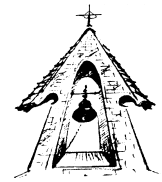




**Parish of St. Joseph & St. Benildus and St. Mary's
Newtown Road, Waterford City, Ireland**



**NEWSLETTER
The Ascension of the Lord**

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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

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

Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11.

Ps 103;1, 24, 29-31, 34.

1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13.

Jn 20: 19-23.

**Gospel Reflection for the Ascension
Make Disciples of All Nations**

Jesus arranges to meet the eleven disciples on the mountain at Galilee. The scene is set. Jesus is about to ascend into heaven, but first he gives the disciples their all-important commission; to baptise and teach the message Jesus has taught them... to make disciples of all nations. It must have been a staggering thing for eleven humble Galileans to be told.

With the early disciples long gone, it is now up to us to carry the baton. We too are entrusted with the commission to make disciples of all nations. Perhaps we don't feel the commission as acutely because we didn't receive it standing on a mountain talking to Jesus face to face... but nonetheless we have inherited the commission and we have to do something about it. With so much conflict in the world, the Christian example of forgiveness and peace has never been more relevant.

So where do we begin? How do we go about making disciples of all nations? One thing is for sure; we are not all called to drop our day jobs and rush round the world being missionaries. We are each called in a different ways. Some of us are called as parents to baptise our children and bring them up as Christians. Some of us are called to bring God's love into the lives of those who have lost direction and hope. We are all called to teach by example either in the context of our jobs or in the extra things we do. We are each challenged to work out how best we can carry out Jesus' commission.

Yes the commission is a daunting one, but Jesus makes it clear that his ascension does not mean that he will be absent from our lives. We will always have Jesus' help. "I am with you always," he promises, "until the end of the age."

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)

27th/28th May 2017

Fr.Paddy Cooney

David Ellickson

**John Bradley
& Frank Cooke
& Madge Whelan**

Thomas & William Power

**Siobhán Griffin
& Gemma McQuaid**

3rd/4th June 2017

John & Mary Coade

Jimmy Aylward

Paddy Holden

John Quann

Mary Broderick

Last Sunday's Collection

€2,330

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

We welcome

David John Lanigan who was baptised recently. Please keep him, his parents and godparents in your prayers.**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.

Samarathon : An afternoon of Irish Traditional Music and Dance will take place on Saturday 3rd 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.

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.

Come home to the love of God's Family on Lough Derg.

You may begin your 3-day pilgrimage on any day from 1st June until 13th August. No need to book. Daily boats to the island from 10.30am-3pm, 7 days a week. Telephone Maureen or Lorraine on 071 9861518. Email: info@loughderg.org

Mass for Exam Students

On Saturday 3rd June, the Feast of Pentecost, 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*)

Cemetery Mass: Ballygunner

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

First Holy Communion Congratulations

Congratulations to the children of St John of God school and St. Mary's Ballygunner who received their First Holy Communion this weekend. Thanks to their parents and teachers who prepared them for the ceremonies.

Lasallian Projects Appeal

Lasallian Projects would sincerely like to thank the parish of St. Joseph, St. Benildus & St. Mary for their very generous contribution last Sunday of €5,336.80 towards our Summer Project in Awo, Ethiopia in July. God bless you all, and pray for us.
Br. Tom Walsh

St. Mary's Rotas

The rotas for Ministers of the Word and of the Eucharist are available in the sacristy in St. Mary's.

ISPCC : Recruiting for Volunteers : Childline services

If you have good communication skills & are a good listener, volunteering for the ISPCC could be for you. We are looking for volunteers to give 2-4 hours a week, for a minimum of 2 years. In return, the ISPCC will provide comprehensive training, support and supervision. To book your place on one of our information evenings (14th & 21st June), please contact Nicola on Nicola.morrissey@ispcc.ie or phone 051 595895

Cuan Mhuire Fundraising Walk

This year's walk will be a 15Km stroll through the beautiful landscape of the Garden County, taking place on Saturday July 1st 2017 in Tinahely, Co. Wicklow. Registration : www.iregister.ie/v2/events/cuan-mhuire-annual-hillwalk-2017/ or at base camp on the day. Sponsorship cards can be requested at hillwalk@cuanmhuire.ie, and will be posted out. Cuan Mhuire is Ireland's largest provider of specialised residential treatment for people suffering from addiction, caring for some 600 residents at any one time, with close to 3,000 people being admitted to our centres every year.

Home Visitation Team

There will be a Meeting of the Home Visitation Team on Monday 29th May, at 11.15am in the Parish Centre.

Please pray for the following who died recently

Elaine O'Donovan (Viewmount & London)

Declan Lonergan

Susan Walsh

Ray Bradley (Westmeath)

And those whose anniversaries or birthdays occur:

Mary Broderick, Molly McCabe,

Garry Farrell, Clodagh Lee, John Mullane, Br. Jerome Cooper,

Pat & Nancy Phelan, Michael Cashin,

Christopher Sherry, Annam Chacko.

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.