



St. John's Parish, Tralee

30th August 2015

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Parish Centre Opening Hours: Monday - Saturday 9.15am - 1pm & 2pm - 4.45pm.
Tel: 066 7122522. Website: www.stjohns.ie E-mail: stjohnscastlestreet@eircom.net

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN IN DIOCESE OF KERRY:

St. John's Parish representatives' contact number is 087 1093893

PLEASE PRAY FOR

- **John Lynch**, Barrakilla and formerly of Ballinorig and Pallas, Listowel.
- **Declan O'Brien**, Dublin



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

RECENT BAPTISMS:

With great joy we welcome

Millie Byrne Devine

Jayce O'Leary

Oisín Doyle

Samuel Kalias

into our Christian community.



SPECIAL WEDDING JUBILEE MASS:

will be celebrated in St. John's Church next 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.



DIOCESAN NEEDS COLLECTION: will be taken up at all Masses next weekend (September 5th/6th) as a joint offertory collection.

FIRST FRIDAY: Next Friday, September 4th is the first Friday of the month. CONFESSIONS – Thursday 4.30pm – 5.30pm.

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.

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



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CARE OF CREATION: Pope Francis has designated Sept 1st World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. He invites us to pray in gratitude for the world that God has entrusted to us and to act as protectors of God's creation. On Tuesday, Sept 1st, let us renew our commitment to use wisely the gifts of the earth and stand in solidarity with those whose lives are most affected by climate change. For more information, www.dioceseofkerry.ie

PRAYER AND REFLECTION TIME. You are invited to join in a short time of prayer and reflection in Tralee Town Park at 10.45am on Tuesday next 1st September to mark **World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation** (Meet near the fountain). Fáilte roimh cách, Everyone is welcome. *"Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience."* Pope Francis.

ARDFERT RETREAT CENTRE:

We have published our 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.

DIOCESAN COURSE IN YOUTH PASTORAL MINISTRY 2015—2016:

This course is aimed at adults interested in developing the knowledge and skills to work with young people in nurturing their faith. in a parish, school or youth service setting. Commences on Tue. 29th Sept. Details from Bernie McCaffrey, at 087 6484367 or berniemccaffrey@dioceseofkerry.ie. or contact your Parish Priest.



MOYDERWELL MERCY PRIMARY SCHOOL: Re-opening Monday 31st August at 9am.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: Open Public Meeting on Monday August 31st at 8.30pm in the Presentation Prefabs, Upper Castle Street. All Welcome.

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

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.

ST JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS SOCIETY: will meet in St. John's Parish Centre on Wednesday 2nd. September at 8.00 p.m. The meeting begins with Holy Mass and is an excellent opportunity for new members to join in promoting vocations to the Ordained Ministry & Religious Life. All welcome, please bring a friend.

ANAM CARA is holding its monthly Parent Evening on Tuesday 8th of September 2015 from 19:30 to 21:00 in Recovery Haven 5 Haigs Terrace, Killerisk, Tralee, Co. Kerry. All Anam Cara Services are available free of charge to bereaved parents.

SILVER SURFER AWARDS: celebrating and showcasing older peoples' use of the internet and technology. Nominate someone for an award at www.ageaction.ie/silversurfer or by phoning 01 475 6989. Nominations close on Sun 4th Oct.

ANNASCAUL PARISH PILGRIMAGE to Knock will take place on Sunday 4th October. (Rosary Sunday). Bus leaves Annascaul at 7.30am. Please contact Annascaul Parish Office at 066 9157103 if you wish to travel on this Pilgrimage.

IRISH HEART FOUNDATION: To nominate someone you know for the annual Irish Heart Foundation "Life after Stroke" Awards, contact Emma-Jane 01 6346925 or go to www.stroke.ie. Closing date is Friday 11th September.

THE KERRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES led by Bishop Ray will be in Lourdes from the 2nd – 7th September. The Kerry Pilgrimage Mass at the Grotto will be on Friday the 4th September at 7.30am Irish time. It can be viewed live by logging on to "Lourdes Live" on the internet."

KERRY CHORAL UNION Junior Choir Auditions open to boys and girls age 7-15 years old. Auditions will be held on Saturday 5th September 11am-1pm in Our Lady & St. Brendans Church, Upper Rock Street, Tralee. Telephone : 087-4412700.

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 Tuesday 1st September 2015 from 10am to 1pm in Clash Tralee. Further information available at 066-7121041, traleevtos@eircom.net or www.traleevtos.ie

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE: One seat available. Sept 23rd to 30th. 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.

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

GRANDPARENTS PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK: Sunday 13th September. Coach departs Killarney 7.00am, (Cathedral), Tralee 7.30am (Bus Station), Listowel 8.00am (The Square), Abbeyfeale 8:15am (The Church). Contact O'Shea's on 066 7180123.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

Honour your God not with mere lip-service but with real and tangible signs of genuine love for Him. Let what comes from within you be honest and real. Let not your thoughts and actions be shadowed by evil or cruelty. Instead, act with justice, integrity and compassion towards God and His people at all times and your life will not be worthless or wasted..... (St John's Social Justice and Peace Committee).