



St. John's Parish, Tralee

23rd August 2015

21st 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

- **Charlie Healy**, Spa Road and formerly of Stacks Villas.
- **Neil O'Brien**, Lisbeg, Oakpark and formerly Clonmore and Doon.
- **Emily Phelan**, Dublin
- **John Clohessy**, The Spa and formerly of Kilrush, Co. Clare.



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

RECENT BAPTISMS:

With great joy we welcome

- Harry James Monahan**
- Toby James Monahan**
- Natalie De Souza Arango McMahon**
- Logan O'Connor**
- Blayne Harrison O'Connell**
- Faye Avery O'Connell**



into our Christian community.

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.

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 or phone 066 7134276.

HISTORICAL OUTING TO FIRIES: A Kerry Archaeological & Historical Society field outing to Firies led by Tom Kelliher will take place on Sunday, 30th August. Meet at Firies Parish Church at 2.30pm. All are welcome.

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

SILVER SURFER AWARDS: Age Action is searching for Ireland's top Silver Surfers celebrating and showcasing older peoples' use of the internet and technology. The five award categories are: **Silver Surfer Award, New to IT Award, Hobbies on the Net Award, IT Tutor(s) of the Year, Golden IT Award;** You can nominate someone for an award at www.ageaction.ie/silversurfer or by phoning 01 475 6989. Nominations close on Sun 4th Oct.

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

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2015. "Christ our hope". Knock Shrine 26th—27th September. For more details see www.nec2015.ie

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: There are a limited number of seats available on Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2nd – 7th Sept. led by Bishop Ray Browne and leaving from Kerry Airport. Contact: Janice 064 7758219 or E-mail: joskdp@eircom.net

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

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



RECENT WEDDING

Congratulations to

Dan Horan and Anne O'Callaghan

*who married in St. John's parish recently.
We pray that God will bless their marriage.*



DIOCESAN COLLECTION: In aid of the John Paul II Pastoral and Ardfert Retreat Centre will be taken up at all Masses this weekend August 22nd and 23rd 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 Ardfert 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.

SPECIAL WEDDING JUBILEE MASS:

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



THE YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE will be celebrated at the 6.10pm Vigil Mass on Saturday next, August 29th.

AREA MASS: Skehanagh, Caherwisheen, Cois Abhann, Bruach na hAbhann and surrounding areas. Friday August 28th at 7pm in Castlemorris Park.

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 was launched last weekend, August 14-16th. Donations from individuals and businesses are welcome. Donation envelopes are available at the back of the Church and can be returned to St. John's Parish Centre.

FR GERARD FINUCANE AND FR KEVIN SULLIVAN Farewell Party in their honour will be held on Monday next, 24th August in Presentation Primary School Hall at 7.30p.m. Many thanks to all those who have made a contribution.

DEFIBRILLATOR AED: Defibrillators are installed in the Churches of St John's Parish. Training is scheduled for Saturday September 12th 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 this Sunday 23rd August, at 1.30pm. More info from: LatinMassTralee@gmail.com

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

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 unflinching 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. Closing date is Friday 11th September.

BRING THEOLOGY HOME: Theology Matters! Join our enthusiastic student community and study theology from home or in class. Application deadline September 21st. For further information contact The Priory Institute 01 4048124 or email enquiries@prioryinstitute.com

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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

In many ways the life, the word and the message of Jesus Christ can be difficult to comprehend. But give way to your incredulity and accept Jesus as he who came with the message of eternal life. Give way to doubt, fear and insecurity and believe in the Lord your God. Do not desert Him as he will never abandon you.....
(St John's Social Justice and Peace Committee).