



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



NEWSLETTER

Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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PARISH INFORMATION

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MASSES THIS WEEK

St. Joseph & St. Benildus

Mon 10.30am

Tues 10.30am

Wed 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:

29th Sunday in Ordinary

Time:

Ex 17:8-13.

Ps 120.

2 Tm 3:14-4:2.

Lk 18:1-8.

**Gospel Reflection for the Twenty Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time
Living In Wholeness**

You must have met people who blame God when bad things happen. Do those same people give credit to God when good things happen? Today's gospel reading is a lesson on living in gratitude and wholeness.

Jesus cures ten lepers and nine of them hurry off without a word of thanks. Presumably they can't wait to get back to their families and loved ones. They can't wait to get back to where they left off. They can't wait to get back to 'normality'. To the nine lepers Jesus must have seemed nothing more than a biblical paramedic. How often do we fall into the same trap? We pray to God to help us through some crisis, but when the crisis blows over, do we remember to thank God or do we heave sigh of relief and carry on as 'normal'?

The one leper who returned to thank Jesus recognised that his life would never be 'normal' again. Something extraordinary had happened; his life had been touched by God. The nine lepers who returned to normality knew they had been made well, but the one who returned to thank Jesus recognised that not only had he been made well he had been made whole. The leper who returned was not about to forget what God had done for him. The leper who returned was bubbling over with gratitude.

We all have reasons to bubble over with gratitude to God. The key to living in wholeness is to appreciate when God lifts us from 'normality' and 'ordinariness'.

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)

8th/9th Oct 2016

Agnes, Stephen & Jackie Rogers

**Padraic Dowling
& John B. O'Sullivan**

Eileen, Tom & Harry Lupton

Nicholas Power

**Alice Hartley (M.M)
& Michael Boland**

15th/16th Oct 2016

Ian Colclough

Jerry Lynch

Nataline & Lloyd Tyrell

**Michael & Margaret
O'Sullivan**

**Austin King (M.M)
& Seánie Gough**

Last Sunday's Collection

€2,228
Thank you for your generous offering

Recent Marriages

Congratulations to
Helen Murphy & David Byrne,
 and to **Tanya Colclough & Edward Clohessy**, who were married recently in St. Mary's Church.

Recent Baptisms

We welcome
Grace Ann Cunningham who was baptised recently. Please keep her, her parents and godparents in your prayers.

Baptism: Parents' Meeting

Wednesday Oct 12th, 8pm. In **Parish Hall. All welcome.**

Autumn Collection

The Autumn Collection for the support of the priests of the parish can be handed in to the sacristy. Envelopes are available at the back of both churches.

John Paul 11 Awards

Congratulations to Ellen O'Callaghan, Allannah Meehan, Samuel Brown and Neil Quinn, the four TY students who completed the Gold Medal Programme of the John Paul 11 Awards project. Bishop Cullinan presented them with their medals at a ceremony in Glencomeragh House 2 weeks ago. To complete the programme, each student had to commit to 20 hours service in the parish & 20 hours in the community, & then submit a paper on aspects of Christian life. They felt that they gained a lot from the experience and of course contributed to the community life in our parish. They will make a presentation on their projects to congregations next weekend.

**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 3: The Person of Christ / The Mystery of God

**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.
Oct 12th and 26th; Nov 2nd, 9th, 23rd and 30th; Dec 7th and 14th.

Change in Mass Schedule

There will be no 7.30am Mass in the Church of St. Joseph & St. Benildus on Monday, Tues & Wednesday 10th, 11th & 12th October, as Fr. Liam will be attending a Conference for the clergy of the Diocese in Garryvoe. The 10.30am Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Liddane.

“Have Catholics lost their courage?”

Café Theology presents Petra Conroy of Catholic Comment, Granville Hotel Tues Oct 18th at 7.30pm. Petra is a well known commentator on TV and Radio and a founder member of Catholic Comment which serves the Church & media. “Our speakers offer authoritative comment on news stories related to the Catholic Church, especially those issues which are often the source of debate or controversy in Irish media. We aim to shed light rather than heat. We communicate our values very clearly while respecting the goodwill, sincerity & intelligence of others”. *An engaging speaker who will get you thinking. Come along & bring a friend. Admission free, but donations welcome.*

Thank you!

Bro. Brian Johnson OSF wishes to thank parishioners for the contribution of 4003euro recently. Every cent will go to their missions in Kenya & Uganda.

Please remember in your prayers those who died recently
Katie Murphy (*Granddaughter of George & Breda Murphy*),

**Peter Doyle,
 Derek Grace,**

and those whose anniversaries and birthdays occur:

**Patrick & Aylce O'Dea, Niamh O'Dea,
 Ivan Bagriy, Harry Cotter,
 Bill Nolan, Ann Cooke**

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.