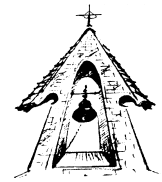




**Parish of St. Joseph & St. Benildus and St. Mary's  
Newtown Road, Waterford City, Ireland**



**NEWSLETTER**  
**14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9th July 2017**  
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**PARISH INFORMATION**

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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

***Gospel Reflection for the Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time***  
**Out of the Mouths of Babes**

How often do we laughingly say, "...Out of the mouths of babes!" We usually say it when one of the junior members of our family has stated a glaring or embarrassing truth. To children the truth is black and white, but the older we get the more we tend to complicate issues that really ought to be very simple. Perhaps we want to dress up the truth with our own interpretations. Perhaps we want to disguise truths that make us feel uncomfortable. Whatever the reasons, as we get older the truth is harder for us to recognise.

Today Jesus criticizes the religious leaders who over complicate the law. Jesus was concerned for those people at the bottom of the social heap who could not live up to the six hundred and thirteen commandments of the Jewish law. Jesus' intention was not to do away with the law, but he could not support the lawyers who spent their time manufacturing new and insufferable burdens for broken people. To the broken people Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

The demands of the twenty first century puts many challenges our way, and we spend a lot of our time juggling priorities and trying to live our lives by more than one agenda. Our lives are complicated and overly burdened. We look for the solutions to our problems in lifestyle magazines and in bottles of pills no longer able to recognise simple truths. Why don't we look more to God for solutions? God wants us all to have peace and fulfilment; all we have to do is to yield to God's agenda. The smallest child knows the difference between what is important and what is not. Why can't we?

When Jesus says, "My burden is light," he does not mean that Christianity is an easy way out ... he simply means that his demands aren't weighed down with rules and regulations that we aren't capable of meeting. "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

**If you wish to prepare  
next Sunday's Readings :  
15th Sunday in Ordinary  
Time**

**Is 55:10-11.**

**Ps 64: 10-14.**

**Rm 8:18-23.**

**Mt 13:1-23.**

**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 )**

**8th/9th July 2017**

**Rosalind Walsh**

**Jim & Brendan Phelan**

**Bridie Langford  
& Margaret Reid**

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

**15th/16th July 2017**

**Eamon Lahert**

**Don Brennan**

**Teresa & Christopher Harrington**

**Anne Mullins  
& Betty Mullane  
& Mary Disley**

**Last Sunday's Collection**

€2,390

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

We welcome

*Ruby Ava O'Malley* who was baptised recently. Please keep her, her parents and godparents in your prayers.

**Latin First Mass : for the Feast of St.Oliver Plunkett.**

On Tuesday July 11th at 7pm, in the Cathedral of the Most Holy Trinity, Waterford, a traditional Latin First Mass will be celebrated by newly ordained priest Fr.Alex Stewart, FSSP, followed by his first blessings and blessings with the relic of St. Oliver Plunkett. All welcome.

**Parents' Baptismal Meeting**

Next Wednesday, July 12th, there will be a meeting of Parents Before Baptism of Children. This is an opportunity to meet with other parents and to deepen our understanding of the wonderful sacrament of Baptism. Meeting will be facilitated by Fr.Liam or Fr.John and members of the Baptism Team.

Venue: St.Benildus Parish Centre, upstairs, 8-9pm.  
Inclusive of Tea & Biscuits !

**Amoris: Let's Talk Family: Let's be Family.**

**A talk by Cardinal Christoph Schonborn**  
**Cardinal Archbishop of Vienna.**

**Preparing for the World Meeting of Families 2018.**

Hosted by: The Irish Institute for Pastoral Studies.

**Venue:** Tara Building, Mary Immaculate College, Limerickgggg.

**Date:** Thursday 13th July 2017.

**Programme:** 2pm: Welcome by Bishop Brendan Leahy, Bishop of Limerick.  
2.30pm: Amoris Laetitia by Cardinal Christoph Schonborn.

**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

**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](http://www.youth2000.ie) or Tel: 01 6753690

**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.*

**Peter's Pence Collection**

*The annual Peter's Pence Collection will be taken up at all Masses this 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.

**Parish Barbecue !!!**

***For your Diary !! : Friday, 11th August, at 6.30pm. Details to follow. Keep an eye on the Newsletter for more information.***

**Little Sisters of the Poor, Ferrybank : Summer Fayre**

Venue: St.Joseph's Home, Ferrybank.

Date: Saturday 15th July. Time: Gates open 2pm. A great fun day for all.

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

This one-year course aims to provide a dynamic learning environment for those seeking a comprehensive foundation in Catholic Theology or for those who wish to develop and broaden their Theological knowledge. Participants will gain a more thorough understanding of their lived faith and its application to both parish and public life.

**KEY AREAS OF STUDY:** Sacred Scripture, Social Ethics, Sacramental Theology, Liturgical Theology, Spirituality, Pastoral Theology, Church History  
**LECTURES** Mondays and Wednesdays 6.30pm-9.30pm. Two Saturdays in the second semester.

For further details contact: Dr Suzanne Mulligan

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*Please pray for the following whose anniversaries or birthdays occur:*

***David ( Davy ) Walsh,  
Michael & Mary Walsh,  
William Mortell.***

**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.