

# St. John's Parish, Tralee


## 16<sup>th</sup> August 2015

### 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time.


Parish Centre Opening Hours: Monday - Saturday 9.15am - 1pm & 2pm - 4.45pm.  
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**SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN IN DIOCESE OF KERRY:**  
 St. John's Parish representatives' contact number is 087 1093893

**PLEASE PRAY FOR**  
**Barbara O'Sullivan** née McDonagh, Knockmoyle.  
**Roddy (William) Day**, Phibsboro, Dublin and late of Florida and Tralee.  
*who died recently and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.*



**RECENT BAPTISMS:**  
*With great joy we welcome*  
**Nancy Rose Diggin**  
**Alex James Morgan**  
*into our Christian community.*



**DIOCESAN COLLECTION:** In aid of the John Paul II Pastoral and Ardferret Retreat Centre will be taken up at all Masses on Saturday/Sunday August 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> as a joint Offertory Collection. The John Paul II Pastoral Centre in Killarney acts as a focal point for the catechetical and faith education programmes of the diocese while the Ardferret Retreat Centre provides the opportunity to take time apart and reflect on God's call to all the people of our diocese in a peaceful and prayerful environment. Your support is always appreciated.

**DEFIBRILLATOR AED:** Defibrillators are installed in the Churches of St John's Parish. Training is scheduled for Saturday September 12<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Centre for those who would like to be trained in their use or for those previously trained who may wish to refresh their training. If interested please give your name to the Parish Office. It is essential to have as many people trained as possible so that in case of an emergency during Church Services cardiac assistance can be given.


**THE LATIN MASS** (1962 Missal) will be offered in Holy Cross Dominican Church, Tralee on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August, at 1.30pm. More info from: [LatinMassTralee@gmail.com](mailto:LatinMassTralee@gmail.com)

**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)

**OXFAM TRALEE** require volunteers. By donating your time you can make a real difference to fighting poverty. Please contact Eileen at 066 7127655

**MITCHELS BOHERBEE HISTORICAL AND HERITAGE GROUP:** are creating their 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)

**RECENT WEDDINGS**  
*Congratulations to*  
**Paul Slevin and Helen O'Keeffe**  
**Ryan Brier and Danielle Fogg**  
**David Bradley and Martina Quirke**  
*who married in St. John's parish recently.*  
*We pray that God will bless their marriages.*



**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 this weekend, August 14-16<sup>th</sup>. Donations from individuals and businesses are welcome. Collectors will be at the Church doors before and after Mass this Weekend and donation envelopes are also available at the back of the Church.

**ARDFERT RETREAT CENTRE:**  
 We have just published our new brochure for Autumn 2015 which you can view and download on our website [www.ardfertretreatcentre.org](http://www.ardfertretreatcentre.org). You can also like our page on Facebook [www.facebook.com/pages/Ardferret-Diocesan-Retreat-Centre/726417877426005](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Ardferret-Diocesan-Retreat-Centre/726417877426005) and follow us on Twitter @ardfertretreat

**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.

**IRISH HEART FOUNDATION:** Nominations are now open for the annual Irish Heart Foundation "Life after Stroke" Awards, celebrating the incredible courage and determination of those affected by stroke. This is also an opportunity to recognise the unfailing commitment of the families and carers who work tirelessly to help stroke survivors rebuild their lives. To nominate someone you know, contact Emma-Jane 01 6346925 or go to [www.stroke.ie](http://www.stroke.ie). Closing date is Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September.

**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).




**10.30 MASS ON FESTIVAL SUNDAY, AUGUST 16<sup>th</sup>:**  
 Some of the Roses, their families and escorts will join with St. John's Community for Mass at 10.30am. We welcome them and all visitors and pray that their visit will be joyful and memorable.


**TRAFFIC PLAN FOR THE FESTIVAL:**  
 For cars exiting after the 10.30am Mass and for parishioners attending the 12 noon Mass please note that Lower Castle Street will be closed to traffic. Cars need to enter and exit through the Castle Street entrance and proceed via Edward Street or Upper Castle Street. Please give good time and co-operate with Festival Volunteers.

**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.

**SPECIAL WEDDING JUBILEE MASS:** will be celebrated in St. John's Church on Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at 6.10pm for all couples celebrating significant jubilees this year (1<sup>st</sup> 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 35<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 45<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, etc...). Any such couples should submit their names to the Parish Centre.



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



**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:**

Be careful the kind of life you lead. Open your heart to the Lord and your life will not lack blessing. You will be filled with the Spirit and with wisdom and with love. If you eat the bread sent down from heaven you will live forever. Eternal life will be your gift from the Lord.....  
 (St John's Social Justice and Peace Committee).