



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



**NEWSLETTER  
Fourth 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

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

**5th Sunday of Easter**

**Acts 6:1-7.**

**Ps 32: 1-2, 4-5, 18-19.**

**1 Pt 2:4-9.**

**Jn 14:1-12.**

**Who Wants to be a Sheep!**

Who wants to be likened to a sheep! Sheep are seen as silly animals that follow each other blindly and do not act or think for themselves. When Jesus invites us to be 'his flock', he is not asking us to behave like sheep, rather his is asking us to think of him as our 'good shepherd'. As followers, we are not asked to follow blindly, we are asked to discern his voice and his values in a world full of distractions and competing values.

From the moment we get out of bed in the morning there are a million and one demands vying for our attention. We make a list of things we have to do in a day and discover we have more things to do than hours to do them in. Most of the things we have to do are things that we will get into trouble for if we don't do them. We have to go to work or we won't get paid. We have to do the housework or we will be considered dysfunctional. We have to pay the bills or we will receive a court summons. We have to help our children with their homework or we will get disapproving letters home from the headteacher. Finding time to listen for Jesus' voice probably isn't on our 'list-to-do'.

The good news is that we don't have to add Jesus to the list; Jesus is part of the list. The trick is to know, that Jesus' voice is in every little job that we do, and in each one of our day to day activities. We don't need a special time to sit down and listen to what Jesus is telling us. Hearing Jesus' voice is a habit we need to develop on a day to day basis. The trick is to know that Jesus' voice is everywhere that encourages us to impact our world as Christians. Jesus' voice is the voice at work that encourages us to do our best, the voice that encourages us not to gossip, the voice that encourages us not to ignore the person who needs a lift at home time. Jesus is the voice that encourages us to respond to family members and the wider community who are in need. Jesus' voice is the voice that tells us how to vote and how to campaign for those who do not have a voice of their own. The voice of the impostor on the other hand is everywhere that encourages us to act out of self-interest and greed. Being part of Jesus' flock is certainly not for the 'sheep'; it's for those with discerning ears from the first moment we get out of bed in the morning to last thing at night.

The voice of Jesus the good shepherd is the one that offers us spiritual sustenance, guidance, love and protection. Jesus wants us to recognise his voice as the one who addresses what we are and what we stand for. Key to a healthy spiritual life is an overriding commitment to hearing the word of God and applying it to one's own life.

**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 )**

**6th/7th May 2017**

**Margaret Byrne**

**Michael Moynihan**

**May & Michael McQuaid**

**Declan O'Sullivan**

**Colm Hartley**

**13th/14th May 2017**

**Nora McCarthy**

**Séamus Reale**

**Cora McGrath**

**Marie Dwyer**

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

**Last Sunday's Collection**

€2,641

**Thank you for your generous offering****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 &amp; activities afterwards at Slí na gCroí, Chapel Lane, Dunhill. All welcome.

Contact :Helena Fitzgerald, 085 7798288

**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.

**Concert: Christ Church Cathedral : Ad Hoc Chorale**

There will a concert in Christ Church Cathedral, Waterford on Friday 12th May at 8pm, featuring: *Ad Hoc Chorale*, with special guest Sandra Wickham. Admission 15€. Concessions 12€.

**World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

Today the Church celebrates the call to the priesthood and the consecrated life. We remember other callings at other times, but on this day we pray especially for those God is calling to be consecrated or to be ordained.

To do:-Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead.

Keep the priests of our parish in your prayers throughout the week.

Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister.

Pray a rosary for more young men and women to respond to God's call.

**First Communion Congratulations**

Congratulations to the children of Newtown Primary School who celebrate their First Holy Communion at 10.00am Mass this Sunday, 7th May. A special word of thanks to their Catechist Ms Olive Ruane, who prepared them.

**REMINDER: Trócaire Boxes**

If you haven't returned your Lenten Trócaire box, you may still do so at the Sacristy or to the Parish office. **Thanks to all who have already contributed.**

**Day of Reflection & Prayer for those in Parish Ministry.**

Holy Family Mission House of Prayer, Glencomeragh.

Saturday 13th May.

Registration 10.30am.

Day will end at 3.30pm. Cost 10€

( includes tea, coffee, light lunch ).

Facilitator: Frances Rowland

( Diocese of Kerry Pastoral Team ).

Booking essential before Weds 10th May. 051 874199 or email:

pastoralmail@eircom.net

**Mt.Melleray Youth Day, 2nd May 2017.**

On Tuesday 2 May, the hills were alive with the sound of music, prayer and praise in the Knockmealdown Mountains as more than 350 Transition Year students from across Munster gathered for the Mt.Melleray Youth Day 2017. The event was organized by Máirín Ní Shúilleabháin, a national co-ordinator of Catechism study groups for adults, by the NET Ministry team from Waterford, and by young adults of Holy Family Mission, Glencomeragh. The sun shone, the Abbey was resplendent, the students were in great form, and there was a palpable sense of the joy of the occasion. The event was presided over by Bishop Phonsie Cullinan and hosted by the Cistercian monks, who welcomed everybody with the generosity for which they are renowned.

The keynote speaker was Bishop Frank Caggiano of Bridgeport, Connecticut, who is known for his charismatic addresses at World Youth Days and in Ireland at Youth 2000 events. He electrified students with his deeply-personal and highly-engaging style, challenging students to ask themselves what they want in life, and to consider what God wants for them. He urged them to question the secular and material values of society, and to seek out instead Truth, and in choosing Christ and the cross, to gain a peace that the world cannot give. He urged students to embrace their baptismal calling, and to consciously follow Christ, one day at a time, one choice at a time.

( Gillian Doherty )g

- May is Mary's month. Use Mary's month to pray the rosary for peace.

13<sup>th</sup> May is 'World Fair Trade Day'. It's a good feeling to walk round the supermarket looking for the Fair Trade logo and knowing you are doing your little bit to help third world farmers thousands of miles away.

*Please pray for the following who died about a month ago*

**Kathleen Barrett**

*And those whose anniversaries or birthdays occur:*

**Ellen Sheehan, Michael Crowe,  
Maurice & Mary Teresa Gleeson,  
Maisie & James Daniel.**

**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.