



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



**NEWSLETTER
Third Sunday of Easter**

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PARISH INFORMATION

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MASSES THIS WEEK

St. Joseph & St. Benildus

Mon 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 :**

4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14, 36-41.

Ps 22:1-6.

1 Pt 2:20-25.

Jn 10:1-10.

**Gospel Reflection for the Third Sunday of Easter
Meeting Jesus**

Two disciples travel along the road to Emmaus talking about recent events in Jerusalem. They are feeling helpless and defeated in the wake of Jesus' crucifixion. Perhaps they were still strongly tied to the Jewish expectation of a Messiah, and had little understanding of Jesus' divinity. They simply saw Jesus' death as a crushing defeat.

Perhaps our own stories aren't too different. We often feel defeated and helpless, unable to see what Jesus' death and resurrection could mean for us. Do we spend long periods of depression, unable to appreciate God's presence in our lives? One thing is for sure; it would be nothing short of a tragedy if we got to the end of life's paths without meeting Jesus, so how should we go about it?

Notice in today's gospel that Jesus opens the eyes of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus very gradually. The two travellers don't recognise Jesus straight away, but their hearts warm to him as he helps them to see recent events in the light of scripture. As he interprets what has happened, he gives them hope in the future and a clear vision of new opportunities. Then when the couple invite Jesus to stay, and he breaks bread with them, they come to realise who he really is. What a life changing moment that must have been!

This story is clearly not just for the benefit of the two travellers or even for the first disciples; this story is for the benefit of us all. We might think that we've been going to church long enough to have heard it all before, but there's always something new to learn.

Today we are invited to meet Jesus in the Eucharist, and to re-find Jesus in the way we understand and interpret the scriptures. Take up the challenge.

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)

29th/30th April 2017

William Patrick Murphy

John Barron

Nora Holden

**Helena Kearney
& Teresa Kelly**

**Michael Fitzpatrick (M.M)
& Maureen & William Fitzgerald**

6th/7th May 2017

Margaret Byrne

Michael Moynihan

May & Michael McQuaid

Declan O'Sullivan

Colm Hartley

Last Sunday's Collection

€2,570

*Thank you for your generous offering***Comeragh Active Retirement**

The next Comeragh Active Retirement meeting will take place in the Woodlands Hotel at 2pm on Wednesday 10th May.

Rotas

The rotas for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in the Church of St. Joseph & St. Benildus are available in the sacristy.

FIRST LIGHT

Supporting Suddenly Bereaved Parents & Families.

A Mile in Memory.

Remembrance walk in memory of loved ones lost.

Date: Sunday 14th May.

Location: Sacred heart Church, Dunhill.

Time : 2.30pm.

Refreshments, Raffle & activities afterwards at Slí na gCroí, Chapel Lane, Dunhill.
All welcome.
Contact :Helena Fitzgerald, 085 7798288

Waterford Group Three Day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg 2017

Bus leaving Waterford on Friday 7th July at 12noon. Staying in Donegal on Friday night & heading to Lough Derg early Saturday morning. Leaving Lough Derg on Monday morning, arriving back in Waterford around 6/7pm Monday evening.
For more details contact Phyllis on 087 6722991 or Olive on 086 8792265.

Babette's Feast

There will be a screening of the movie *Babette's Feast* on Monday 8th May at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. It has many interesting Catholic themes, including the Christ figure, the Eucharist and Community. All are welcome.

Anam Cara, the national organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Bereavement Information Evening in the Solas Cancer Support Centre, Williamstown, Waterford on Tuesday 9th of May, from 7-9pm. Registration will start at 6.45pm. The guest speaker for the evening is Bríd Carroll and this is a free event. Anam Cara will need to confirm numbers, so if attending, or if you have any questions, please write to info@anamcara.ie before Monday 8th May, text 085 2888 888 or call 01 404 5378.
Please note that this event is for bereaved parents only.

Mount Melleray Youth Day**Tuesday 2nd May, 2017.**

Speaker: Most Rev Frank Caggiano, Bishop of Bridgeport, Connecticut. Parents, Teachers, Priests & Young Adults are invited for an Evening Session with Bishop Caggiano on Tues 2nd May, from 7.30pm—9.15pm at the Cistercian Monastery, Mt.Melleray. **Theme:** "Commit your life to the Lord. Trust in Him & He will act". Ps 37.5

Cnoc Buí ARA

The next meeting of the Cnoc Buí ARA will take place in the Woodlands Hotel at 2pm on Wednesday 3rd May.

Please bring the final money for Westport, and 25€ in an envelope with name, etc, for mystery tour on June 7th.

Please pray for the following who died about a month ago

Michael Fitzpatrick

And those whose anniversaries or birthdays occur:

David & Margaret Fenton,

Nicholas Kennedy, Anastatia Lahart,

Karen Ann Finnerty,

Members & deceased members of St. Joseph & St. Benildus Bridge Club.

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.