



# St. John's Parish, Tralee

2<sup>nd</sup> August 2015

18<sup>th</sup> 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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### PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Michael Lynch**, Clogherbrien  
**Mary Duggan (nee Brennan)**, Blackrock, Upr Rock St & late of Oakpark  
**Benny O'Sullivan** Tobar Naofa, & late of Kevin Barry's Villas & Spa Road



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

### RECENT WEDDINGS

*Congratulations to*  
**Nigel Hennessy and Linda Hussey**  
**John Hendrick and Aisling O'Sullivan**  
**Don O'Regan and Siobhan MacMahon**  
*who married in St. John's parish recently.*  
*We pray that God will bless their marriages.*



### RECENT BAPTISM:

*With great joy we welcome*  
**Armani Kareem**  
**Kevin Bowler**  
*into our Christian community.*



**MONDAY** August 3<sup>rd</sup> is a Bank Holiday. Masses in St. John's Church will be at 10am and 6.10pm. The Parish Centre will be closed.

**FIRST FRIDAY:** Next Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup> is the first Friday of the month. **CONFESSIONS** – Thursday 4.30pm – 5.30pm.

**AREA MASS:**  
**Racecourse Lawn**, Wednesday August 5<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm.  
**Tobar Naofa**, Thursday August 6<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm.  
**Poll an Aifrinn**, Thursday August 6<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm  
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.

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

**FR GERARD FINUCANE** has been appointed Parish Priest in Waterville after serving in St. John's for the past six years. A Farewell Party in his honour will be held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August in Presentation Primary School Hall at 7.30p.m. A presentation will be made to Fr. Gerard on the night. For those wishing to make a contribution, please take an envelope at the back of the church. As we need numbers for catering purposes fill in the number of people from your household attending the party and return the envelope to the Parish Office no later than Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August. Many Thanks

**FR KEVIN SULLIVAN** will also be honoured on 24th August. Fr Kevin was part of St John's team at weekends while he was at I.T. college. We appreciate his ministry with us and wish him well as parish priest of Milltown.

**PLANS FOR NEW RECONCILIATION WINDOW IN ST JOHN'S** St. John's Parish Pastoral Council are planning a new Stained Glass Window in the church on the theme of Reconciliation and are seeking the support of parishioners and friends of Tralee at home and abroad. The window is being commissioned to coincide with the Tralee 800 celebrations in 2016. The artist is Tom Denny, of Tralee Denny family and a famous stained glass artist, who is giving his services as a contribution to the project. The central themes are reconciliation, healing and renewal. It will be the first stained glass window to be installed in St. Johns in over 60 years. A fundraising drive seeking to raise €20,000 is being launched over the weekend of August 14-16th. Donations from individuals and businesses are welcome.

**YOUTH 2000 SUMMER FESTIVAL** Cistercian College, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary from Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2015. For young people aged 16-35, this is a great opportunity to find out what your Catholic faith is all about in a friendly, chilled out atmosphere. The festival is donation only. Free buses available from all around Ireland. For more info and to book online, see [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie) or phone 01 6753690

**ELECTRICAL RECYCLING EVENT:** European Recycling Platform (ERP) in association with Kerry County Council, are holding an electrical recycling at The Mart, Caherslee on Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup> from 10am –4pm. Householders are encouraged to bring along their electrical waste and used household batteries including any unwanted electrical items with a plug or a battery. All items will be responsibly recycled free of charge. Recycling Officers will be on hand to help with the unloading of items. For further information visit [www.erp-recycling.ie](http://www.erp-recycling.ie)

**HISTORICAL OUTING TO LYRECROMPANE & DUAGH** Kerry Archaeological & Historical Society will be visiting Lyreacrompane and Duagh on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August. Meet at Roche's, The Four Elms Bar, Lyre, at 2.30 pm. All welcome

**ARDFERT RETREAT CENTRE:**  
**Certificate in Spirituality** - This course which will be run in the Autumn is designed for adults to share the Word of God in family life, parish life and the wider community. On successful completion of the course, the participants will have a deeper understanding of their own faith and a willingness to share it with others. Application forms and details available at [www.ardfertretreatcentre.org](http://www.ardfertretreatcentre.org) or phone 066 7134276.

**MITCHELS BOHERBEE HISTORICAL AND HERITAGE GROUP:** are in the process of creating the annual calendar and Volume 4 of the Memories of the Mitchels CD. We are looking for people to share their memories, pictures and items of interest which have a story behind them. Contact Paula at St. Brigid's Community Centre on 066 712 8521 or e-mail [infomitchelsboherbee@gmail.com](mailto:infomitchelsboherbee@gmail.com) or contact Niall on 087 699 1448 or email [niall@accessheritage.ie](mailto:niall@accessheritage.ie)

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

**COACH TO KNOCK SHRINE** Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August for the visit of Sr. Breege McKenna. Coach Departs Tralee 7.30am (Bus Station). Contact O'Shea's 0667180123 or Donal Kelliher 0876361023.

**TEAM LEADERS AND COLLECTORS REQUIRED:** Barnardos Children's Charity is looking for volunteers to help collect funds during our national collection day "Buckets for Barnardos" taking place on Friday September 18<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers can either help with an organised bag pack, or join us on the streets in locations throughout Kerry. All money raised on the day will help disadvantaged children and their families in communities around Ireland. Every hour of your time counts so please give what you can. To get involved please contact Gráinne on 1850 217217 or email [buckets@barnardos.ie](mailto:buckets@barnardos.ie)

**LOUGH DERG:** Last day of the Three Day Pilgrimage is Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August. Pilgrims can begin their pilgrimage any day up until then. No need to book. Information available at [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org) or phone 071 9861518

**AWARE:** Depression Support Group meets: **Killarney** – Mondays, KDYS at 8pm  
**Tralee** – Tuesdays, meeting room at rear of St. John's Church at 8pm.  
Aware Support Groups are free to attend, no referral necessary. [www.aware.ie](http://www.aware.ie)

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

**PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE** Sept 23-to 30. Flights ex Cork. Spiritual Director: Fr. Francis Nolan, Group Leader: Maura Harksen. Further information form Sol Travel, 5 Bridge Place, 066 7185940 o r e m a i l : [anna@sol2travel.com](mailto:anna@sol2travel.com).

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

Try to follow the ways of the Lord. Do not allow yourselves to be darkened in your understanding of him or alienated from his ways because your heart has become hardened against him or his people. Instead clothe yourselves with a robe of understanding, patience and love and you will find that you neither hunger or thirst for what is right.....  
(St John's Social Justice and Peace Committee).