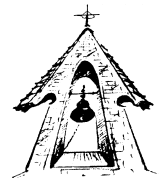




Parish of St. Joseph & St. Benildus and St. Mary's  
Newtown Road, Waterford City, Ireland



## NEWSLETTER

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Date: 19th June 2016  
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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

### Gospel Reflection for the Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time "Those Things That Hurt, Instruct."

Benjamin Franklin once said, "Those things that hurt, instruct." He meant that by confronting our problems and solving them, we learn and become stronger mentally and spiritually.

Unfortunately, most of us try to avoid problems. Problems cause us pain and difficulty. We hope that once we have cleared up one problem, we won't have any more to contend with .... then lo and behold we find yet another problem looming on life's horizon. If only we could learn to accept that problems and suffering are an inevitable part of life. If only we could learn to accept suffering as an opportunity to grow stronger and wiser.

"If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me," says Jesus in today's gospel. It doesn't sound too cheerful an invitation. Being a Christian doesn't sound much fun.

Wrong! Have you ever noticed that it is those who try to hide from their 'crosses' that are the most unhappy? Psychiatrists' clinics are full of patients who have layered neurosis upon neurosis trying to pretend their problems do not exist. How many people do you know that mask their problems with alcohol, drugs, over eating or retail therapy, ultimately making their problems ten times worse?

In stark contrast, we take off our hat to those who carry their cross happily and readily, sacrificing their own needs for the needs of a sick parent or child.

Life is undeniably difficult, but the minute we make a decision to confront our problems, and take up our crosses with good cheer, it instantly becomes less difficult.

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

13th Sunday in Ordinary  
Time

1 Kgs 19:16, 19-21.

Ps 15:1-2, 5, 7-11.

Gal 5:1, 13-18.

Lk 9:51-62.

*Please remember in your prayers those who died recently*

**Luke Kenny, Ballymacloide**

**Tom Clarke, Viewmount**

*Those who died about a month ago*

**John Bradley**

*Those whose anniversaries and birthdays occur*

**Anne & Aidan O'Leary, Eileen Nevins (20th ),**

**William Robinson.**

### 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)

18th/19th June 2016

Miriam O'Kane

Nora Kennedy (M.M)  
& John Walsh

John & Ann Daniels

Gerry O'Carroll

25th/26th June 2016

John Bradley (M.M)

Michael Dowling

Tim O'Connor

Milo Tierney

Brian Cully  
& Mackey Family

## Last Sunday's Collection

**€2,430**  
*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](http://www.churchservices.tv/stjosephswaterford)  
[www.churchservices.tv/stmarysballygunner](http://www.churchservices.tv/stmarysballygunner)

## Recent Baptisms

We welcome

*Noah James Tin-Lok Drohan*  
 who was baptised recently in  
 St. Mary's. Please keep him, his  
 parents and Godparents in your  
 prayers.

## 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 ).

## Baptism Team Meeting

There will be a meeting of  
 Baptism Team members on  
 Monday June 20th in the  
 Parish Centre, from 7.30-  
 8.30pm.

## 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](http://www.youth2000.ie) or phone 01 6753690

## World Refugee Week

**20<sup>th</sup>-26th June 2016**

**'Different Past, Shared Future.'**

The furious debates surrounding the EU referendum in the UK, has brought much negative rhetoric which can't have failed to impact asylum seekers. Refugee Week is an annual event celebrating the contribution of refugees, and encouraging people to take a more positive look at asylum. A week for us all to get to know our neighbours a little better.

## Community Field Day

There will be a Community Field Day, organised by St. Mary's National School Parents' Association, in the Ballygunner GAA Field on Sunday 26th June, from 12-5pm.

The Ballygunner Community as a whole is encouraged to come together on the 26th for this Field Day. There is guaranteed to be something there for everybody to enjoy.

Looking forward to seeing you all on the 26th,  
*Parents' Association St. Mary's N.S., Ballygunner.*

## Nativity of John the Baptist 24th June

"... The repentance which he preached always remains the way into the kingdom which he announced. He is not a figure that we can forget now that Jesus, the true light, has appeared. John is always relevant because he calls for a preparation which all men need to make. Hence every year there are four weeks in the life of the Church in which it listens to the voice of the Baptist. These are the weeks of Advent" (A New Catechism).

## Outcomes from the Meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council, at its meeting on Wed. night last, recommended that the possibility of establishing a partnership with a parish in Africa be explored. Trócaire have indicated that they would be willing to advise and direct us and to locate a suitable parish in an area where Trócaire is working on the ground. We await word from the director of Trócaire, Eamon Meehan and then the issue will be discussed again at the next meeting.

It was also agreed that a Faith Formation programme for parishioners will be launched in September. A Faith Formation team has been appointed, comprising Denise Hughes, Frances Doyle, Chris O'Sullivan and Fr. Liam. The programme is entitled *Word on Fire* and will explore the essentials of our Christian faith and how it brings meaning to our lives.

**Newsletter Notes:** This Newsletter welcomes any notices presented for non-profit making events, subject to certain conditions. Items for inclusion may be handed into the sacristy at St Joseph & St Benildus Church.

**The deadline, however, is every Wednesday at 10.00 a.m.**

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