



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



NEWSLETTER

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the
Universe**

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MASSES THIS WEEK

St. Joseph & St. Benildus

Mon 7.30am & 10.30am
Tues 7.30 am & 10.30am
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

Saturday: 7.00pm
Sunday: 11am

If you wish to prepare next

Sunday's Readings:

1st Sunday of Advent

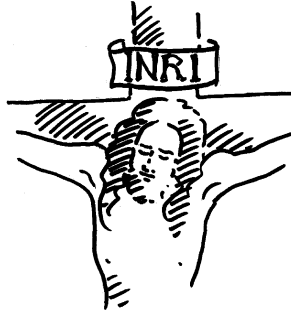
Is 2:1-5.

Ps 121:1-2, 4-5, 6-9.

Rm 13:11-14.

Mt: 24:37-44.

Gospel Reflection for Christ the King



King of Mercy

Our lives are filled with such horrible instances of the abuse of power, that royal imagery seems out of place when talking about Jesus. But the reign of Jesus from the cross is based on a different vision of power altogether. Jesus' authority is nothing about oppression and everything about mercy. His is a power that never seeks to rule or dominate, but rather seeks to serve and lead by example. His is a power that never seeks to rule by causing conflict or division but a power that seeks to unify the world by promoting understanding, tolerance, justice, sharing and peace. His is a kingdom in which we will all be valued and loved.

This week sees the close of Pope Francis's 'Year of Mercy'. It's apt that the year closes in a week where we consider Christ as a king not of power but of compassion and mercy. What must we learn from the year of mercy, and from the path Jesus chose? It's simple! We might see others as guilty or sinful. Jesus sees those same people as needy and vulnerable. If we have learnt anything this year it should be that there is worth in everyone we meet.

The vision of God's kingdom is a vision we can start living here on earth. We can begin realising it by challenging our own values, in how we treat others and how we respond to the world around us.

In today's gospel, we see a crown of thorns instead of a crown of jewels and a cross instead of a throne. It might seem a bit of a mystery to the non-believers who are governed by self-interest but to those who understand values such as self-sacrifice, love and forgiveness, this is where discipleship begins.

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)

19th/20th Nov 2016

**Liam O'Donnell
Brenda Dwyer (M.M)**

Peter Russell

Nicola Doheny

Holy Souls' Novena

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26th/27th Nov 2016

**Madeleine Dickenson (M.M)
& Ken & Gerard Dickenson**

Georgina Butler

**Kitty Fitzpatrick
& Harry Flynn**

**Pat Flynn (M.M)
& Gerard Hogan**

**Joan & Nicky Phelan
& John & Eileen Mooney**

Last Sunday's Collection

€2,635
Thank you for your generous offering

Recent Baptisms

We welcome *Daniel Barron* and *Charlie Maurice Moynan* who were baptised recently. Please keep them, their parents and godparents in your prayers.

Recent Marriages

Congratulations to *Kerry O'Keeffe* and *Mark Quinn* who were married recently in St.Mary's Church.

Gaelscoil Phort Lairge: Enrolment

Gaelscoil Phort Lairge is accepting applications for the school year 2017. Forms available from the school office: 051 879736. Closing date : Fri 2nd Dec.

Opening the Word— Advent & Christmas Scripture Readings:

Facilitator: Dr.Michael Mullins, D.D. St.John's Pastoral Centre, John's Hill, Waterford. Weds 23rd & 30th Nov, 7.30pm. Over two evenings, Fr.Michael will look at the scripture readings of Advent & Christmas. Donation : 5euro, including light refreshments.

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. Feel free to bring your bible with you. The session lasts approximately one hour. There will be tea and coffee afterwards. All welcome. Further enquiries can be made at the Parish office: 051 878977.

Divine Mercy Devotion, Sacred Heart Parish, The Folly, Waterford.

1st Year Thanksgiving Celebrations. 25th Nov, 3pm. Adoration, Chaplet, Mass. Main Celebrant Most Rev Alphonsus Cullinan, Bishop of Waterford & Lismore.

**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 7 : Nov 23rd : Eucharist & Liturgy.

We explore the Eucharist as the source & summit of Christian life.

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 23rd and 30th; Dec 7th and 14th.

NET Ministries Ireland:

Need a break? Waterford NET team meets every Tuesday, starting 22 Nov, at Costa Coffee, Barronstrand St., 4-6pm. Ages 18-35.

Christmas in Benildus

An evening of Music & Readings on a Christmas Theme.

Weds 21st Dec, at 7.30pm in St.Joseph & St.Benildus Church.

Featuring international artists : Niamh Murray, Dominic McGorian, Valerie Leahy, Jacob Shaw, David Lau Magnussen & Eugenia Ottaviano.

Waterford's top choral groups: Dordán, Ad Hoc Chorale, Trinity Gospel Singers, St.Joseph & St.Benildus Parish Choirs.

Details: Parish Office, 051 878977. Tickets 15euro.

Ballygunner Rotas

Rotas for St.Mary's & Havenwood are available in the Sacristy, St.Mary's.

Youth 2000 Prayer Group : meet for a time of prayer, sharing and fellowship. St.Paul's Church, Lisduggan. 7th & 14th Dec, 7.30pm. Ages 16-35 welcome. Cuppa afterwards.

Please remember in your prayers those who died recently

***John Foskin (Ballygunner Temple),
Nuala Keatinge (Collins Ave & Summerville Ave).***

Those who died about a month ago

Pat Flynn, Brenda Dwyer, Madeleine Dickenson
 and those whose anniversaries and birthdays occur:

***Elizabeth Moynihan, Charlie Ware,
Anna Kavanagh (née Dunne),
John, Catherine Anastatia O'Shea,
Thomas Broderick (Birthday Remembrance).***

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.