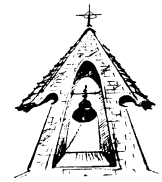


**Parish of St. Joseph & St. Benildus and St. Mary's
Newtown Road, Waterford City, Ireland**



NEWSLETTER

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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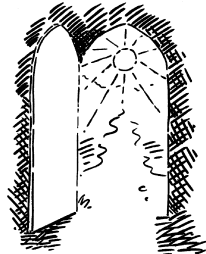
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Gospel Reflection for the Twenty First Sunday of Ordinary Time

No Meal Tickets



How do you imagine the gates of Heaven? Perhaps you imagine a fine set of pearly gates and a welcome committee flanked by all of the relatives who have gone before. Perhaps Saint Peter will be there, and a couple of harp playing cherubs. Imagine instead a narrow door heavily locked and bolted! Imagine knocking on the door only to be told, "I do not know where you come from," and to be turned away. It wouldn't matter how much we insisted that we were baptised and regular churchgoers, our pleas would be ignored. So where are we coming from? We're baptised as Christians and we know what we're supposed to be doing, but is that enough? God of course isn't making it difficult on purpose for us to be with him in Heaven. God loves us and wants us to be with him, but he doesn't want us to become complacent. The last thing that God wants is for us to feel that because we are baptised Christians we have some sort of meal ticket into Heaven. The last thing we should do is opt for comfort over commitment or self-indulgence over self-sacrifice. Life is a testing ground in which we should be continually striving to be better. We should never think that we have achieved all that is expected of us just because we go to church and give to charity now and then. However well we think we are doing, we could be unpleasantly surprised to find ourselves at the back of Heaven's queue when we fondly imagined we might be somewhere near the front.

MASSES THIS WEEK

St. Joseph & St. Benildus

Mon 10.30am
Tues 10.30 am
Wed 10.30 am
Thurs 10.30am
Fri 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:**

**22nd Sunday in Ordinary
Time:**
Is66:18-21
Ps116
Heb 12:5-7 11-13
Lk13:22-30

Please remember in your prayers those who died recently

***Fr. Richard Doherty, Abbeyside,
Fr. Michael Curran, Dungarvan,
Frank Kearney, Ballygunnertemple***

whose months mind occurs

Phylis Power

and those whose anniversaries and birthdays occur:

Helen Downey (5th Anniversary) Michael & Mary Walsh

MASSES

St. Joseph & St. Benildus Church

6.30 pm (Sat)
10 am (Sun)
12.00 Noon (Sun)

St Mary's Church

7.00pm (Sat)
11.00am (Sun)

20th/21st August

***Jim Phelan
Michael O'Hanlon***

Jim Tobin

Bridget (Biddy) Warren

27th/28th August

***John Hearne
Joseph & Julia Power
Patrick Nugent***

Bridie & Pierce Caulfield

Kitty Lyons

Last Sunday's Collection**€2533***Thank you for your generous offering***Recent Baptisms**

A warm welcome to :

James Forristal, Molly Brennan, Kate Hazel Grant and Luke Hutchinson who were baptised recently. Please keep them, and their parents and Godparents in your prayers.

Recent Marriages

Congratulation to Karen Bolger & Noel Furlong and Tara Warner & Kevin Gettings who were married in St. Mary's Church.

Saturday Night Cards

Just a reminder to all card players, cards resumes on Saturday 3rd September at 7.30pm after 6.30pm mass. New members welcome. Contact Larry @086 2154540 or Peter @ 087 9021955 or Parish Office on 878977.

Slow Down

Lord, teach me how to stand still.

To switch off, to lean on a gate;
To sit and look at your beautiful world.

Teach me how to leave the phone off,

To slacken speed,

To lie in the sun without feeling that I should be doing something.

Teach me, Lord, to stop, to stop fussing,

To stop working at it,

To stop keeping on bravely,

To stop doing it for myself...

**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

Please Note: 7.30am Mass

The 7.30am morning mass will be discontinued until Monday 29th August 2016

New Road in Ballygunner Cemetery

An appeal was lodged with An Bord Pleanála objecting to the retention of the widening and resurfacing of the road in Ballygunner Cemetery. The Bord issued an Order on August 9th which granted permission to retain the development subject to certain conditions. To comply, the parish is required to remove the leylandi trees on the northern boundary and to plant a mixture of hedging species and deciduous trees to compensate for the loss of the hedgerow on the roadway. The parish shall also be required to plant hedging species mixed with deciduous trees on the boundary of the road itself. We are also required to realign the entrance to the new road. Plans are being finalised with the local planning authority to ensure compliance with the order and work will begin as soon as possible. Naturally, this will incur considerable expense and we will be compelled to sell graves to finance the project. This sale will be advertised shortly.

Exam Results

Many of our young parishioners will have received or about to receive their exam results this week. Some of our young parishioners will be happy and excited about their results, some will be feeling a little disappointed perhaps. What we should all remember at this time of year is that exams results do not define us. Exam results measure how well we have worked at school, they don't measure how intuitive we are, how energetic we might be, how kind we are, how practical or how entrepreneurial we might be. A time to take stock and to know what we are about.

St Bartholomew and the Honey Bees**24th August**

Amongst other saints Bartholomew is patron saint of bees. His feast day falls in the same week as 'National Honey Bee Day' (20th August). Globally there are more honey bees than other types of bee and pollinating insects, so it is the world's most important pollinator of food crops. It is estimated that one third of the food that we consume each day relies on pollination mainly by bees. Yet the bees are under threat, and given how important they are, it is essential we prevent their decline.

To do:-

- Plant bee friendly flowers in your garden or yard
- Bees are thirsty. If you have lots of bees visiting your garden, leave out a little basin of fresh water.

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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