



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



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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 Sixth Sunday of Ordinary time

The Heart of the Matter



How often do we hear solicitors wrangling over the law, looking for a loop hole to suit their own agenda? Those seeking loopholes seem perfectly happy to ignore the spirit of the law in their quest to win.

In today's gospel reading Jesus invites us to consider that it is not just laws in themselves that are important but our attitude towards those laws. Perhaps we haven't committed murder, but have we harboured hatred? We might not have committed adultery, but have we failed to live up to the love we once promised our spouse? We might not have committed theft, but are our hearts set on the wealth our neighbours have earned?

Laws might seem to fence our lives with rods of uncompromising iron, but most laws are simply expressions of how we should behave towards each other. The unwritten laws of love bind us in promises that we wouldn't dream of compromising let alone riddling with loopholes. When it comes to those we love, we don't need a statute book, our hearts tell us what to do. The written law should be no different. Laws are written down in books of statute and commandments are written in the Bible, but the spirit of the law must exist in our hearts.

What exists in our hearts is as important if not more important than our actions because it's what written in our hearts that defines us.

If you wish to prepare next

Sunday's Readings: 7th Sunday in ordinary Time

Lev 19:1-2, 17-18.

Ps 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13.

1 Cor 3:16-23.

Mt 5:38-48.

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)

11th/12th Feb 2017

Paddy McCarthy

Liam O'Connell

Gerard & Tish Sheridan

Michael & Kathleen Conway

**Monica & Dick Kervick
& Frances O'Keeffe**

18th/19th Feb 2017

**Phillip & Anne Maria Dunphy
& Gerry Molloy**

James & Esther Hoey

Seán Carraway

**Jim & Eileen Jackman
Daniel O'Connell**

**Damien Upton
John Mannion (M.M)**

Last Sunday's Collection

€2,495

*Thank you for your generous offering***Recent Baptisms**

We welcome *Grace Collins* and *Jacob Cassidy* who were baptised recently. Please keep them, their parents and godparents in your prayers.

Readers Requested

Would you be interested in reading at Mass? Volunteers are needed in both churches of the parish. A rota system is in operation, so the commitment is minimal.

Please contact the parish office if available. 051 878977

St.JBM Choir, under the Musical

Directorship of Joseph O'Beirne, has vacancies for tenors and basses at present. Please contact the Parish Office at 051 878977 if interested.

Prayer Group: Meeting every Wednesday at 8.15pm

St.Joseph & St.Benildus Parish Centre. Why not come along and join us? All are welcome. 0879817030

Word of God Outreach (Waterford/S.E. Region Charismatic Renewal)

Celebrating the Golden Jubilee of Charismatic Renewal in the Catholic Church. Sunday Feb 19th, Edmund Rice Centre, Waterford, 2-6pm.

Journey through Lent / Spring

Announcing 5 sessions of reflection, discussion using a mixture of DVD and film. Join us for one or all of the sessions. Starting Wednesday March 1st, Gospel Story of the Blind Man. Venue: St Joseph & St.Benildus Parish Centre. Starts 7.30pm. *Keep an eye on Newsletter for the remaining 4 dates.*

Lectio Divina: St.John's Pastoral Centre, John's Hill. Every Weds, 15th Feb to 26th April. With the Sisters of the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

"Come & See": 17th & 18th Feb. Pallotine House, Thurles. 6pm Fri -3pm Sat. An event for men discerning priesthood, age 18-40, to "Come & See". Advance booking is required. The event is free of charge.

Ongoing Formation: For all Eucharistic Ministers

Bishop Cullinane has requested that all Eucharistic Ministers would attend for an evening of Inservice Training, on Monday 27th February at 7.30pm in the Sacred Heart Parish Centre, The Folly, Waterford.

Presenter: Mary Dee.

NB: this is for existing Eucharistic Ministers and also for those training to become Eucharistic Ministers.

Waterford Pro-Life Campaign

A Coffee Morning to raise funds for the Waterford Pro-Life Campaign will take place on Friday, 24th Feb, from 10.00am to 12.00pm in the Parish Centre attached to St.Joseph & St.Benildus Church. All are welcome. For further details, contact 086 3215773.

Morning Prayer Group : Prayer & Praise

A Morning Prayer Group—Prayer & Praise—takes place every Thursday in the Parish Centre attached to St.Joseph & St.Benildus Church, shortly after the 10.30am Mass. The session lasts approximately one hour. All welcome.

A Programme for Lent: A Programme for Life?

A series of talks, commencing Sunday 12th Feb at 7.30pm, in St.Paul's Parish Centre. Continuing each Sunday & Wednesday at 7.30pm.

Saving the 8th Amendment: Yes-To-Life Canvass: The Yes-to-Life canvass is getting underway in the South Tipperary area. We need your help to campaign to save our Eight Amendment and continue to protect mothers and their unborn children equally. To find out more information or get involved, call/text 0879036648.

Please pray for the following who died about a month ago

John Mannion

And those whose anniversaries or birthdays occur:

Nicholas Power,

John, Catherine & Anastatia O'Shea,

Molly & John Harney,

Nora Gough, Joe Jennings,

Peggy McGrath, Myra O'Reilly,

Michael & Maura O'Shea.

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.