



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



NEWSLETTER

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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 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: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zec 12:10-11, 13:1.

Ps 62:2-6, 8-9.

Gal 3:26-29.

Lk 9:18-24.

Gospel Reflection for the Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

He Who Has Been Forgiven Little Loves Little.

There are none so unforgiving as those who have never committed any great sin of their own who have never had their comfortable standards put to the test who have never sought forgiveness with any great need. Perhaps for these people it doesn't seem any big deal to withhold forgiveness because they have never experienced the joy and relief of receiving it.

It's a very different story for those who know the burden of guilt, for those who wish they could put the clock back and undo the sins that colour their future. For these people, forgiveness is liberation and salvation.

This is how the woman of ill repute must have felt in today's gospel. She had the burden of sin taken away from her and she was overwhelmed with gratitude and love for Jesus. "He who has been forgiven little loves little," Jesus tells us. To know the importance of forgiveness in our own lives is to know the importance of forgiveness for others too.

Nowadays we are very quick to label people and judge them. Every time we open a newspaper or switch on our television we find ourselves automatically judging the politician who has had an affair, or the football hooligan who has trashed a city bar. But to have an unforgiving nature is to deny someone the chance to change. To deny someone forgiveness is to label them by their sin and fail to see anything worthy in them.

The Pharisees were careful to segregate themselves from sinners lest they became unclean. They saw their uninvited female guest as nothing more than a sinner, and they were appalled that Jesus did not see her in the same way. Jesus on the other hand saw her as someone with faith and a genuine desire to live her life in a different way. The invitation for us today is that we see people not by their past misdemeanours, but by their true worth. We are invited to share in the love and freedom that forgiveness can bring.

Please remember in your prayers those whose anniversaries and birthdays occur

John & Mary Coade, Teresa 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)

11th/12th June 2016

Vivienne Burke

Dearbhla Clarke

Jimmy O'Leary

John Power

Maureen Threadaway

18th/19th June 2016

Miriam O'Kane

Nora Kennedy (M.M)
& John Walsh

John & Ann Daniels

Gerry O'Carroll

Last Sunday's Collection

€2,182
*Thank you for your
generous offering*

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

Recent Marriages

Congratulations to **Kate Cullen** and **Vincent Foley** who were married recently in St. Mary's Church.

Recent Baptisms

We welcome *Anna Genoveffa O'Toole*, *Daniel Brendan John Carmody*, and *Oliver Zhao Fennessy* who were baptised recently. Please keep them, their parents and Godparents in your prayers.

St. Mary's: Cemetery Mass

The Annual Cemetery Mass for St. Mary's Cemetery, Ballygunner will take place on Thursday 16th June at 7.30pm. This Mass will be for both cemeteries.

The Mass will be celebrated in the Old Cemetery

Exam Students

Continued good wishes to all our young parishioners who are sitting State Exams this year. The exams began on Wednesday 8th June, and finish June 24th. Go n'éirí an t-ádh libh go léir.

Samaritans

A coffee morning will take place in aid of Waterford and South East Samaritans on Sunday 12th June at 12noon in the Granary Café, Hanover Street, Waterford. 5euro entry. *The Samaritans Choir* will be singing and a raffle will take place for a hamper on the day. Thank you for your support.

Youth 2000 Summer Festival

The Youth 2000 Summer Festival is taking place from Thursday 7th July to Sunday 10th July in the Cistercian College, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary. For young people aged 16-35, an opportunity not to be missed to experience the Catholic faith and meet many new people, with over 1200 young people from all corners of Ireland attending last year. The festival is donation only. Free buses available from all around Ireland. Further information and to book online, see www.youth2000.ie or phone 01 6753690

Solemn Novena of St. Anthony 4th-12th June.

Franciscan Friary, Lady Lane.

Mass-Mon-Sat 10.30am & 7.30pm.

Preacher: Fr. Tom Russell OFM (10-12th June).

Feast Day June 13th. Mass 10.30am
Blessing of Lilies.

World Meeting of Families

Please contribute on 10-11 June to the first national Church collection for the support of the World Meeting of Families 2018.

In 1994, Pope St John Paul II asked the Pontifical Council for the Family to establish the World meeting of Families as an international event of prayer, catechesis and celebration, drawing participants from around the globe. It seeks to strengthen the bonds between families and to bear witness to the crucial importance of marriage and the family for all of society. The World Meeting of Families also fosters gestures of solidarity for families in difficulty. www.worldmeeting2018.ie.

Meet & Greet

Volunteers are needed for Meet & Greet at the 6.30pm Mass in St. Joseph & St. Benildus Church. This will be on a rota basis. Please contact Parish office if interested 051878977

St. Mary's Rotas

Rotas for the coming months are available in the Sacristy.

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).

gExcerpt from Apostolic Exhortation: *Amoris Laetitia* : On Love in the Family, by Pope Francis.

Longer life spans now mean that close and exclusive relationships must last for four, five or even six decades; consequently, the initial decision has to be frequently renewed. While one of the spouses may no longer experience an intense sexual desire for the other, he or she may still experience the pleasure of mutual belonging and the knowledge that neither of them is alone but has a "partner" with whom everything in life is shared. He or she is a companion on life's journey, one with whom to face life's difficulties and enjoy its pleasures. This satisfaction is part of the affection proper to conjugal love. There is no guarantee that we will feel the same way all through life. Yet if a couple can come up with a shared and lasting life project, they can love one another and live as one until death do them part, enjoying an enriching intimacy. The love they pledge is greater than any emotion, feeling or state of mind, although it may include all of these. It is a deeper love, a lifelong decision of the heart. Even amid unresolved conflicts and confused emotional situations, they daily reaffirm their decision to love, to belong to one another, to share their lives and to continue loving and forgiving. Each progresses along the path of personal growth and development. On this journey, love rejoices at every step and in every new stage.