



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



**NEWSLETTER**

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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 Seventh Sunday of Ordinary time**

**The Politics of Peace**



In his fiftieth message for World Peace Day last month, Pope Francis said, "... I would like to reflect on nonviolence as a style of politics for peace. I ask God to help all of us to cultivate nonviolence in our most personal thoughts and values. May charity and nonviolence govern how we treat each other as individuals, within society and in international life. When victims of violence are able to resist the temptation to retaliate, they become the most credible promoters of nonviolent peace-making. "

Pope Francis takes his lead from Jesus' teachings. "If anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also." "If anyone forces you to go one mile go also the second mile...." "If anyone sues you for your outer garment, give them your undergarment too." Jesus tells us not to resist evil. Does he mean us to roll over and allow our enemies to walk all over us?

It's very easy for us to love our friends. Only loving those who are easy to love doesn't provide very much of a challenge, and consequently doesn't earn us much of a reward. The challenge Jesus poses today is to meet our enemies with love. Jesus' advice is to meet violence with non-violence and to meet force with acquiescence. If we only love those who love us back we are not doing anything more than anyone else, but if we love our enemies, we show ourselves to be true disciples of Christ.

In our conflict-ridden world, today's gospel has never been more relevant. Never has there been a better time for Christians to get more involved in campaigning for non-violent strategies. The world has never been more ready.

**If you wish to prepare next**

**Sunday's Readings : 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Is 49:14-15.**

**Ps 61:2-3, 6-9.**

**1 Cor 41:1-5.**

**Mt 6:24-34.**

**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 )**

**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)**

**25th/26th Feb 2017**

**Kitty Quinn**

**Anna Maher**

**Elizabeth Kiriimidis (M.M)  
Betty Wadding**

**Peter ( Piery ) Cummins  
Mary & Tommy Cummins**

**Helen McCarthy ( M.M)  
Bernard Phelan**

**Last Sunday's Collection**

€2,758

**Thank you for your generous offering****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.

**St. Mary's Rotas**

*Rotas for Ministers of the Word, Ministers of the Eucharist and for Havenwood are now available in the Sacristy in St. Mary's.*

**Need help with your digital device?**

Students at WIT are again getting behind a community initiative "121 digital", where students give free one-to-one lessons to learners. Each course consists of 4 lessons of 2 hours each. Topics can include: gmail, social networking, online banking, Skype, etc.

Starts Tues 28th Feb. Phone 051 302037 by Fri 24th, to register.

**Lourdes: Diocesan Pilgrimage**

59th Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage of Waterford & Lismore. Tuesday 6th June—Sunday 11th June. Pilgrimage bookings: Lourdes office, St. John's Pastoral Centre 051 878900.

**Can you help?**

Book Pilgrimage to work as a helper in Lourdes: Doctors, Nurses, Healthcare Professionals. Adult helpers (age 18+). No experience required. Pilgrimage costs: 750€. Inclusive of Tax, Insurance, Airport Transport. Full board basis.

**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 12.30pm 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.

**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. Venue: St. Joseph & St. Benildus Parish Centre. 7.30pm.

Wednesday March 1st, Gospel Story of the Blind Man.

Weds Mar 8th, Film: Of Gods & Men.

Weds 22nd Mar; Gospel story, The woman at the well.

Weds 29th Mar: The story of Jonah.

Weds April 5th: Film: Babette's Feast.

An opportunity to awaken, renew, and deepen our friendship with Christ. All welcome.

**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, Elizabeth Kirimlidis**

*And those whose anniversaries or birthdays occur:*

**Katherine Coughlan, William Smith,**

**Brian Moloney, Agnes O'Brien, Delia & Eddie Grant,**

**Jack Barriscale, Joe Jennings, Maeve Twomey,**

**Michael & Maisie Power,**

**Patrick, Margaret & Noreen Phelan.**

**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.