



St. John's Parish, Tralee

8th February 2015.
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN IN DIOCESE OF KERRY:

St. John's Parish representatives' contact
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loop system. Please adjust your
hearing aid accordingly.

Parish Centre Opening Hours: Monday. - Saturday 9.15am - 1pm & 2pm - 4.45pm.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR

- **Betty O'Halloran**, née Walsh, Knockmoyle and late of Ballybunion
- **Moss (Muiris) Moriarty**, Curraheen
- **Daniel (Dan) Dunne**, Ballinorig Close and late of Powell's Road Castleisland.
- **Edward (Eddie) O'Connor**, Ballinteer Dublin and late of Baltovin, Ardfert.
- **Bernard O'Dowd**, Ballinorig
- **Patrick Kane**, New York and Strand Street.
- **Mary Ellen Brosnan**, née Brosnan St. Brendan's Park and formerly of Currans.
- **Kathleen O'Doherty**, Rae Street, St. John's Park and Toronto Canada.
- **Breda Murhill**, Muckcross, Killarney and Abbey Court Tralee.

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



JOURNEYING IN HOPE: Archbishop Diarmuid Martin will be the guest speaker at the Journeying in Hope evening, speaking on "**The Church in Ireland - Signs of Hope, New Challenges.**" on Tues Feb 24th from 7.30-8.30pm in St. John's Church.

CELEBRATION OF FAITH: St. Brendan's Church Curraheen on March 12th, 13th and 14th. Each evening provides an opportunity to reflect on and explore our faith. Full details later.

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 Sat Feb 21st. The next meeting of St John's Pioneer Centre will take place in the Parish Centre on Thurs. Feb 12th at **7.00pm (Note the earlier time)**.

SYNOD ON FAMILY: In preparation for the Extraordinary Synod in October 2015, Pope Francis has asked all the members of the Church throughout the world to reflect on the concerns and the challenges facing family life today. The Vatican has sent out a preparatory document and questions. Bishop Ray Browne has said, "*I would appreciate if you would take the time to reflect on this document and share with me your responses to the questions posed*". The document and questions are available at www.dioceseofkerry.ie

ARDFERT RETREAT CENTRE:
Celebration of Married Love All married couples welcome to an evening of prayer and reflection Wednesday 11th February at 8pm

Lenten day of Nourishment & Renewal with Martina Lehane Sheehan Sunday 15th February from 10am - 4.30pm

Ardfert Historical Lecture Series - Ardfert Railway with Steve Baker. Wed 18th Feb at 8pm
Booking: 066-7134276. **E-mail:** ardfertretreat@eircom.net

RECENT BAPTISMS

With great joy we welcome

- **Bradley McCormack-Hill**
- **Marcus James Henry**

into our Christian community.



INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE SICK:

Mass, with a special blessing for the sick and their carers will be celebrated in St. John's Church next Wednesday February 11th at 2.30pm. Refreshments will be served in the Parish Centre after Mass. All welcome.

DIOCESAN COLLECTION FOR LOURDES HELPERS: will be taken up at all Masses this weekend (February 7th/8th) as a joint offertory collection.

CAPITAL FUND ENVELOPES: For those who contribute to the Capital Fund by weekly envelope – the new envelopes are available for collection at the Parish Centre. If possible, perhaps you could bring in the top of the old Capital Fund box with the number on it.

DO THIS IN MEMORY



THE PRIEST GIVES THANKS TO GOD FOR OUR GIFTS

The priest stands behind the altar and holds up the paten with the bread on it and says a prayer of blessing to God. The priest then pours the wine into the chalice. The chalice is a special cup which is shaped like a wine glass. It may be made of gold and



silver. He pours a drop of water into the wine. He then holds up the chalice and says a prayer of blessing to God again. The priest says a prayer over the gifts, which is different at every Mass. In many churches people will stand at this point. This shows us that the preparation of the gifts is over and we are now going to pray the Eucharistic Prayer.

ANAM CARA: monthly Parent Evening on Tuesday 10th of February at 7:30pm in Recovery Haven, 5 Haigs Terrace. Services are available free of charge to all bereaved parents.

ST. JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS SOCIETY: The second sorrow and joy of St. Joseph: his sorrow when he saw Jesus born in poverty, his joy when the angels announced Jesus' birth. "*So they hurried away and found Mary and Joseph and the baby lying in the manger.*" Lk 2:16

MASS: Family Tree healing, Rosary, and Benediction in the Queen of Divine Will Oratory, Camp on Mon Feb 9th at 7.00pm. Celebrant Fr. John Walsh. Light refreshments afterwards.

MASS: in honour of St. Padre Pio will be celebrated in Our Lady and St. Brendan's Church at 6.30pm on Tuesday February 10th. All Welcome.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS Blennerville/Curraheen Group: open meeting at St. Brendan's Church Curraheen on Thursday February 19th at 7pm. All Welcome.

DEAFHEAR.IE Information session on Hearing loss on Friday February 13th at Kingdom Voluntary Housing Association, Clogher Esta, Hawley Park, From 10.30am to 12.30pm. Phone 0646620052 or 0872723862 for an appointment. This is a Free & Confidential Service.

KERRY HOSPICE FOUNDATION: Tralee Branch AGM will take place this Tuesday night, February 10th at 8.15pm in the Grand Hotel Denny Street. Volunteers needed.

HISTORY LECTURE: A lecture entitled 'The Men Will Talk to Me - Kerry Volunteers in their own words (1913-1923)' by author Dr. Tim Horgan, will take place in Tralee Library, on Tuesday 10th February at 7.30pm. Organised by the Kerry Archaeological and Historical Society.

ST. GOBNAIT'S DAY: 11th of Feb Fr. Tomás Ó'Caomh is organising a bus to Ballyvourney where Mass will be celebrated. The bus, costing €10, will leave from Our Lady and St. Brendan's Church Car-park at 10am on the 11th returning in the late afternoon. Please give your details to St. Brendan's Parish Office on 066-7125932.

KERRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND: Due to circumstances beyond our control this Pilgrimage has been postponed until 2016

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

How many times have you found yourself in a lonely place, restless, fretting and full of grief? When life becomes devoid of hope and meaning it can be so difficult to find any light in the darkness. But try not to allow yourself to become a slave of hopelessness. Instead, allow the Lord to take you by the hand. His healing touch will lighten the burden of your suffering..... (St John's Social Justice and Peace Committee).