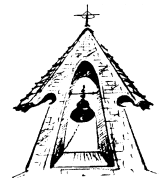


Parish of St. Joseph & St. Benildus and St. Mary's  
Newtown Road, Waterford City, Ireland



## NEWSLETTER Easter Sunday

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### PARISH INFORMATION

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### MASSES THIS WEEK

#### St. Joseph & St. Benildus

Mon 10.30am

Tues 10.30am

Weds 10.30am

Thur 10.30am

Fri 10.30am

Sat : 10.30am & 6.30pm

Sunday 10.00 am & 12noon

#### St. Mary's Ballygunner

Saturday: 7pm Vigil

Sunday: 11am

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

#### 2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:42-47.

Ps 117:2-4, 13-15, 22-24.

1 Pt 1:3-9.

Jn 20:19-31.

### Gospel Reflection for Easter Sunday

#### Life Without End



Belief in the resurrection is essential to our faith, yet the account of Jesus' resurrection, or rather the lack of it, leaves us as confused as the original disciples. We've been left with a puzzle with pieces missing, a story with an important part untold. As Christians we are reminded that religion is ultimately a faith not a science.

Our human search for certainty urges us to try and work out who moved the stone, but at this point all we can do is put the resurrection into the context of the rest of Jesus' life and teachings. We have to trust that everything Jesus has told us is true, and that the resurrection is not just an invention to give a tragic story a happy ending, but the realisation of the promises Jesus made all along. Jesus promised all along that death couldn't contain us, and the empty tomb points to this not necessarily as proof, but as truth.

The empty tomb gives our life purpose. Belief in the resurrection means we can live life boldly and well, looking forward to eternal life. The empty tomb gives us a means to deal with pain and suffering, it means that death is not a meaningless end of life, but the door to the fullness of life with the risen Christ.

*Beannachtaí na Cásca oraibh go léir.*

### MASSES

#### St. Joseph & St. Benildus Church

9pm (Sat)

10.00am (Sun)

12.00pm (Sun)

#### St Mary's Church

9.00pm (Sat)

11.00am (Sun)

15/16th April 2017

Paddy & Eileen Foley

Philip O'Keeffe

Paddy & Maureen Moloney

John Upton

22nd/23rd April 2017

6.30pm: Tom Sheridan

Michael & Elizabeth Cusack

Michael Moynihan

7pm: Mary & Tim Power

Joan & Michael Cummins

**Last Sunday's Collection**

€2,595

*Thank you for your generous offering*

**Trócaire Lenten Appeal**

Please return your Trócaire Lenten Appeal boxes. They may be handed in to the Sacristy in either church.

**Recent Baptisms**

We welcome  
*Jack Noel McNally,*  
*Ethan Cullinane,*  
*Cailte Braden O'Riain, and*  
*Trystan Fiachra O'Riain* who were baptised recently. Please keep them, their parents and godparents in your prayers.

**Easter Collection**

The Easter Collection for the support of the priests is being taken up this weekend.  
*Thank you for your continued generosity.*

**Weekday Masses in  
St. Joseph & St. Benildus  
Church**

From Monday 17th April to Friday 21st April, daily Mass will be celebrated at 10.30am only.  
The 7.30am Mass will resume on Monday 24th April.

**Special Edition**

A special Waterford edition of the Irish Catholic newspaper is available at the rear of the churches.

Please take a complimentary copy.

**HOLY WEEK SERVICES****St. Joseph & St. Benildus Church**

**Holy Saturday: 15th April :** Easter Vigil 9.00pm

**Easter Sunday: 16th April :** Masses 10am, 12noon.

**St. Mary's Ballygunner**

**Holy Saturday: 15th April:** 9.00pm : Easter Vigil .

**Easter Sunday: 16th April:** 11.00am Mass.

**Book launch in Knock**

You're invited to a book launch in Knock Shrine bookshop on Saturday 22nd April at 2.30pm: "The Lamb Will Conquer: Reflections on the Knock Apparition" by Fr Nigel Woollen (curate of Knock), launched by Most Rev. Fintan Monahan, Bishop of Killaloe. Book also available (€10) on Knock Shrine and Veritas websites.

<http://www.veritasbooksonline.com/the-lamb-will-conquer.html>

<https://www.aro.ie/aroeshop/sites/knockshrine/Products/knock-shrine-literature>

**Easter Triduum**

The term triduum means 'three days.' The three days are counted as the Hebrews counted their days, from dusk to dusk. Therefore, the three days of the Easter triduum are from dusk on Holy Thursday to dusk on Good Friday (day one), dusk on Good Friday to dusk on Holy Saturday (day two), and dusk on Holy Saturday to dusk on Easter Sunday (day three). Each of those days 'tells' a different part of the story of Jesus' saving action. We look at the Easter gTriduum as one single celebration that lasts for three days. We cannot separate the death of Jesus from his resurrection. We do not spend all of the three days in church, but at various times during those days, we are called to church to gather and remember together.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

The regular Wednesday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in St. Joseph & St. Benildus Church will not take place during Easter Week.

*Please pray for the following whose anniversaries or birthdays occur:*

***Michael Daly, Donal McBride,  
Harry Geraghty, Jack Hetherington,  
Louie Fitzgerald, Bridie Meehan,  
Michael Murphy, Anne & Joseph Sherman,  
Johanna & Patrick Power.***

**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.