



St. John's Parish, Tralee

18th January 2015.
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN IN DIOCESE OF KERRY:

St. John's Parish representatives' contact
number is 087 1093893



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loop system. Please adjust your
hearing aid accordingly.

Parish Centre Opening Hours: Monday. - Saturday 9.15am - 1pm & 2pm - 4.45pm. Telephone: 066 7122522. Website: www.stjohns.ie E-mail: stjohnscastlestreet@eircom.net

PLEASE PRAY FOR

- **Eileen Hobbart**, London and O'Rahilly's Villas.
- **Loretto Moriarty** nee Kiely, Cahill's Park and late of Sligo. Memorial Mass on Saturday January 24th at 12 noon in St. John's Church.

who died recently and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time



WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES takes place this Sunday, January 18th. In his pastoral message marking this important date, Pope Francis reminds us how Jesus identified himself with strangers and outcasts: 'Jesus Christ is always waiting to be recognized in migrants and refugees, in displaced person and in exiles, and through them he calls us to share our resources, and occasionally to give up something of our acquired riches.' On this day we are asked to remember in our prayers those who have left our shores and also those who have joined us here in our parishes from overseas.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: will be celebrated from January 18th to January 25th. The theme for this week is *Jesus said to her: "Give me to drink"* (John 4:7). The biblical text of the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman invites us to try water from a different well and also to offer a little of our own. In diversity we enrich each other. The Week of Prayer for Unity is a privileged moment for prayer, encounter and dialogue. It is an opportunity to recognize the richness and value that are present in the other, the different, and to ask God for the gift of unity.

MEETING THE NEIGHBOURS: in St. John's Ashle Street on Wednesday January 21st at 8pm.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Every Friday from 10.30am to 6.10pm in St John's Church.

SHREDDED PAPER AVAILABLE: Suitable for bedding for dogs, arts and crafts etc. Contact St. John's Parish Centre

SHAPING OUR DIOCESE 2015-2020

The Diocese of Kerry is preparing a new Pastoral Plan for 2015-2020. Conscious of the changing reality of society and church today, the diocese will carry out a comprehensive listening process in order to hear people's hopes, challenges and expectations at this time. The pastoral plan will provide the diocese with a road-map/direction over the next 5 years. Feed into a new Pastoral Plan, by attending the scheduled meeting in your area. Gatherings will focus on what you feel strongly about and what your expectations are from the church. Feedback also to: shapingourdiocese@dioceseofkerry.ie. The meeting for the Tralee Pastoral Area will be held on Wednesday March 18th at 8pm.

LET'S LIVE LENT—LITURGY WORKSHOP:

A workshop for parish liturgy groups will be held on Wednesday Jan 28th in St. Brendan's Pastoral Centre, Tralee @ 8pm. Fr. Donal O'Connor, Hannah Evans and Frances Rowland will reflect on Lent and offer resources. All are welcome. For further information, email francesrowland@dioceseofkerry.ie or phone 064 6632644

RECENT BAPTISMS



With great joy we welcome

Michael Cotter
Hannah O'Neill
Emma Therese Falvey

into our Christian community.

ST. JOHN'S PARISH BAZAAR: The final figure for the Bazaar which took place in December was €41,617.91. We would like to thank most sincerely our sponsors, all those who donated money and gifts, and all those who helped in any way towards the successful running of the Bazaar.

EXPLORING THE GOSPELS AND SUNDAY READINGS:

Would you like to have a better understanding of the Gospel and the Readings you hear on Sunday? Why not come to our meeting which is held every Tuesday morning at 10.30am in the St. John's Parish Centre. So why not come along and see the Gospel come alive for you? This exploration of the Sunday Gospel and Readings is led by Mike Riordan.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: each Sunday at the 10.30am Mass in St. John's. All children aged 4—8 years are welcome to participate.

PIONEERS: Pioneers who have completed 25, 50, 60 or more years membership of the Pioneer Association will be presented with pins and certificates at the vigil mass in St. John's at 6.10pm on Saturday February 21st. If you qualify please give your name and payment for pin to St. John's Parish Centre as soon as possible.

DO THIS IN MEMORY



THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST WE BRING OUR GIFTS

During this part of the Mass we move from the ambo to the altar. We have heard the Word of God and now we come to share in the Bread of Life at the altar. The first part of the Liturgy of the Eucharist is about preparing the gifts that we bring to the altar. The most important gifts that we bring are the bread and wine. The bread is placed on something which looks like a plate. We call this a paten. The wine is in a glass jug. These gifts are placed on the altar.



ARDFERT RETREAT CENTRE: Ardfert Historical Society: Grave Matters: The Ardfert Graveyards; with Donal Stack. Wednesday 21st Jan at 8pm.

CENTERING PRAYER: The first of what will become a weekly Centering Prayer meeting for all interested in listening to God in silence will take place on Friday, Jan 23rd at 7:30pm-until 8:30pm- at Our Lady and St Brendan's Pastoral Centre, Tralee. All are welcome.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: Please don't hesitate to contact us. 24 Hour Emergency Mobile 087 7848825 or Office 066 7128021.

LEGION OF MARY: Meetings are held in St. John's Parish Centre at 2.30pm each Monday. Please join us. All welcome.

THE OXFAM TRALEE STORE is appealing for Bric a brac and book donations. Please contact Eileen at 0667127655.

MITCHELS/BOHERBEE The Historical and Heritage working group of the Mitchels/Boherbee community Regeneration Project would like to thank everyone who contributed to the calendar and CD which was a great success.

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KERRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND: 23rd – 31st October 2015 (October Bank Holiday) led by Bishop Ray Browne. 4 nights Tiberias, 4 nights Jerusalem. Flights ex Dublin. Coach transfers ex Kerry. For more information please contact Janice 064 7758219 or e-mail joskdp@eircom.net

MASS LEAFLETS: In the interest of keeping the Church tidy we would ask you to take the Mass leaflet home with you or place it at the end of the seat after Mass.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

When the Lamb of God makes himself known to us, how many of us respond with an open heart? When we hear the Word of God do we really say to him speak to us Lord your servant is listening? The Lord is the cornerstone of our life, our rock, but only when we open our hearts and souls to his call.....

(St John's Social Justice and Peace Committee).