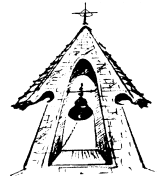


**Parish of St. Joseph & St. Benildus and St. Mary's
Newtown Road, Waterford City, Ireland**



**NEWSLETTER
Fifth Sunday of Easter**

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MASSES THIS WEEK

St. Joseph & St. Benildus

Mon 7.30 & 10.30am

Tues 7.30 & 10.30am

Weds 7.30 & 10.30am

Thur 7.30 & 10.30am

Fri 7.30 & 10.30am

Sat : 10.30am & 6.30pm

Sunday 10.00 am & 12noon

St. Mary's Ballygunner

Saturday: 7pm Vigil

Sunday: 11am

Gospel Reflection for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

Finding the Best Way



Prisons are full of people who have never set out to be bad. Our path in life is often set from childhood. Our futures are often decided for us by our upbringing, by good parents or by bad parents, by mistakes we have made that have set us on a wrong path, or by exams that we have either passed or failed. But our past doesn't have to equal our future. If we want God to prepare us a place in heaven, we have to live by God's teaching, and that starts with a simple decision. We only have one life, and we have to find the best way to live it.

If you have faith in God, you also have faith that Jesus is preparing a place for each and every one of us. So how do we find our way to that place? Jesus' only advice is, "I am the way the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." To the early disciples Jesus must have sounded like he was talking in riddles, but to have tied up all the loose ends for the early disciples would not have helped us future generations. We have to find our way to the Father through Jesus without maps or answer books. How could Jesus have left specific answers two thousand years ago on subjects like embryology for instance, cloning, or IVF? Jesus simply trusts us to work things out in the light of his teaching, just as he trusted his first disciples.

"No one comes to the Father except through Jesus". There are many rooms in God's house ... room enough for everybody who acts in good faith room enough for everyone who lives their life the way Jesus has taught.

**If you wish to prepare
next Sunday's Readings :**

6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17.

Ps 65:1-7, 16, 20.

1 Pt 3:15-18.

Jn 14: 15-21.

MASSES

St. Joseph & St. Benildus Church

6.30pm (Sat)

10.00am (Sun)

12.00pm (Sun)

St Mary's Church

7.00pm (Sat)

11.00am (Sun)

13th/14th May 2017

Nora McCarthy

Séamus Reale

Cora McGrath

**Marie Dwyer
& John Barry**

**Kathleen Barrett (M.M)
& Charlie & Nancy O'Sullivan
& Son Jim O'Sullivan
& Grandson Darren O'Sullivan**

20th/21st May 2017

Ralph Pheasey

Margaret (Peggy) Reville

Nora Kennedy

Darren O'Sullivan

**Pierce, Patricia & Pierce
Kennedy Jnr.**

Last Sunday's Collection

€2,680

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

We welcome *Ciara Louise Sherwin* and *Dominick Gasiorowski* who were baptised recently. Please keep them, their parents and godparents in your prayers.

Lasallian Volunteers

At the end of June Lasallian volunteers from Ireland, including three from the parish will travel to Awo, in Northern Ethiopia to construct a multi-purpose building. It's a drought stricken region of Ethiopia. Br Thomas Walsh and Tom O'Neill will speak at all Masses in the parish next weekend. Any contributions towards the projects will be truly appreciated. **In Africa "a little goes a long way."**

Pastoral Council

There will be a meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council on Weds 17th May at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

Finance Council

There will be a meeting of the Parish Finance Council on Monday 15th May at 11am in the Parish Centre.

Liturgy Committee

The Parish Liturgy Committee will meet on Tuesday 16th May at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

Voci Choir: Concert

Vestibule Theatre Royal, Sunday 14th May at 12.30pm. Voci will be joined by Voicemale & members of Newtown School Choir

New: Waterford Men's Shed
Are you interested in joining?

Meeting: St.Saviour's Soccer Club, Ballybeg. Weds 17th May, 7pm.
Details: 087 652 6186 or 089 478 5484.

Rosary Procession

The annual Diocesan May Rosary Procession will take place on Sunday the 28th of May at 3pm, leaving Ballybricken Green to the Dominican Church, Bridge Street where the Crowning of Our Lady will take place. All are very welcome to attend, especially those children who have received their First Holy Communion.

Waterford Hospice.

Greenway Leisure Cycle: Waterford & Dungarvan Lions Clubs:
East meets West.

Sunday 21st May 2017. distance 20Km.

Event registration: 10am-11am at event starting points.

Start: Greenway at WIT (Carriganore Campus) for East Waterford participants.

Greenway at Clonea Strand, Dungarvan for West Waterford participants.

Finish: Rainbow Community Hall, Kilmacthomas. (light refreshments available for all participants from 10.30am—2pm.) To register, contact 087 2540649 or 085 2865878.

SOME PROOFS THE CITIZENS' ASSEMBLY WAS A PRO-ABORTION FARCE

Posted by Niamh Uí Bhriain on Wednesday, May 3, 2017 ·

The Assembly contrived by the government to help push a change in our abortion laws has voted in favour of abortion-on-demand, without almost any restrictions at all. But here are some proofs that the Citizens' Assembly was a pro-abortion farce from the beginning.

The outcome was predetermined. Before the Assembly met for the first time, senior Ministers including Katherine Zappone, and Leo Varadkar and other Fine Gael TDs, including Paschal Donohue and Simon Harris all said that a referendum on abortion would come from the Assembly. No surprise then, when that's exactly what happened.

The Assembly was rigged to hear mostly from abortion supporters, going so far as to give a platform to abortionists – people who make their living from killing preborn babies.

This was fairly evident from the beginning when most of the 'impartial experts' were people who supported legalised abortion, or who presented research carried out by abortion pill providers, or who claimed that the pro-life 8th amendment was "not satisfactory, not helpful" for women facing an unexpected pregnancy.. (Advocacy groups were only called in to give short presentations – as advocacy groups, not 'impartial experts'. There were also several debates between pro-life and pro-abortion ethicists, but again, these were not designed to have the same impact as the pretend 'impartial experts')

The final day of voting was chaotic and shambolic: The Assembly members were initially being asked to vote on a list of 8 grounds where abortion could be made legal, but last minute changes meant that that additional grounds were added at the last minute and eventually 13 grounds (including poverty and mental health) were included. No serious discussion had taken place on some of these grounds – or on what it meant to perform late-term abortions. An hAssembly member also told Joe Duffy that there wasn't "time for proper reflection" before the votes.

The votes cast by the Assembly were seriously at odds with public opinion. By a large majority, they supported abortion on demand – without any restrictions at all in some cases. Even the Sunday Times registered its shock that some Assembly members supported abortion right up to birth.

Please pray for the following who died recently

Mary Sadlier (Viewmount)

Those who died about a month ago

Kathleen Barrett, John Lafford

And those whose anniversaries or birthdays occur:

Myra McGrath, Stan Meade,

Maurice & Mary Teresa Gleeson,

Jerome & Julia Hegarty, John Foskin.

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.