



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



NEWSLETTER
Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASSES THIS WEEK

St. Joseph & St. Benildus
Mon 7.30am & 10.30am
Tues 7.30am & 10.30am
Wed 7.30am & 10.30 am
Thurs 7.30am & 10.30am
Fri 7.30am & 10.30am
Sat 10.30 am &
6.30pm (vigil)
Sunday 10.00 am & 12pm
St. Mary's Ballygunner
Saturday: 7.00pm
Sunday: 11am

**If you wish to prepare next
Sunday's Readings:**
**27th Sunday in Ordinary
Time:**
Hab 1:2-3, 2:2-4.
Ps 94:1-2, 6-9.
2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14.
Lk 17:5-10.

Gospel Reflection for the Twenty Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time
A Warning from the Grave?



We are always being told what to do to improve our lives. We are forever being told what to eat to make us healthier, and live longer. We are told what to put on our skin and hair to look better. We are given advice on how to invest and how to improve our homes. This is all well and good, but could all this advice be making us self-obsessed? Are we more worried about our receding gum lines than the orphans in Syria? Are we more concerned with interest rates than the plight of refugees fleeing war? Today we are asked, 'What would it take to show our fellow man some compassion?'

Lazarus is a poor man who lies at the door of a rich man hoping to feed on the crumbs from the rich man's table. Sadly the rich man never notices Lazarus and Lazarus dies. Lazarus is taken to heaven, but then the rich man dies and is taken to hell where he suffers terrible torment. The distraught rich man begs to send a ghost to warn his brothers that damnation is a reality, only to be told that he should have listened to the prophets when he'd had the chance.

We'd like this story to be about the super-rich, but it's about each and every one of us. After all, how rich is rich and how poor is poor? Jesus never tells us how much we are allowed to earn before we're in trouble! What really matters is what's in our heart. The rich man in the story isn't necessarily a bad man; he's simply indifferent to the poor. We are in trouble when we see need around us and fail to respond.

At the end of the day, this parable isn't primarily about rich people being barred from heaven and poor people sailing in ahead of us. The parable is intended to make us listen and learn while we still have the chance. We will probably never have the benefit of ghosts coming back to warn us of the fate that will befall us if we remain indifferent to the suffering of the poor. We have the Bible and the words of Jesus to set us on the straight and narrow. We ignore the Bible's wisdom at our peril.

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)

24th/25th Sept 2016

Bridie Foley

Agnes Whittle

**Mary Fitzpatrick
& Ned & Statia Leamy**

Margaret Moloughney

**Olive Glynn
& Niall Warren**

1st/2nd Oct 2016

**Eileen Kearney
& Gay Murphy**

Jimmy & Mary Quinlan

**Joan Reville
& Mary Reville Whittaker
& Bridget Flynn**

**Anthony Bolger
& Milo Corcoran (M.M)**

Paddy Walsh

Last Sunday's Collection

€2,597
Thank you for your generous offering

Diocese of Waterford & Lismore

Eucharistic Adoration Retreat
 Sunday 2nd October., 2-4pm.
 Glencomeragh House of Prayer,
 Kilsheelan, Clonmel.
 Retreat talk by Fr.Jimmy Brown
 Cost 10euro. All welcome.

Day of Retreat & Renewal

A Day of Retreat and Renewal for all involved in Ministry in our Parish, will take place on Saturday 8th October, from 10am-1pm, in the Parish Centre. It will be facilitated by Frances Rowland.

Baptism Team Members

Meeting on Monday 26th Sept at 8pm in the Parish Centre.
 Hope all free to attend meeting !

Word On Fire Team

Meeting Monday 26th Sept at 7pm in the Parish Centre.

Franciscan Brothers, Clara Co.Offaly

Franciscan Brothers will visit our Parish during the weekend Oct 1st/2nd.
 The Franciscan Brothers were founded in Ireland in the early 1800s, to work with the rural poor. Their work included Religious & Secular Education, Agriculture & Rural Development, & Famine Relief. Most of their monasteries were in the West of Ireland.

650euro was raised at the recent Coffee Morning for Waterford Hospice, held in Martha Flood's. Thanks to all who participated.

Autumn Collection

The Autumn Collection for the support of the priests of the parish will be taken up at all Masses this weekend. Envelopes have been delivered, and some are available at the back of the churches

**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

Exploring the Christian Faith

Series of Ten Sessions : Ten DVDs, each exploring different aspects of faith. Includes discussion & reflective sharing.

Session One : The Person of Jesus.

ALL ARE WELCOME, ESPECIALLY PEOPLE WISHING TO EXPLORE THEIR RELIGIOUS FAITH AND THOSE STRUGGLING WITH THEIR FAITH.

Starts Weds 28th September, 7.30pm—9.00pm.

Venue: St.Joseph & St.Benildus Parish Centre.

**Further dates: Oct 5th, 12th and 26th, Nov 2nd, 9th, 23rd and 30th.
 Dec 7th and 14th.**

Bon Voyage to Charlotte Downey

We extend a very fond farewell to Charlotte Downey, who is returning to her native Amsterdam. Charlotte excelled in the Ministry of Lector, always communicating with great clarity, having carefully prepared the scripture passage. Adieu and Bon voyage.

Pastoral Area Walk of Faith

The St.Lawrence's Pastoral Area, comprising the parishes of St.Joseph & St.Benildus, Killea, St.John's, the Cathedral and the Sacred Heart, is organising a **Faith Walk** to celebrate the Year of Mercy.

Parishioners from the parish of St.Joseph & St.Benildus are asked to meet outside St.Joseph & St.Benildus Church on Sunday 2nd October at 2.30pm.

We will walk to Blackfriars, where parishioners from all the 5 parishes will gather. From there we proceed to the Cathedral, for a Service of Reconciliation and Evening Prayer.

We would encourage as many parishioners as possible to participate. A parish banner has been designed by Chris O'Sullivan, outgoing Chair of the Parish Pastoral Council.

Please remember in your prayers those who died about a month ago

Milo Corcoran

And those whose anniversaries and birthdays occur:

**Hubert & Lily Davis, Agnes Whittle,
 Carmel Hetherington, Bridget Douglas,
 Kathleen Crotty, Joan Murphy, Thomas McDonagh,
 Anastasia & Phillip Lahart,
 Olga Bagriy & Anna Romaniv,
 Joe Finnerty.**

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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