



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



## NEWSLETTER

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

26th August 2017

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### MASSES THIS WEEK

#### St. Joseph & St. Benildus

Mon 7.30am & 10.30am  
Tues 7.30am & 10.30am  
Weds 7.30am & 10.30am  
Thur 7.30am & 10.30am  
Fri 7.30am & 10.30am  
Sat : 10.30am & 6.30pm  
Sunday 10.00 am &  
12noon

#### St. Mary's Ballygunner

Fri 1st Sept : 9.30am  
Saturday: 7pm Vigil  
Sunday: 11am

### CÉAD MÍLE Fáilte

WELCOME TO THE FIRST ISSUE OF THE NEW-LOOK  
PARISH NEWSLETTER

### Gospel Reflection for the Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time The Key

Who do you think Jesus is? As small children we are told that Jesus is the Son of God, and we accept it readily. When we are children God is a kindly father figure who lives in Heaven and listens to our night prayers. When we are small, Jesus is the baby we see in the Christmas Nativity scene. When we are a little older, Jesus is the teller of all those intriguing parables. Once we are young adults we see Jesus as a great teacher, a healer, a worker of miracles and a revolutionary. For some of us, doubts creep in. Is Jesus really the Son of God or simply a good man and a great prophet?

In today's gospel Jesus asks his disciples "Who do you say I am?" "You are the Christ," replies Peter promptly, "the Son of the living God." But this wasn't Peter's opinion from the start. Peter and the other disciples first met Jesus as a fellow human being. By working with Jesus and following his ministry daily, Peter and the other disciples gradually came to the extraordinary conviction that God was working through Jesus; speaking, healing, working miracles and offering eternal salvation.

Today we listen again to Jesus' question. "Who do you say I am?" It seems that the question is stretching over the centuries. It seems that the question is aimed not just at the disciples but at us. Jesus doesn't want us to give the answer we've been taught to give ... our answer has to be from the heart. Our answer might be, "I don't know!" Our answer might be, "I'm not very sure right now." Or our answer might be a resounding, "You are Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus knows that faith is a journey and our answer reflects at exactly what stage of that journey we have reached.

It may be that we think of Jesus as little more than a good man and a great prophet. If this is what we believe, the Bible becomes little more than a book filled with good stories and sound philosophy. If like the disciples we are convinced that Jesus is the Son of God, all at once we are opening ourselves to great possibilities.... all at once we have found the key to life's greatest adventure.

If you wish to prepare next Sunday's Readings: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary time:  
Jer 20:7-9. Ps 62: 2-6, 8-9. Rm 12:1-2. Mt 16: 21-27.



## Last Sunday's Collection

€1,755

*Thank you for your  
generous offering*

## Change in Daily Mass Schedule

The 7.30am Mass will  
resume on Monday  
28th August.

## Beginning Experience

Beginning Experience is a  
worldwide specially  
designed support programme  
for men and women who  
have suffered the loss of a  
spouse/partner by death,  
separation or divorce, to  
work through the grief  
process, and to discover for  
themselves that merely  
“existing” in life can be  
transformed into “living” a  
new life, though a different  
one. *The next weekend is  
being held at the Ennismore  
Retreat Centre, Cork from  
Friday 6th to Sunday 8th  
October, 2017.*

For further details please  
contact 087 9886480

## Saturday Night Cards !

Cards ( 30s ) are back on Saturday 2nd Sept,  
upstairs in the Parish Centre, from 7.30-10.00pm. Contact Larry  
087 215 4540 or Peter 087 902 1955. New members welcome!

## Taizé Prayer : A service of song, silence and contemplation.

Friday, 1st September, 8pm. Edmund Rice Chapel.

## Waterford/S.E Region Charismatic Conference 2017

*Come back to me with all your heart*

Sat 9th & Sun 10th Sept ,

Rhu Glenn Hotel

(10.am start both days)

**Speakers:** Fr.Pat Collins, Marie Beirne, Fr.Damian Ryan,  
Bishop Phonsie Cullinan.

Praise, scripture, testimonies, teaching, healing, prayer  
ministry, Eucharist, Adoration, Mass & friendship in the joy of  
the Holy Spirit. Weekend: 25€

Info: Síle 086 8590394 or Mossy: 087 2136812

**Solas Cancer Support Centre & Anam Cara**, the organisation that supports bereaved  
parents, is holding a Bereavement Information Evening on Tuesday 5th September at 7pm in  
Solas Cancer Care Centre, Williamstown, Waterford. This is a free event and open to all  
bereaved parents. As Anam Cara will need to confirm numbers for teas, coffees, etc, please  
RSVP to [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) before Monday 4th Sept or call the Information Line 085 2888  
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There will be a meeting of the **Liturgy Group** on Monday 28th August at  
8.00pm in the Parish Centre.

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

**Anthony Mescall**

*And those whose anniversaries or birthdays occur:*

**Michael & Mary Walsh,**

**Richard & Rita Fitzpatrick, Mary Aylward,**

**Bridie & Ned Dunne, John Murray,**

**Thomas & Ann Watkins,**

**Austin King, Sheila Morgan**

## 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 )

26th/27th August 2017

John Hearn

Billy Kenneally

Anthony Mescall (M.M)  
& Claire O'Donoghue

Biddy Warren  
& her son Niall

Kitty Lyons

2nd/3rd Sept 2017

Michael O'Hanlon

Joe Reville

Reginald & Constance  
Nolan


Kathleen Keane ( M.M)  
John Sheridan

Anthony Barden





# Kids Corner

 Read the Gospel and Color

We welcome *Cecily Kate Morris*,  
*Oisín Patrick Sullivan*,  
*Adrian Callos Lejoy*,  
and *Sarah Patricia McGrath* who were baptised recently. Please keep them, their parents and godparents in your prayers.

## Chernobyl Children International

A coffee morning will take place in Oskar's pub on Tuesday 29th August in aid of Chernobyl Children International. Claire Lawless, Chef at Oskar's, is travelling to Chernobyl for one week on 16th Sept as volunteer with the Medical Care Programme. There will be Spot Prizes !! For more information on CCI's work, [info@chernobyl-ireland.com](mailto:info@chernobyl-ireland.com).



## Liturgy : 4 Week Course

Parishioners who would like to help with the planning of liturgies in our parish, are invited to participate in a 4-week online course from Boston College, commencing Monday 2nd October. All participants will meet in the Parish Centre on Monday evenings for an online presentation from one of the course directors in Boston College. For anyone who wishes to sign up for the course, the cost is 25€. Observers may attend without charge. It should provide us with a wonderful opportunity to discuss liturgy in our parish and how it can be developed.

Monday 2nd Oct: Introductory Week

Monday 9th Oct: Liturgical Principles

Monday 16th Oct: Structure of the Mass

Monday 23rd Oct: Special considerations for Planning & Strategies for Working Together as a Committee

For further information: 051 878977

## 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME







# August

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**Welcome to the new full colour Parish Newsletter for St Joseph & Benildus and St. Mary's Church.**

**With this new format the back page has been set aside for local businesses and services to advertise.**

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