



St. John's Parish, Tralee

22nd February 2015.
First Sunday of Lent

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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Website: www.stjohns.ie

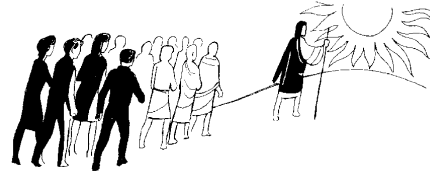
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PLEASE PRAY FOR

- **Kathleen Flanagan**, née Enright
Strand Street and formerly of
Shanaway, Tarbert.
- **Teresa Rohan** née Smith,
Meadowlands Estate.
- **Vincent Lyons**, West Midlands, England and
late of Tralee and Ardferit.
- **Lily Healy** née Walsh, St. Brendan's Park.
*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 next 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
Elliott Fitzgerald
Caragh Hobbart
Adam Rzczycki
Oskaras Savickis
Jack Lawlor



into our Christian community.

RECENT WEDDING

Congratulations to
Daniel McCarthy and Donna McCarthy
who married in St. John's parish recently.
We pray that God will bless your marriage.



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.

SYNOD ON FAMILY: In preparation for the
Extraordinary Synod in October 2015, Pope
Francis has invited all the members of the Church
to discuss certain questions and give feedback.
This is a wonderful opportunity to add your voice
at this very important time. An open Meeting will
be held in **St John's Parish Centre on Sunday
evening March 1st from 6—8pm** to offer this
space. An open invitation is extended to all. Fáilte
Romhat.

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.

SHAPING OUR DIOCESE 2015-2020

The Diocese of Kerry is preparing a new Pastoral
Plan for 2015-2020. The pastoral plan will provide
the diocese with a road-map/direction over the
next 5 years. The meeting for the Tralee Pastoral
Area will be held on Wednesday March 18th at
8pm in St. John's Parish Centre.

ARDFERT RETREAT CENTRE:

Croí Nua Join us during Lent for one hour
weekly faith sharing on Mondays at 10.30am
Lectio Divina. Reflect and pray with the Sunday
Gospels every Thursday evening from 7-8.30pm
In the Footsteps of the Saints. Fr Tomás
O'Caioimh will continue his series on the Saints on
Friday 27th Feb at 7.30pm looking at the saints and
their traditions from Lá le Pádraig to Lá Bealtaine
B o o k i n g : 0 6 6 - 7 1 3 4 2 7 6 . E m a i l :
ardfretreat@eircom.net

THE GOSPEL OF ST. JOHN: A Talk by Fr.
Michael Mullins, PP, DD., LSS. For all looking to
deepen their spiritual understanding of the
inspired Word. Saturday, February 28th, Our Lady
and St. Brendan's Pastoral Centre, 11:00 am – 1:00
pm.

DO THIS IN MEMORY



on our behalf and we participate by listening and responding when invited to do so. In the Roman Missal,
from which the priest reads the prayers of the Mass, there are seven Eucharistic Prayers.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The priest prays what we call the Eucharistic Prayer
over our gifts of bread and wine. This is the most
important prayer of the whole Mass. In Church
language it is the 'centre and summit' of the
celebration. The priest as the leader of the assembly prays this prayer



ST. JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS SOCIETY:

The fourth sorrow and joy of St. Joseph: his sorrow
when he heard the prophecy of Simeon; his joy
when he learned that many would be saved through
the sufferings of Jesus. "As the child's father and
mother stood there wondering at the things that
were being said about him, Simeon blessed them
and said to Mary his mother, 'You see, this child: he
is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel,
destined to be a sign that is rejected and a soul will
pierce your own soul too so that the secret
thoughts of many may be laid bare.'"

TROCAIRE LENTEN CAMPAIGN:

As we
follow Christ into the wilderness for the forty days
of Lent, let us also remember young Mahlet and her
family in Ethiopia, who remain in the barren desert
throughout the year. Without our help, their
penance and sacrifices continue with no alternative
option and no end. With your solidarity this Lent,
Mahlet will have a different future. In the coming
months, Trócaire will be working with a local
partner there to install a water irrigation project
whereby farmers will have water for their crops
and food for their families and animals.
www.trocaire.ie. **TROCAIRE BOXES**
are available for collection at the back of the Church or
from the Parish Centre.

GO FAIRTRADE - A Lenten Action

Consider
making the choice to buy Fairtrade products like
tea, coffee, sugar and/or bananas. This will help
farmers and their families in developing countries
get a fair price and help their communities too. It's
Fairtrade Fortnight 23rd February to 8th March (see
www.fairtrade.ie)

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Open Public
Meeting on Monday February 23rd at 8.30pm in the
Presentation Prefabs, Upper Castle Street. All
Welcome.

MOYDERWELL MERCY PRIMARY

SCHOOL is currently enrolling for 2015/16
school year. Open Invitation to attend an Audio
Video Presentation and view our school facilities.
Tues. March 3rd at 7pm in School Assembly Hall.

IRISH HEART FOUNDATION:

Annual
Stroke Survivor Conference. March 26th in Croke
Park, Dublin 3. Registration is essential for this
free event. See www.stroke.ie for more details or
call Emma-Jane on 01 6346925

RECOVERY HAVEN:

Monthly Men's Cancer Support Group
starting on Wednesday February 25th from 7-9pm.
Monthly Womens Cancer Support Group
starting on Tuesday February 24th from 7-9pm.
This is a free support for men and women with a
cancer diagnosis and will take place at 5 Haigs
Terrace, For further information call 066 7192122.

BRENDA'S MERCY MARATHON

CHALLENGE: Cheese and Wine evening in
Keane's Restaurant, Curraheen on Sat Feb 28th in
aid of a new research centre for Oesophageal
Cancer. Brenda Doody will run 12 marathons in 8
months. Tickets available on the night €10.

THE IRISH WHEELCHAIR ASSOCIATION

are looking for your unwanted clothes, shoes bags,
household, items for their charity shop on Main
Street please support this worthy cause.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

*At times, we can feel alienated from God, out in a wilderness
of desolation and desperation. But God is full of mercy and
compassion. He has made a covenant with his people which
means that even when we turn our backs on Him He is
waiting patiently for us to come home.*
(St John's Social Justice and Peace Committee).