



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



NEWSLETTER
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MASSES THIS WEEK

St. Joseph & St. Benildus

Mon 7.30 am j& 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 Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Walking the Plank

A plank is placed along the pavement. It's a wide sturdy plank with a prize placed tantalizingly at the far end. You are asked to walk along the plank and pick up the prize. Easy! You could run along the plank. You could probably hop along the plank backwards and blindfolded. Now you are asked to repeat the task, but this time the plank is raised eighty foot above the pavement level. It's exactly the same plank but somehow the prize is suddenly not worth the collecting. We are disabled by risk and by fear.

We are capable of doing great things, but most of us don't come anywhere near meeting our potential. We are afraid to step out of the comfort zone of our well-worn lifestyles, jobs and homes. We are afraid of the unknown, we are afraid of failure, we are afraid of ridicule, disruption and discomfort.

In the face of a sometimes hostile and sceptical world, Jesus asks us to have the courage of our convictions. The Church today is built on the courage of those who refused to compromise their beliefs. We are asked to speak out against injustice; keeping a cowardly silence is a denial. Today's gospel urges us to be courageous. "Fear no one," Jesus advises us. Why fear those who can make life temporarily uncomfortable when God has our everlasting interests at heart.

Of course, that's all very well; we would surely heed Jesus' advice to take courage if we had anything to offer in the first place. After all, it takes a very special kind of person with very special kind of skills to rush around changing the world. Surely it takes a very special kind of person to stand up and campaign for human rights. We convince ourselves that we are born with less worth than others, and by convincing ourselves that we are worth less, it is all too easy for us to rule ourselves out of the equation altogether allowing others to take the risks.

Today Jesus convinces us that we each have a special value in God's eyes. Even the sparrows that are two a penny have worth in God's eyes, so how much more worth have we. We have an individual worth to a God who has counted each and every hair on our heads. We all have something to offer no excuses; no exceptions. We all have to walk that plank.

**If you wish to prepare
next Sunday's Readings :
13th Sunday in Ordinary
Time**

2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16.

Ps 88:2-3, 16-19.

Rm 6:3-4, 8-11.

Mt 10:37-42.

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)

24th/25th June 2017

Tim O'Connor

Michael Dowling

Paddy Keyes

Molly Gough

Gerry O'Carroll

1st/2nd July 2017

Tony Fennelly

Peter Foskin

Christopher O'Sullivan

Milo Tierney

Luke Kenny

Last Sunday's Collection

€2,641

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

We welcome *Brooke Quinn*,
Max Warren Power,
Reese Emily Power, and
Jack O'Sullivan

who were baptised recently.
 Please keep them and their parents
 and godparents in your prayers.

Peter's Pence Collection

The annual Peter's Pence
 Collection will be taken up at
 all Masses next weekend
 (July 1st/2nd)

***St. Otteran's,
 Ballinaneashagh Cemetery
 Mass.***

*The annual Ballinaneashagh
 Cemetery Mass will take
 place on Monday , July 10th
 at 7.30pm. gMain Cele-
 brant Bishop Cullinan.*

**A Revolutionary Christian
 Vision for our Times :**

**A Talk On Love, Sexuality and
 Relationships.**

**Cathedral of the Most Holy
 Trinity, Waterford, 6th July at
 7.30pm.**

Christopher West, world-
 renowned speaker and author on
 the theology of the Body, is
 coming to Ireland this July. The
 Theology of the Body is a
 profound Christian vision of the
 gift of our sexuality formulated by
 Pope John Paul II from his
 meditation upon Holy Scripture
 and has since spread around the
 world transforming hearts and
 minds. Come and be inspired.

**For further details contact the
 Pure Heart office
 ask@pureheartireland.com or
 Tel 01 6629543**

Invitation to Deepen your Vocation

Here in our faith community of St. Joseph & St. Benildus & St. Mary's, we invite you to deepen your baptismal vocation by becoming involved in any of our many ministries: Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, Baptismal Preparation Team, Choirs, Collectors at Mass, Hospitality Team, Nursing Home & Home -visitation Team, Family/Children's Liturgy, Envelope Distribution Team, etc. We will be delighted to have you. Training will be provided if required. Please contact 051 878977.

**Community Employment Scheme
Graveyard Maintenance Assistant
St Marys Cemetery Ballygunner**

Ref: CES 2032508 (Bring this reference number to Intreo Office)
 19.5 Hours per week in St Marys Cemetery Ballygunner, please check with your local Department of Social Protection Intreo Office on Cork Road Waterford to see if you are eligible for the scheme.
 Duties to include grass cutting, weed control and litter control.
 Compact Community, Lady Lane House, Lady Lane, Waterford. (Scheme employer)
 Georgina Kiely Power 086 8874891

All-Ireland Rally for Life

This year's All-Ireland Rally for Life is taking place in Dublin on 1st July at Parnell Square, Dublin 1. Once again, thousands will come together in defence of the most defenceless in our society—the unborn.

The Rally is a chance for pro-lifers in Ireland to make their voices heard. This year it is important that we make a positive statement for life in Dublin. It is vital that Ireland unites around the common understanding that human life is valuable at every stage.

It is almost certain now that we will have a referendum early next year, which seeks to strip away rights from pre-born children. We need to stand together to Celebrate Life and call for a better answer than abortion.

The Waterford Bus will leave the St. Paul's Church Car Park at 9.15am and will leave at 9.30am from Caulfield's Hyper Market near the Texaco Garage on the Military Road opposite the Mercy School. A packed lunch is optional—though we will be stopping at a Topaz Service Food Area on the way. Depending on the numbers, we hope to keep the fare at €15, though €20 would be appreciated !

Please book with Antoinette at 083 3099218 or Christine at 086 086454.

**Two bikes have been found in St. Mary's Cemetery, Ballygunner.
 Can be claimed by contacting Parish Office 051 878977**

Please pray for the following who died recently

Br. Amedy, (De La Salle)

Tom Power (Belle Lake)

Those who died about a month ago

Elaine O'Donovan

And those whose anniversaries or birthdays occur:

Richard Murray, Declan Lonergan,

Brian Cully, Anne Carroll,

Hugh Greene, Peg Kirby.

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.