



St. John's Parish, Tralee

15th February 2015.
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN IN DIOCESE OF KERRY:

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



St John's Church is fitted with a
loop system. Please adjust your
hearing aid accordingly.

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

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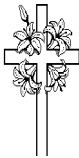
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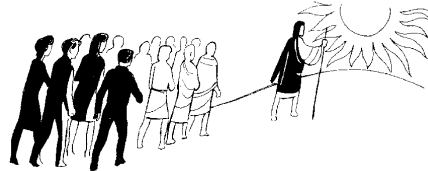
PLEASE PRAY FOR

- **John Barrett**, Oakpark Demesne and Milltown.
- **Margaret (Maeve) O'Brien** née Galvin, Railway Terrace.
- **Frankie Tarrant** née Ashe, Cluain Dara
- **Bartholomew Vincent Enright**, Flemby, Ballymacelligott
- **Bridget (Bridie) Kerins** née Lawlor, Mitchels Avenue and late of Donegal and Dublin.
- **Mary Hayes**, née Lyons, Meadowlands and Knocknagoshel.
- **Sheila (Bonnie) Sheehy**, Connolly Park and late of Gas Terrace.

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



JOURNEYING IN HOPE:



Archbishop Diarmuid Martin will be the guest speaker in St. John's Church, Tralee at the Journeying in Hope Evening of Prayer and Reflection, on Tuesday February 24th from 7.30-8.30pm. Archbishop Martin will speak on "*The Church in Ireland - Signs of Hope, New Challenges.*" Light refreshments will be served afterwards.

RECENT BAPTISMS

With great joy we welcome

- **Ruby Hanly**
- **Nicole Arefjeva**
- **Bujitu Mutombo**
- **Denis Pula**

into our Christian community.



ASH WEDNESDAY: Wednesday next, February 18th, is Ash Wednesday - the first day of Lent and a Day of Fast and Abstinence. Ashes will be distributed during all Masses in St. John's Church. Mass Times:- 8.30am, 10am 1.10pm & 6.10pm. (Please note extra Mass in St. John's at 1.10pm). Mass will be celebrated in St. Brendan's Church Curraheen at 9.30am.

ASHES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED at all Masses on Ash Wednesday and between Masses from 9am to 6pm in St. John's Church. Ashes will also be available for those unable to come to the church. The blessed Ashes are worn as a sign of faith and repentance. They should not be kept at home or taken for any other purpose.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS in St. John's Church each Friday in Lent at 7.30pm.

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.

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 Saturday February 21st.

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

DO THIS IN MEMORY



EUCHARIST

The word 'Eucharist' is another name for the Mass. It comes from a Greek word meaning 'thanksgiving'. The whole Mass is a special prayer of thanksgiving for all that God has given us. Sometimes we use the word to describe the whole Mass and sometimes it is used to describe the Bread of Life. We also talk about the sacrifice of the Mass. This reminds us of the sacrifice that Jesus made for us when he suffered and died on the cross.



ARDFERT RETREAT CENTRE:

Croí Nua - Join us during Lent for one hour weekly faith sharing starting Monday 16th Feb at 10.30am

Ardfert Historical Lecture Series - Ardfert Railway with Steve Baker. Wed 18th Feb at 8pm

Lectio Divina - Reflect and pray with the Sunday Gospels during Lent starting Thursday 19th Feb from 7-8.30pm

Booking: 066-7134276. Email: ardfretretreat@eircom.net

ST. JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS SOCIETY:

The third sorrow and joy of St. Joseph: his sorrow when he saw Jesus' blood shed in circumcision, his joy in giving him the name Jesus. "*When the eight day came and the child was to be circumcised, they gave him the name Jesus, the name the angel had given before his conception.*" Lk.2:21

RECOVERY HAVEN: Cancer Support House announce the start of their first Womens & Mens Cancer Support Groups. An information evening is to be held at 5 Haigs Terrace, Tralee on Wednesday February 18th from 6pm to 7pm. Contact Mairead on 0667192122 for further information.

BLENNERVILLE SCHOOL HISTORY

BOOK: A Committee has been formed to compile a History of Blennerville N.S. It is hoped the book will be published at the end of this year 2015. The committee is now seeking articles and pictures for publication. All pictures will be scanned and returned safely. If you have pictures of interest or you would like to write an article please submit to Blennerville N.S. C/O Mary Wallace email: info@blennervillens.ie

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS Blennerville/Curraheen Group:

open meeting at St. Brendan's Church Curraheen on Thursday February 19th at 7pm. All Welcome.

THE IRISH BLOOD TRANSFUSION

SERVICE: Blood Donor Clinic in The Brandon Hotel, on Mon 16th February from 5pm-8.30pm and on Tues 17th, Wed 18th & Thurs 19th Feb. from 3pm - 5pm & 7pm - 9pm

DERRYQUAY NATIONAL SCHOOL:

The Active Flag will be raised by Kieran Donaghy on Wednesday next, February 18th at 1pm. We congratulate Derryquay School on this great achievement. All welcome. Fáilte roimh cách.

SAMARITANS:

Interested in becoming a volunteer? Information Evening in the Manor West Hotel on Wednesday February 18th at 8pm. If you need to talk to the Samaritans phone 116 123 in complete confidence.

CURA:

St. John's Centre, Castle Street. Crisis Pregnancy Support Services for all needing support around unplanned pregnancy, post natal support and post abortion support. Talk to us. We listen. All services are free, confidential and non judgmental. Contact us at, 066 7127355, 1850 622 626 www.cura.ie or cucacares@cura.ie

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

Take Christ as your model and let your actions at all times be for the glory of God the Father. Even when it would be easier to close your eyes to the pain and suffering of others try to muster the courage from deep within to stretch out your hand, the hand of Christ. This is when you truly and compassionately touch the pain of someone who needs a friend..... (St John's Social Justice and Peace Committee).