



St. John's Parish, Tralee

6th September 2015

23rd 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

- **Patrick (PJ) Flynn**, Annagh and formerly of St. John's Park.
- **John Murphy**, Racecourse Road.
- **Michael Raggett**, Newmarket, Co Kilkenny.
- **Cecilia Walsh**, née McManus, The Kerries and formerly of Rathvilly, Carlow.



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

RECENT BAPTISMS:

With great joy we welcome

- Daniel Murphy**
Hayley Jane O'Connor
Cara Scott

into our Christian community.



RECENT WEDDINGS

Congratulations to

- David O'Mahony and Kayleigh Beachim**
Michael McCarthy and Laura Goodall.

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



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



EXPLORING THE SUNDAY GOSPEL AND READINGS: Would you like a better understanding of the Gospel and the Readings you hear on Sunday? If you

would why not come to our meeting which is held every Tuesday Morning in St. John's Parish Centre. We start again next Tuesday September 8th at 10.30am and finish by 11.30am. So why not come along and see the Gospel come alive for you? This exploration of the Sunday Gospel and Readings in led by Mike Riordan.

AREA MASS: Kerries East and West: Thursday next, September 10th at 7.00pm in the garden of the home of Garry and Annette Walsh.



BLESSING OF SCHOOL BAGS: To mark the beginning of the Primary School Year there will be a Blessing of Primary School Children's School Bags at the 10.30am mass in St. John's Church on Sunday next September 13th.

Children's Liturgy



CHILDREN'S LITURGY: This programme will resume at the 10.30am Mass in St. John's on Sunday September 20th. All children aged 4-8 years are welcome to participate. The children are offered Liturgy of the Word suitable for their age, facilitated by trained leaders. The children rejoin the congregation for the Offertory of the Mass.

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.

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

ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE WALK TO OUR LADY'S GROTTO BALLYHEIGUE: takes place from the Dominican Church at 6.00am next Tuesday September 8th for Mass at the Grotto at 11.00am. Stop for Cupán Tae in Ardfert.

MASS IN BALLYHEIGUE: The annual Mass at Our Lady's Well and Grotto in Ballyheigue takes place next Tuesday at 11.00am sharp on the feast of the birthday of Our Lady. Chief Celebrant is Bishop Ray Browne, people are advised to come early to avoid traffic build up. All are Welcome.

ARDFERT RETREAT CENTRE: Ballyheigue Pattern Day: Exposition in Ardfert Retreat Centre from 1pm - 3pm on Tuesday 8th September. All welcome.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IN THE BONS SECOURS CHAPEL: please note this will now be held on Wednesdays after the 9.30am Mass until 10.30am.

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 0876484367 or berniemccaffrey@dioceseofkerry.ie. or contact your Parish Priest.

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

DEAFHEAR.IE will be holding an outreach clinic on Friday 11th of September 2015 from 10.30am - 12.30pm at Kingdom Voluntary Housing Association, Clogher Esta, Hawley Park, Tralee. For information please call Jo Lambe on 087-2723862. Our consultations are private and confidential.

BOOK LAUNCH IN AID OF FOCUS IRELAND: "Shattered Fragments: Finding God in the Brokenness of Life" written by Margaret Naughton will be launched by Michael Healy Rae on Friday 18th September at 8pm in The Manor Inn Killorglin.

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2015. "Christ our hope" will be held in Knock on Sat 26th and Sun 27th of September. Full programme of talks, workshops and prayer. Dedicated Youth Programme, Children's Programme and events for Families. Admission free. All welcome. For full details visit: www.nec2015.ie

PIONEERS: The next meeting of St. John's Pioneer Centre will be held in St. John's Parish Centre on Thursday September 10th at 8pm.

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. All Anam Cara Services are available free of charge to bereaved parents.

VOCATION AFTERNOON: at the Poor Clare Sisters, Poor Clare Monastery, College Road Cork. Saturday September 12th from 2-4.30pm. For further information visit www.poorclarescork.ie.

THE POOR CLARES: Galway Monastic Experience Day on Sat, Sept. 26th from 10am to 5pm, to help young women between the ages of 21 and 40 to find out more about the Poor Clare way of life. Contact: poorclaresgalwayvocations@gmail.com

THE CARMELITE SISTERS, Delgany, Co Wicklow invite women who wish to explore a monastic vocation to join them for a monastic weekend from 18th - 20th September 2015 and share in their life of prayer, liturgy and work for a few days. Email: contact@carmelitemonasterydelgany.ie

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.

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.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE: is a worldwide, specially designed, support programme for men and women who have suffered the loss of a spouse by death, separation or divorce. The next weekend is being held at the Ennismore Retreat Centre, Cork from Friday 2nd October to Sunday 4th October. Further details from 087 9886480 or email: beginningexperiencecork@gmail.com

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

Courage! Open your hearts and judge not those around you who would appear weak or poor by human standards. Make no distinctions in the way you treat people. Do not turn yourselves into judges. Instead let your eyes and ears be open to the Word of God telling you that each and every one of us is a beloved child of his. The Kingdom of God is open to all. It is a place free of distinctions or favorites.....
(St John's Social Justice and Peace Committee).