



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



NEWSLETTER

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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:**

33rd Sunday in Ordinary

Time

Mal 3:19-20.

Ps 95:5-9.

2 Th 3:7-12.

Lk 21:5-19.

Gospel Reflection for the Thirty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time
God of the Living



Those of you who have tuned into political debate lately will have noticed that whilst some questions demand a genuine answer, others are simply posed to trip up the opponent and cause maximum embarrassment. Can we really hope to get answers if we are asking questions loaded with ridicule and cynicism?

Today, the Sadducees, who did not believe in resurrection, try to ridicule the belief in life after death by posing Jesus with an argument that verges on the ludicrous. Their only interest in quizzing Jesus was to confound him and to ridicule the whole notion of resurrection and of Heaven. The Sadducees flag a warning to us all. There is nothing wrong with having a lively theological debate, but when we start to raise questions we have to be very honest about our motivation. Are we really seeking answers, or are we simply kicking an intellectual football? Are we, like the Sadducees, guilty of bringing our own convictions to an argument with an arrogant refusal to see a different point of view?

It is surprising that Jesus dignifies the Sadducees' question with an answer at all, but he does. The circumstances that surround us in our day-to-day living, Jesus explains, will not apply in Heaven, and therefore we need not trouble ourselves with worldly conventions. No longer able to die, let alone resume a marriage we forged in life, those who are deemed worthy will be like the angels - children of God. The Sadducees are thinking of an eternity as something linked to earthly life. How boring that would be!

All we can know about death and resurrection is that it is a journey that starts in the here and now. It is the 'now' that determines our eternity, and as Jesus said, 'God is not God of the dead, but of the living.' To God, we are all alive.

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)

6th/7th Nov 2016

Commemoration Mass

Holy Souls Novena

Martin Lawrence

Maurice Gough

Agnes Colclough

13th/14th Nov 2016

Dick Mahony

Hugh Sweeney (M.M)

Danny O'Kane

Ann Tierney

**Willie Mortell (M.M)
& Marilyn Brennan**

Last Sunday's Collection

€2,887
Thank you for your generous offering

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.

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

This is an opportunity to meet with other parents and also a time to deepen our awareness of the Sacrament of Baptism, the great gift we give to our children.

Facilitated by Fr.Liam and the Baptism Team.

Holy Souls' Novena

The Holy Souls' Novena begins Sunday 6th Nov at the 10am Mass in St. Joseph & St. Benildus Church, and continues at the daily 10.30am Mass.

Details of the Novena in St. Mary's will be in next week's Newsletter.

Volunteers needed urgently!!!

Calling all parents & adults:

Volunteers urgently needed to help at the 11.am Children's Masses in St. Mary's. This will be on a rota basis, of approximately one Sunday in six weeks. If you would like to get involved, please contact the Sacristy or Parish Office: 051 878977

Graves

A small number of single graves has now become available for purchase. If you would like to purchase one please contact the Parish Office on 878977

Firstlight : Supporting suddenly bereaved parents & families. Our support groups are facilitated by a professional therapist. Waterford Monthly Support Group meets Weds 16th Nov, 7-9pm. Venue: Slí na gCroi, Chapel Lane, Dunhill. Details: 085 7798288 / 01 8732711

**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 6 : Nov 9th : Jesus & the Church: Did Jesus found the Church?

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 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. The session lasts approximately one hour. There will be tea and coffee afterwards. All are welcome.

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

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 : 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.

Please remember in your prayers those who died recently

John Flynn (late of Kings Channel)

and those whose anniversaries and birthdays occur:

John Jackie Walsh, Tommy Phelan, David Raymond O'Donnell, Teresa Curtin (Vancouver), Margaret Peggy Coffey, John Davis, Mixie Barry, Paddy & Nora Nolan, Dr. Tony Lee, Anna O'Donnell, May Barriscale, Eddie Burke.

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.