



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



**NEWSLETTER  
Sixth Sunday of Easter**

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**PARISH INFORMATION**

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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 Sixth Sunday of Easter  
If you Love Me.**



Jesus' 'farewell discourses' are a bit like a teacher's final lesson before an exam ..... packed with important advice. "If you love me you will keep my commandments." "Love one another as I have loved you." "The Spirit of Truth will abide with you when I am gone."

Love of course is key to all Jesus' last minute advice. There's lots we already know about love from our own relationships. If we love and care about each other we say where we are going and what time will be back home. If we love each other we don't keep secrets or have affairs. If we love each other we put our loved one's needs before our own.

It's the same with God; we show God we love him by keeping his commandments. Commandments aren't there to create unnecessary discipline, they are there to keep us in love with God and with each other.

Jesus knew that once he was gone some of his commandments would become less clear. Two thousand years down the line there are many issues that have grey areas, such as euthanasia, and the sciences that govern nuclear energy or reproduction. For instances such as these, Jesus left us an 'Advocate' a 'Spirit of Truth'. We are promised that the 'Spirit of Truth' will guide us through all of life's difficult decisions.

Jesus left us with hope and help, now it's down to us.

**If you wish to prepare  
next Sunday's Readings :  
The Ascension of the  
Lord**

**Acts 1:1-11.**

**Ps 4:2-3, 6-9.**

**Eph 1: 17-23.**

**Mt 28:16-20.**

**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 )**

**20th/21st May 2017**

**Ralph Pheasey**

**Margaret (Peggy ) Reville**

**Nora Kennedy**

**Darren O'Sullivan**

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

**27th/28th May 2017**

**Fr.Paddy Cooney**

**David Ellickson**

**John Bradley  
& Frank Cooke**

**Thomas & William Power**

**Siobhán Griffin  
& Gemma McQuaid**

**Last Sunday's Collection**

€2,068

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

We welcome *Alex McAra* who was baptised recently. Please keep him, his parents and godparents in your prayers.

**Morning Prayer Group: Prayer & Praise**

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

**Cemetery Mass: Ballygunner**

The annual cemetery Mass will be celebrated in Ballygunner cemetery on Thursday 15th June at 7.30pm.

**Madrigallery in May**

Summer lunchtime concert. Sunday 21st May, at 1pm. Greyfriars Gallery, Waterford. Musical Director: *Kevin O'Carroll*. Accompanist: *Marian Ingoldsby*. Tickets €7. Info at 086 2257670  
*Proceeds in aid of Irish Kidney Association*

**St. Peregrine**

Mass in honour of St. Peregrine, the patron saint of those who suffer from cancer, will be celebrated in St. John's Church, Parnell Street, Waterford on Tues 23rd May at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

**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.

**Traditional Latin Mass**

A Traditional Latin Mass with Gregorian Chant will be celebrated in the Cathedral of the Most Holy Trinity, Waterford at 10.00am on Sunday 28th May 2017. Celebrant: Fr. Andrzej Komorowski FSSP.

**Samarathon : An afternoon of Irish Traditional Music and Dance will take place on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2017 at Cathedral Square, Waterford from 12 noon to 6 pm. The best of bands, musicians, singers and dancers will perform, in aid of Waterford and South East Samaritans who give a 24/7 listening ear to the lonely, depressed and suicidal. Samaritans Freephone No. 116123.**

**Waterford Male voice Choir : Summer concert: Christ Church Cathedral.**

Friday 26th May, 8pm.

Also featuring: *Baerum Kammerchor Choir* ( Norway ) and *Siobhán Doyle*, ( Concert Violinist ). Tickets €15

**Mass for Exam Students**

On Saturday 3rd June, there will be a special Mass for exam students at 6.30pm in the Church of St. Joseph & St. Benildus. All are invited to attend. ( *The State Exams begin on Weds 7th June* )

**Confirmation Congratulations**

Congratulations to the children of the parish who were confirmed on Friday 20th and Saturday 21st May, in the Church of St. Joseph & St. Benildus, and in St. Mary's, Ballygunner. Many thanks to their parents, sponsors and teachers, who prepared them for the ceremony.

**Solemn Novena of St. Anthony**

The annual solemn novena will take place in the Franciscan Friary, Waterford from 4th-12th June. The Feast Day Mass will be at 10.30am on 13th, with Blessing of Lilies.

*Please pray for the following who died recently*

**Tony Roche**

*Those who died about a month ago*

**Gerard McAllister**

**Christopher Campbell**

*And those whose anniversaries or birthdays occur:*

**Mary, Margaret, Alan & Patricia Everett,**

**Gemma Mary Fitzgerald, Myra McGrath,**

**John Mullane, Nora Lyons.**

**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.