



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



NEWSLETTER
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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 :
17th Sunday in Ordinary
Time**

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12.

Ps 118:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130

Rm 8:28-30.

Mt 13:44-52.

Gospel Reflection for the Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Wheat and Weeds



Jesus compares the Kingdom of Heaven to a field in which the master has sown good seed. In the night, an enemy comes and plants weeds, so when the crop grows it is a mixture of wheat and weed. The servants' instinct is to pull the weeds out, but the master demands that the bad grow alongside the good ... he himself will sort the wheat from the weeds at the final harvest.

It's a typical Palestinian problem, the darnel weed, which looks just like wheat in its early stages is a menace to the harvest. The roots of the darnel weed intertwine with the roots of the wheat. To pull the darnel out can jeopardise the harvest. Similarly just as it's hard to tell the difference between wheat and darnel, so it's not always easy for us to tell the difference between good and evil. A bad person can change and become good, and a seemingly good person might not be as virtuous as we imagine. It's best if we refrain from judging; this job is best left to God.

In films and novels, the good guys always win and the bad guys always get their come-uppance. Happy endings satisfy our human sense of justice, but in reality justice seems strangely elusive. We come up against evil, time and time again. Sometimes we get so angry that we want to take justice into our own hands. Sometimes we are incensed that God can allow evil to grow alongside good, but before we get too irate, maybe we need to stop and take a good long look in the mirror. What makes us so sure that we're not weeds too? Where did we get that assurance that we are represented in the parable as the wheat?

Rarely is reality black and white. We all have good and bad inside us. We all need to change, and we all deserve the opportunity to make those changes. Perhaps this is the reason Jesus' advises us to leave the evil to grow alongside the good. As Martin Luther King Jnr. once said, "God's purpose is not wrathful judgement. God's purpose is redemption, and the road to redemption is by way of reconciliation."

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)

22nd/23rd July 2017

Noreen Murphy

Eileen Dowling

Tess O'Sullivan

**John & Anne Daniels
& Ann Marshall**

**Thomas Power (M.M)
Nicholas & Mary Lyons**

29th/30th July 2017

Mary McGeary

Rita & Michael Quinton

Michael Troy

Last Sunday's Collection

€1,827

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

We welcome *Cáit Síofra Chappell* and *Noah James Power* who were baptised recently. Please keep them, their parents and godparents in your prayers.

Havenwood Rotas

Rotas for Havenwood are now available in the Sacristy.

Congratulations

Congratulations to *Sinead Glavin* & *Barry Nolan* who were married recently.

Traditional Latin Mass

A traditional Latin Mass with Gregorian Chant will be celebrated in Holy Trinity Cathedral,

Barronstrand Street, Waterford at 10.00am on Sunday 30th July.

The celebrant will be Fr. Andrzej Komorowski, FSSP. All are most welcome.

**St.Paul University,
Ottawa,
and St.Patrick's College,
Maynooth**

Collaboration in offering the Licentiate in Canon Law.

4 year distance learning, beginning Autumn 2017.

For more information:

Email: admissions@spcm.ie

Or phone 01 708 3600

**The Liturgy Committee:
4-week course.**

A course designed for members of faith-based communities who are involved or who want to become involved in liturgy planning.

The course covers liturgical principles, the basic structure of the Mass, tools for planning liturgies and strategies for working together as a committee. Ph 051878977 for details.

Parish Barbecue !!!

We invite all parishioners to attend a Parish Barbecue on Friday 11th August 2017. This is a great opportunity for parishioners to meet each other and build up our community.

Venue: Car park of St.Joseph & St.Benildus Church.

Time: 6.30pm.

Tickets: Adults: €15 / Children: €6 (Available from Parish Office 051 878977, or after all weekend Masses).

Mary Grimes will provide the catering. There will be a special menu for children. All welcome!!!

**Youth 2000 Festival, Cistercian College, Roscrea, Co.Tipperary.
17th—20th August 2017**

For young people aged 16—35, an opportunity not to be missed to experience the Catholic faith and meet many new people, with over 1400 young people from all corners of Ireland attending last year. The festival is donation only. Free buses travel from all around Ireland. See www.youth2000.ie or Tel: 01 6753690

**Down Syndrome Ireland:
Tour of Munster
Coffee Morning**

A coffee morning in support of the Down Syndrome Ireland Tour of Munster will be held on Wednesday August 2nd after the 10.30am Mass, in the Parish Centre beside the church of St.Joseph & St.Benildus.

Fr.John will take part in the Tour, which takes place in mid August, and covers a distance of 625Km. We wish him all the best!

Please support the Coffee Morning. All welcome.

National Church collection this weekend in aid of the hunger crisis in east-Africa: Kenya, South Sudan, Somalia & Ethiopia.

Special collections will take place at all Masses across Ireland this weekend, July 22/23, in support of people currently affected by the devastating hunger crisis in east-Africa. Severe drought, driven by climate change, is currently affecting Kenya, South Sudan, Somalia and Ethiopia and this has resulted in failed harvests and the widespread death of livestock.

Trócaire, the overseas development agency of the catholic Church, is currently delivering emergency food, water and health care to the 25 million people affected. Church authorities and Trócaire will channel the collection towards those suffering as a consequence of the east-Africa hunger crisis. The affected region has been compounded by the conflict in South Sudan and Somalia, with areas in both countries now on the verge of famine. In Somalia alone, 1.4 million children face life-threatening severe malnutrition this year.

**Certificate in Theology: (Pontifical University, St.Patrick's College,
Maynooth)**

One-year course. Lectures Mon & Weds 6.30-9.30pm.

For details, email suzanne.mulligan@spcm.ie.

*Please pray for those who died about a month ago
Thomas Power*

*And those whose anniversaries or birthdays occur:
**Colm Long, Monnie Nolan, Phyllis Power,
Agnes Colclough, Thomas McGrath,
Noel Griffin.***

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.