



**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

**If you wish to prepare
next Sunday's Readings :
14th Sunday in Ordinary
Time**
Zec 9:9-10.
Ps 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14.
Rm 8:9, 11-13.
Mt 11:25-30.

Gospel reflection for the thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Do Something Simple



So how do we best succeed in being people of God in the world? Jesus' advice is "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me."

Surely this advice is too hard to follow. Does Jesus expect us to abandon our parents, our children and our families in favour of some Christian crusade? On closer inspection this is not quite what Jesus may have meant. The broad advice is that Jesus should come first, and that no worldly matters should get in the way of God. What is the point of becoming obsessed with houses, cars, university results and the best pension deals if we are only to lose our physical lives at the end of the day anyway. The Word of God we are told, will last for eternity. It's not difficult to know where our priorities should lie and yet it is still easier said than done. We are part of the physical world after all, and transcending physical comforts is a tall order. It seems altogether too difficult, and yet would Jesus really ask something of us if we weren't capable of giving it?

The tendency in today's world is to notice and reward the grand gestures. While discipleship certainly includes such great acts as laying down one's life for Christ, it also includes such everyday simple acts as hospitality and charity. Jesus was surely an expert psychologist when he said "....And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple - amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward." It's with relief that we learn that God asks no more of us than we are individually capable of. We are all capable of doing something, however simple. Do something simple for God today.

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)

1st/2nd July 2017

TonyFennelly

Peter Foskin

Christopher O'Sullivan

Milo Tierney

Luke Kenny

8th/9th July 2017

Rosalind Walsh

Jim & Brendan Phelan

**Bridie Langford
& Margaret Reid**

**Jim Flanagan (M.M)
& Brendan Murray**

Last Sunday's Collection €2,528

Thank you for your generous offering

Recent Baptisms

We welcome *Tom Nicholas Roche* and *Ronan Patrick Lawlor* who were baptised recently. Please keep them, their parents and godparents in your prayers.

Happy holidays

Now that school holidays have arrived, people will be looking forward to a well-deserved break. To all those heading away this coming week, enjoy your rest, stay safe, and come back refreshed !!

Liturgy Group Meeting

Monday 10th July, 8pm, Parish Centre

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

Light Fever: Saturday 8th July, 1.30pm—5.30pm. Cathedral of the Most Holy Trinity, Waterford.

Light Fever is an afternoon of "Open Church", where street missionaries go in pairs onto the streets of Waterford and invite people to come inside and experience a special atmosphere of music, prayer, confession and candlelight, in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Feel free to come and go as you want. Light Fever begins at 1.30pm and ends with Benediction at 5.30pm.

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

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

St. Otteran's, Ballinaneashagh Cemetery Mass.

The annual Ballinaneashagh Cemetery Mass will take place on Monday , July 10th at 7.30pm. Main Celebrant Bishop Cullinan.

Update on response to invitation to join parish ministries

A very big Thank You to all who responded to our invitation. We now have 22 new people willing to become involved in a variety of our ministries. We are delighted, and extend a warm welcome to you all. In the near future we will bring people together to meet with others and with co-ordinators of the various ministries. This will be an enjoyable evening and the start of your involvement.

We are aware of the many people already involved in caring commitments at home and elsewhere—this is also a caring ministry, and perhaps at another time you may be free to help in our parish ministries. Thanks to everyone for the great support we received in our appeal.

Peter's Pence Collection

The annual Peter's Pence Collection will be taken up at all Masses next weekend (July 8th/9th). Envelopes are available at the back of the church.

The proceeds from the Peter's Pence Collection provide for various diocesan services. These include Accord, Family Ministry, CURA, Child Safeguarding Office, Catholic Education, etc. Of course St. John's Pastoral Centre is at the heart of diocesan efforts to provide these services. There are a number of salaried people working from the centre, including the Education Secretariat (Sr. Antoinette), and a Liturgy Resource person (Ms Mary Dee).

Our diocese, too, contributes its share of funding towards the work of the Bishops' Conference and a small sum is sent to Pope Francis for use in the wider Church.

Please pray for the following who died recently

Edward Hartley, (Poleberry & Ballinaboola),

Annette O'Riordan (Spain & Waterford),

Michael Ernie Roche (Doyle Street & Havenwood).

And those whose anniversaries or birthdays occur:

Lillian Hasenknoph, Declan Grogan,

Nancy & Tim Morrison & Family, Bridget Doolan,

John Nolan, Anne Carroll, Nancy Hearne,

William Mortell, Maurice & Anna Walsh.

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.