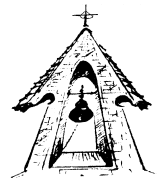


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NEWSLETTER
Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

Gospel Reflection for the Twenty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

Commitment

Today Jesus gives us a lesson in commitment, and a bit of practical advice. "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple." Are we inspired by this advice? Are we queuing around the block to become disciples? Well no, probably not! Even for those of us who have a genuine desire to be disciples, these demands seem much too hard.

So how are we supposed to take Jesus' advice? It's worth remembering that everything we've ever achieved in life has begun with some kind of commitment. However small a goal, we have first had to commit and may even have sacrificed something in order to achieve the desired result. For those of us who have ever committed to anything, we will already know that commitment doesn't just mean an involvement, it means laying everything on the line. Jesus' words may seem harsh, but what he is saying is that to be his disciple we must first understand the magnitude of the commitment that is required, and that we must be prepared to be totally single minded in our pursuit of results.

Later in the same reading, Jesus gives advice for those of us who make a commitment, but are not able to keep that commitment. "For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? " Jesus is giving very practical advice on weighing up the costs before making a commitment. Jesus does not need quitters! Each of us has individual God given talents that we need to apply to our individual brand of discipleship. Jesus tells us to sit down in a business like way and calculate what this individual brand of discipleship is going to cost us. Whichever way we choose to be Christ's disciples, whether it is travelling half way across the world to look after AIDS orphans, or by fundraising on a home PC, Jesus reminds us that nothing less than a hundred percent commitment will do.

Jesus asks us to decide on our brand of discipleship and to go for it. After we have made our commitment we mustn't waver. The very nature of commitment means that we are ruling out other choices. If there is a conflict of choice to be made between God and worldly gain we have to choose God. We of course are not going to turn our backs on our family and loved ones, but we are asked to be single minded and unerring in our discipleship.

If you wish to prepare next Sunday's Readings:

24th Sunday in Ordinary

Time:

Ex 32:7-11, 13-14.

Ps 50:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19.

1 Tm 1: 12-17.

Lk 15:1-32.

Please remember in your prayers those
whose anniversaries and birthdays occur:

Reginald & Constance Nolan

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)

3rd/4th September

John Sheridan

Joe Reville

Mary Mescall

Tony Barden

Gary O'Keeffe

10th/11th Sept 2016

Geraldine Colclough

Eddie & Mary Roles

Vincent McElroy

Frank Kearney (M.M)

Anna Doyle

Last Sunday's Collection

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*Thank you for your generous offering***Recent Baptisms**

We welcome *Robert Peter Doyle, Éabha English, and Leah Ellen Lawlor* who were baptised recently. Please keep them, their parents and godparents in your prayers.

7.30am Mass

The 7.30am weekday Mass has resumed in St. Joseph & St. Benildus.

Rotas—St. Mary's Church

Rotas for Eucharistic Ministers and Readers are now available in the Sacristy in St. Mary's Church.

Retrouvaille**A lifeline for marriage.**

Is your marriage stressed, unloving or cold? Do you feel alone or distant from your spouse? Have you lost the desire to communicate with each other? Do you feel disillusioned or bored in your marriage? Have you separated, divorced or are you thinking of doing so, but want to try again?

The Retrouvaille programme can help your marriage.

Next programme 7th-9th October 2016. for information contact Tony & Anne 014953536.

Promoting Eucharistic Adoration in our Parish and Diocese

Interested parishioners are invited to a special information meeting in Hotel Minella on Saturday September 17th beginning at 11.00am.

Anyone wishing to attend are invited their give their name to Anne in the parish office.

**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

Rosary Procession

A Rosary Procession in honour of our Lady's Birthday will take place Thursday the 8th of September leaving Ballybricken Green Waterford City at 7pm and proceeding to the Cathedral for Benediction. Music on the Green between 6.30pm-7pm

All are Welcome. More details 086 3100581

Lightfever

A Lightfever event will take place in the Cathedral of the Most Holy Trinity, Waterford on Saturday 10th September from 1-5pm. Lightfever is an afternoon of "Open Church" where street missionaries go in pairs and invite people to come inside and experience a special atmosphere of music, prayer, confession and candlelight, allowing us to spend time in prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. Feel free to come and leave as you want.

Diocesan Communications Day

Ms. Brenda Drumm from the National Communications Office, Maynooth will present input on how best to use Website, Facebook and Twitter to help promote the work that we do through Parish and Diocese.

Saturday 17th September, St. John's Pastoral Centre, Waterford, 10.30am-1pm.

Please book your place at 051 874199 by 5pm Weds 14th Sept.

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.

Tea and Coffee included.

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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