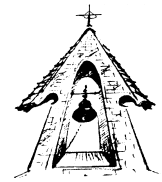




**Parish of St. Joseph & St. Benildus and St. Mary's
Newtown Road, Waterford City, Ireland**



**NEWSLETTER
The Baptism of the Lord**

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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

Sunday 10.00 am & 12pm

St. Mary's Ballygunner

Saturday: 7pm

Sunday: 11am

Gospel reflection for the Baptism of the Lord (Sunday 8th January - Ireland)

All God's Children

Has anyone ever told you that they're proud of you? It's a good feeling it's a feeling that empowers a feeling that makes you believe you can do anything.

Imagine for a moment that day on the River Jordan at Jesus' baptism. Consider how Jesus must have felt when the heavens opened and the Spirit of God spoke the words "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." Remember that this significant event took place at the beginning of Jesus' ministry before he had gone out into the world to teach or to heal. Before Jesus had done anything at all, God was already well pleased with him. With this kind of support and this kind of love, Jesus was empowered to do anything.

As baptism identified Jesus, so too are we identified in our baptism as children of God. So what significance does baptism have in our lives? Do we feel proud at God's affirmation? Do we feel empowered to carry out God's plan? In truth most of us would be confounded if we had to provide an answer to these questions. To most of us, our baptism is an old photo in a forgotten album of childhood memories, or a neglected christening mug collecting dust on a high up shelf.

In our own baptism we do not have the obvious benefit of God speaking directly to us from the heavens. Nevertheless, we have made promises in baptism and confirmation, and like any other promise we have to work at keeping them. Baptism isn't a one off event. Baptism is a sacrament that we have to work at daily setting aside time to think about what we are meant to be doing and having the faith that God is supporting us in our efforts.

Jesus said of his baptism. "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfil all righteousness." Jesus didn't explain what he meant by this, but in biblical context, the word 'righteousness' is often used to express a good relationship with God.

By this, we understand that our own baptism sends us off on the road to building a good relationship with God and with others, and by believing in God's backing, we are empowered to do more than we can imagine.

If you wish to prepare next

Sunday's Readings:

2nd Sunday in Ordinary

Time

Is 49:3, 5-6.

Ps 39:2,4,7-10.

1 Cor 1:1-3.

Jn 1:29-34.

MASSES

St. Joseph & St. Benildus Church

6.30 pm (Sat)

10.00am (Sun)

12.00pm (Sun)

St Mary's Church

7.00pm (Sat)

11.00am (Sun)

7th/8th Jan 2017

Amy Cooke

Noel O'Shea

**Margaret & Aidan
O'Reilly**

Michael Lane

**Cissy Gough
& Della Upton**

15th/16th Jan 2017

Stephen Rogers

Gerry Harrington

Brendan Maddock

John Gear

Margaret Hogan

Last Sunday's Collection
€3576

Thank you for your generous offering

Blessed Sacrament Adoration-
Will resume Wednesday 11th January, after the 10.30am Mass.

Coffee Morning

The weekly Coffee Morning will resume its usual schedule (Wednesday after 10.30am Mass) on January 11th 2017.

Early Morning Mass

The 7.30am daily Mass will resume in the church of St. Joseph & St. Benildus, on Monday 9th January.

Thursday Prayer Group

Will resume after 10.30am Mass on January 11th.

Parents' Baptismal Meeting

Next Weds Jan 11th, there will be a meeting of parents before Baptism of children. This is an opportunity to meet with other parents and to deepen our understanding of the wonderful sacrament of Baptism. Meeting facilitated by Fr. Liam or Fr. John and members of the Baptism Team. Parish Centre, Upstairs. 8-9pm. Inclusive of Tea/Biscuits !

National Human Trafficking Awareness Day 11th January

Be a conscientious and informed consumer. Discover your slavery footprint. Ask who picked your tomatoes or made your clothes. Encourage companies to take steps to investigate and prevent human trafficking in their supply chains and publish the information for consumer awareness.

Traditional Latin Mass, Waterford Cathedral.

A traditional Latin Mass with Gregorian Chant will be celebrated on Sunday 22nd January at 10.00am in the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, Barronstrand Street, Waterford.

Celebrant: Fr. Andrzej Komorowski, FSSP.

Bitesize

There is no need to reach high for the stars. They are already within you — just reach deep into yourself!

Liturgy Group Meeting

The Liturgy group will meet on Monday 9th Jan at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

Parish Partnership: Ishiara Parish, Kenya.

Greetings from Ishiara , Kenya : an email to Fr. Liam Power:

I salute you, Fr. Power.

I am Fr. Caesar Miaririe, OSA, the Father- in -Charge, Good Shepherd Parish, Ishiara, Kenya. I was given your contacts by Fr. Peter, my brother.

I am excited, just like all my brothers in our community, to imagine that we are going to learn from each other.

I pray that our parishes come to benefit from this relationship.

Let me not say much this time as I just wanted to introduce myself to you. I will keep in touch.

Pass our love to the parishioners please.

May God bless you,

Fr Caesar

Please pray for the following who died recently

Vera Mordaunt

Those who died about a month ago

Marie White

And those whose anniversaries or birthdays occur:

Michael Lane, Cissy Gough, Della Upton, Amy Cooke, Molly & Michael Fitzgerald, Noel O'Shea, Margaret & Aidan O'Reilly, Joseph V. Augustine, Jim & Nancy Morrisson & Family, Richard Purcell, Tom Sheridan, Maureen Robinson, Michael Wallis, Robert Harte, Margaret Gretta Walsh.

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.