



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



# NEWSLETTER

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary  
Time

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## PARISH INFORMATION

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## MASSES THIS WEEK

### St. Joseph & St. Benildus

Mon 7.30am & 10.30am

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:

### 28th Sunday in Ordinary

#### Time:

2Kg 5:14-17.

Ps 97:1-4.

2 Tm 2:8-13.

Lk 17:11-19.

## Gospel Reflection for Twenty Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

### Seeds of Faith



In the face of the seemingly impossible demands of discipleship, it is easy for our faith to falter. This is probably how the apostles feel when they approach Jesus and make the plea, "Increase our faith!" Now if we were hearing this story for the first time, how would we expect Jesus to respond? We'd expect Jesus to work a miracle of course. A miracle would certainly have increased the faith of those who could have witnessed it first hand, but would it have had the same impact for the rest of us? Jesus refrains from working a miracle to increase the faith of his apostles, instead he gives a piece of wisdom which is as inspirational and as motivational for us today as it must have been all those years ago.

Jesus tells us that if we only have faith the size of a tiny mustard seed we have enough. In other words, faith is so powerful that we don't need very much of it to do great things. This is good news for all of us who have long felt our faith is flagging. Suddenly the challenge is not to strengthen or develop our faith, but to have faith in the little faith we've already got. So how can we use our mustard seed of faith to do great things? Jesus tells us that all we have to do is take our mustard seed of faith and act. We should stop worrying about how little or how much faith we have, and got on with God's work. Like the tireless servant who comes in from the field and prepares his masters' evening meal before his own, so we must live our lives faithful to Jesus' teachings. When we live our lives faithful to God how can we fail to see results, and once we begin to see results how can our seeds of faith fail to grow?

## 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)

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

8th/9th Oct 2016

Agnes, Stephen & Jackie Rogers

Padraic Dowling

Eileen, Tom & Harry Lupton

Nicholas Power

Alice Hartley (M.M)  
& Michael Boland