meeting will be facilitated by Fr. Liam and members of the Baptism Team. Time inclusive of tea and biscuits!

Joint Meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Finance Council

The Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Finance Council will meet on Wed evening next to discuss a new parish policy for sustainability. With the current parish debt, (€450,000), it is difficult to balance the books. We need to explore new approaches to enable us to grow as a vibrant faith community., particularly as the number of priests continues to decline.

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.