



# St. John's Parish, Tralee

17<sup>th</sup> May 2015

The Ascension of the Lord

## 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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### PLEASE PRAY FOR

- **Thomas O'Brien**, Mitchel's Crescent and Birmingham
- **Dan McCarthy**, Cumeen, Killarney
- **Paddy Hurley**, Glandore, Skibbereen, Co Cork. *who died recently and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.*



**THE CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION:** will take place after the 6.10 vigil Mass on June 6<sup>th</sup> and will process from St. John's Church via Upper Castle Street, Boherbee, Urban Terrace, Mitchel's Road to Hawley Park. Volunteers are needed for the guard of honour for the Blessed Sacrament. Please give your name and contact details to the Parish Centre.



### RECENT BAPTISMS:

*With great joy we welcome*

- Leia Long**
  - Keira Rose Lynch**
  - Ryan Gerard Hennessy**
  - Ella Lotte Saarmaa**
- into our Christian community.*



### RECENT WEDDING

*Congratulations to*

**Shane Murphy and Mairead Walsh**

*who married in St. John's parish recently.*

*We pray that God will bless their marriage.*



### FIRST COMMUNION May 23<sup>rd</sup>

St. John's Church, 10am, Moyderwell Primary  
St Brendan's Curraheen, 11am, Blennerville NS  
A special word of thanks to the teachers who helped prepare the children for these special occasions.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** to the pupils of Presentation Primary School who received their First Holy Communion this weekend. A special word of thanks to all who helped prepare the children for this special occasion.

**FIRST COMMUNION PARKING ARRANGEMENTS:** We invite families for First Communion to park in the car park near the Church as the avenue and space in front of St. John's is a 'No Parking' area for safety and emergency reasons.

### AREA MASSES

Communities interested in organising an Area Mass for their neighbourhood are asked to contact their local priest through the Parish Centre (7122522) to make the necessary arrangements. The following Masses have already been scheduled:

**Knockmoyle**, Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm  
**O'Rahilly's Villas, Stand Street, Rae St & Walsh's Terrace**, Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm

**INVITATION TO NEWLY CONFIRMED AND THEIR FAMILIES:** The young people who were recently confirmed by Bishop Ray Browne, and their families are invited to join us for a celebration of the Holy Spirit at the 10.30am Mass in St John's on Pentecost Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May.

**TO MARK THE YEAR FOR CONSECRATED LIFE:** Bishop Ray has invited all the religious of the diocese to the 6.15pm Vigil Mass in St. Mary's Cathedral, Killarney on Saturday May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Pope Francis announced 2015 as the Year for Consecrated Life, an opportunity to celebrate the gift of religious life in our Church. Everyone is invited to join in this celebration where we will mark this year in prayer together. There will be light refreshments afterwards in St. Brendan's College.

**THE MEANING OF MARRIAGE NEWSLETTER:** For Dioceses and Parishes, Copies of this week's Newsletter are available at the church doors.

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

**LATIN MASS, TRALEE: (1962 Missal)** will be offered in Holy Cross Dominican Church, Tralee this Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> May, at 1.30pm. More info from: [LatinMassTralee@gmail.com](mailto:LatinMassTralee@gmail.com)

### DO THIS IN MEMORY



### KEEPING SUNDAY SPECIAL

We know this won't always be easy. There's always some reason for not going to Mass: a football game, training, shopping, rehearsal, a trip to the seaside. But we should try to keep part of Sunday for God and his family by going to Mass and sharing in the Bread of Life. Children will need Mummy and Daddy's help with this.



**ST JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS SOCIETY** wishes to thank all who have subscribed to the Annual Envelope Collection for your generous contributions and wishes to remind those who may have overlooked return of envelopes to do so.

**THE KERRY DIOCESAN YOUTH SERVICE (KDYS)** is currently looking for volunteers to become involved in your community Youth Club. The KDYS will provide full training and support. For more information please contact Gareth Hartevelde, KDYS Community Youth Work team, on 087 0576213.

**THE DIOCESAN COURSE IN PASTORAL MINISTRY:** will take place in Listowel, on Wednesday nights, with 10 nights in autumn 2015, and 10 nights in spring 2016. This course is for those interested in deepening your experience and knowledge of faith and developing your skills for ministry. Closing date for applications is Friday May 29<sup>th</sup>. For application forms or further information, contact the Parish Centre or email [francesrowland@dioceseofkerry.ie](mailto:francesrowland@dioceseofkerry.ie) or phone Frances Rowland @064 6632644.

**CENTERING PRAYER:** The weekly Centering Prayer practice on Wednesday nights at 7:30pm in Our Lady and St. Brendan's Pastoral Centre, will recommence on Wednesday June 3<sup>rd</sup>. This "prayer in secret" is a wordless contemplative practice in silence and in stillness, in which we say Amen to God's presence and action in us. All are welcome to experience this method of relating with God.

**SUMMER CHORAL EXTRAVAGANZA:** Kerry Choral Union Junior Choir and Derryquay School present a Choral Extravaganza in St Brendan's Church, Curraheen on Wed 27<sup>th</sup> of May at 7pm. It will be an evening of uplifting music to please young and old. Retiring collection for Derryquay School Funds

**SONGS FOR SPRINGTIME:** in St. John's Church, Ashe Street, Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup> at 8pm. Virginia Tech Chamber singers, presents a programme of choral classics, spirituals, American traditional music and Irish folk songs. FREE ENTRY, with retiring collection in aid of Tralee Soup Kitchen

**KERRY PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION:** Clieveragh, Listowel. Summer Garden Sale. Sunday May 24<sup>th</sup> 2015 from 1pm to 5 pm. Lots of special offers on the day! Contact: 068-22977 for details

**PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE** Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>. Flights ex Cork. Spiritual Director: Fr. Francis Nolan, Group Leader: Maura Harksen. Further information form Sol Travel, 5 Bridge Place, 066 7185940 or email: [anna@sol2travel.com](mailto:anna@sol2travel.com).

**MASS:** for Family Tree healing with Rosary, and Benediction in the Queen of Divine Will Oratory, Camp on Monday May 18<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm. Celebrant Fr. John Walsh. Light refreshments afterwards. All are most welcome.

**FREE ADULT EDUCATION INFORMATION MORNING:** Interested in returning to education to do your Leaving Cert or QQI (FETAC) Level 3, 4 or 5? Tralee VTOS are hosting an Open Information Morning on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2015 from 10am to 1pm in Clash. Further information available at 066 -7121041, [traleevtos@eircom.net](mailto:traleevtos@eircom.net) or [www.traleevtos.ie](http://www.traleevtos.ie).

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

*God has shown Himself to us by many demonstrations of love, patience and forgiveness. He has also made His presence known to us through the gift of wisdom, knowledge and perception. Trust in the Lord, believe in His never ending love for each and every one of us and you will be saved. You will find a seat at His right hand... (St John's Social Justice and Peace Committee).*