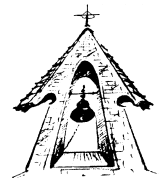


**Parish of St. Joseph & St. Benildus and St. Mary's
Newtown Road, Waterford City, Ireland**



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MASSES THIS WEEK

St. Joseph & St. Benildus

Mon 7.30 am & 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 :**

Corpus Christi

Deut 8:2-3, 14-16.

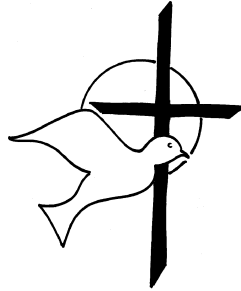
Ps 147:12-15, 19-20.

1 Cor 10:16-17.

Jn 6:51-58

Gospel Reflection for the Holy Trinity

Sharing God's Light



We only have to switch the TV on to know there is plenty of evil in the world, but in today's Gospel John reminds us that if we know and believe in God we can stand up to that evil.

But how do we even begin to know God? Do we think of a God who created the world billions of years ago but has been pretty quiet since? Do we think of God who sent his Son to save us, but only know it because the story sits in a bible up on the book shelf? Or do we think of a God who made us, a God who sent his Son to teach us, and a God who sent his Spirit to guide us through each day of our lives and through each generation that walks the earth?

The Trinity might be a bit of a theological mystery to us, but that doesn't mean to say that we are not able to understand anything of God. We understand God in three ways; as Father and creator, as Son and redeemer, and as God's Spirit left to guide and strengthen us. God the Father is all around us. God's miracles are in front of our eyes when we wake up in the morning and in the night skies before we go to sleep. We live on the only planet able to support life in our universe. God's miracles are there for all to see in our breathtaking landscapes, in our oceans teeming with life and in mankind itself. How often do we stop to praise God's creation or appreciate the miracles that surround us?

God the Son came to teach us with stories and signs. He came to reveal God's plan for us. God the Son came to show us the way to God the Father. God's Son came to us in a great manifestation of God's love. "God so loved the world that he sent his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life."

The Spirit of God is the part of God left to guide us and lead us. The Holy Spirit is something we can completely forget about ... or something we can call on every day, in every choice and in every decision we make.

Today John tells us that God is the light that helps us stand up to evil wherever it raises its head. Knowing God helps us to share that light.

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)

10/11th June 2017

Tom & Dearbhal Clarke

Diarmuid O'Hegarty

**Nicola Doheny
& Kathleen Phelan**

John Power

Maureen & Wally Threadaway

17th/18th June 2017

Jimmy O'Leary

Vivienne Burke

John Heffernan

Henry Kelley

Colm Long

Last Sunday's Collection

€2,265

Thank you for your generous offering

Exam Students

Best wishes to all our young parishioners who are sitting State Exams this year. Go n'éirí an t-ádh libh go léir.

Recent Baptisms

We welcome *Harpur Willow Dwan* and *Adam Karol Zborowski* who were baptised recently. Please keep them and their parents and godparents in your prayers.

St. Mary's Cemetery Ballygunner**Annual Mass**

The annual cemetery Mass will be celebrated in St. Mary's Cemetery Ballygunner on Thursday 15th June at 7.30pm.

Invitation To Deepen Your Vocation

Here in our faith community of St Joseph & St Benildus & St. Marys we invite you to **deepen** your baptismal vocation by becoming involved in any of our many ministries: Eucharistic Minister, Readers, Baptismal Preparation Team, Choir Member, Collector at Masses, Hospitality Team, Nursing Home & Homevisitation Teams, Family/children's Liturgy, Envelope Distributor Team. We will be delighted to have you – training will be provided if required. *Please contact the Parish Office on 878977.*

Annual Corpus Christi Procession

The Annual Corpus Christi Procession takes place on Sunday June 18th 2017 starting at 3.00pm at the Bull Post, Ballybricken and following the route below:

Assemble on Ballybricken at the Bull Post, up the Yellow Road, onto Doyle Street, left onto Barrack Street, down Newgate Street, onto Michael Street and into John Roberts Square. For further details see poster in church porch.

Pulsewave Ireland Heart Screening in Waterford : Parish Offer

Thursday 15th June, The Viking Hotel, Waterford. Normal cost of screening €50 per person. Parish offer €30 per person. Pulsewave Ireland Cardio Heart Screening can check your Blood Pressure, Heart Rhythm, arterial flexibility and blood flow. Each person will receive a detailed printout which they may discuss with their own GP.

**Appointments available daily from 11am to 8pm.
Call 087 7151623 for appointment.**

Maria et Patriet: MEP

Please pray for the following:

A group of 20 Legion of Mary members from different parts of the country will visit as many homes as possible in St.Saviour's Parish, Ballybeg.

Accommodation: College Fields WIT.

Meetings: Meeting room Ballybeg Church, 12th & 13th June.

Contact Parish Office: 051 376032

Slow Down

Lord, teach me to stand still.

To switch off, to lean on a gate; to sit and look at your beautiful world.

Teach me how to leave the phone off. To slacken speed. To lie in the sun without feeling that I should be doing something. Teach me Lord, to stop, to stop fussing.

To stop working at it,
To stop keeping on bravely,
To stop doing it for myself...

Feast of St. Anthony: June 13th

St. Anthony died in Padua in 1231 at the age of 36.

Born in Portugal, he had joined the Franciscans and preached against heresy throughout France and Italy. The feast day Mass will be in the Franciscan Friary at 10.30am, with Blessing of Lilies.

Morning Prayer & Praise

Thursday after the 10.30am Mass. Parish Centre, beside St. Joseph & St. Benildus Church. All welcome.

Please pray for the following who died recently
Christopher (Jim) Flanagan
And those whose anniversaries or birthdays occur:
Tony Fennelly, John Walsh,
Mary Smiddy, Miriam O'Kane,
Teresa 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.