



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



NEWSLETTER

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASSES THIS WEEK

St. Joseph & St. Benildus

Mon 10.30am & 6.30pm
Tues 10.00am & 12noon
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

Mon 7pm, Tues 11am
Fri (First Fri) 9.30am
Saturday: 7.00pm
Sunday: 11am

If you wish to prepare next Sunday's Readings:

32nd Sunday in Ordinary

Time

2 Mac7:1-2, 9-14.

Ps 16:1, 5-6, 8, 15.

2 Th 2:16-3;5.

Lk 20:27-38.

Gospel Reflection for the Thirty First Sunday of Ordinary time Salvation For All



We are invited to church to worship God but there are huge numbers of people who have never set foot in a church and have no intention of finding God. These are the people that Jesus is determined to seek out and save. Jesus doesn't wait for people to seek him out, he seeks them out first. To Jesus it doesn't matter to what depths someone has sunk, salvation is still an option.

Zacchaeus is an example of the most despised of crooks. He is a chief tax collector who has made great wealth on the back of his oppressed fellow Jews. In Jesus' day, tax collectors were put in the same category as thieves and murderers. Because they were in the employment of the Romans, Jewish tax collectors were regarded as traitors by their own people. Although hugely wealthy, Zacchaeus must have felt lonely and isolated. He certainly makes a good subject for a parable that tells us how Jesus reaches out to the lowliest and most despicable.

On this particular day, Zacchaeus, curious to catch a glimpse of Jesus runs ahead, and being of small stature climbs up into a tree. But although it is Zacchaeus who wants to see Jesus, it is actually Jesus who spots Zacchaeus and tells him that he will be dining at his house that day.

It is disappointing that we don't get to hear what went on between Jesus and Zacchaeus at that meal, but we do know that Zacchaeus was suddenly a changed man. We don't know what was said, but we do know Jesus' intention. Jesus had come to save those who were lost. To be lost means to become disassociated with the person God wants us to be. Jesus has a talent for looking beyond sin to the people we can become. Somehow Jesus was about to show Zacchaeus who he could really be.

The parable of Zacchaeus is a great comfort to us, however low we have sunk, Jesus is determined to seek us out and show us a better way.

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)

29th/30th Oct 2016

John Walsh

David Raymond O'Donnell

Mary Barry

Gina Burke

Paddy & Nora Nolan

6th/7th Nov 2016

Commemoration Mass

Holy Souls Novena

Martin Lawrence

Maurice Gough

Agnes Colclough

Last Sunday's Collection

€3,234
Thank you for your generous offering

Recent Baptisms

We welcome *Gabriella Stewart & Laya Mai Conway* who were baptised recently. Please keep them, their parents & godparents in your prayers.

All Saints & All Souls

Please note the following details of Mass times for the Feasts of All Souls and All Saints. :

St.Joseph & St.Benildus: Monday 10.30am & 6.30pm.

Tues: 10am & 12noon.

StMary's Mon 7pm, Tuesday 11am.

Reflection evenings to close the Year of Mercy through Prayer, Meditation, Silence & Music. Facilitator:

Antoinette Dilworth rsj.

Tuesday 15th Nov, 7.30pm, St.John's Pastoral Centre, John's Hill, Waterford.

Weds 16th Nov, 7.30pm, St Oliver's Parish Centre, Clonmel.

Thurs 17th Nov, 7.30pm, Park Hotel, Dungarvan.

The **Holy Souls Novena** begins on Sunday 6th at the 10am Mass in St.Joseph & StBenildus Church & continues at the 10.30am daily Mass.

Pro Life talk and training on "**How to argue the case for the Pro Life Amendment**", with Kate Bopp, Paddy Manning and Michael Dwyer of Family & Life, on Tuesday Nov 8th in the Granville Hotel, at 7.30pm. All welcome !

Christmas in Benildus

An evening of Music & Readings on a Christmas Theme.

Guest Presenters: Billy McCarthy & Gerry Kane.

Weds 21st Dec, at 7.30pm in St.Joseph & St.Benildus Church. Featuring international artists & Waterford's top choral groups.

Details: 051 878977. Tickets 15euro.

**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.

Next Session 5 : Nov 2nd

Missionary Adventurers: Peter & Paul : Can we be 21st Century versions?

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

7.30pm—9.00pm. St.Joseph & St.Benildus Parish Centre.

Nov 2nd, 9th, 23rd and 30th; Dec 7th and 14th.

A Morning Prayer Group—Prayer & Praise

A Morning Prayer Group—Prayer & Praise—takes place each Thursday in the Parish Centre attached to St.Joseph & St.Benildus Church, Waterford shortly after the 10.30am Mass. It is a time for prayers of praise, thanksgiving and intercession, for hymns & biblical readings., a period of silent reflection will be included. Feel free to bring your bible with you. There will be tea and coffee afterwards. All are welcome.

Further enquiries can be made at the Parish office: 051 878977.

Parents' Baptism Meeting : Wednesday 9th November, Parish Hall, 8-9pm.

Commemoration Mass:

There will be a Commemoration Mass for those who died in the past year, in St.Joseph & St.Benildus Church, on Sat Nov 5th at 6.30pm.

Evening of Remembrance

St.John's Pastoral Centre, John's Hill, Waterford.

Thursday, 3rd November, 7.30pm.

A sacred space to honour family, friends and those who have died.
You are invited to a time of prayerful reflection during this special month.

Facilitator: Ann O'Farrell

Please remember in your prayers those who died recently

Pat Flynn,

Willie Mortell (late of Blenheim),

and those whose anniversaries and birthdays occur:

Margaret (Peggy) Coffey, John Davis,

Mary Bridget Hopkins,

Anne O'Connell, Anna O'Donnell,

Dr.Tony Lee, May Barriscale.

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. We are particularly grateful to **Intercom** for resources used in this publication. All details included in this issue were correct at time of going to print.