



# St. John's Parish, Tralee

## 29<sup>th</sup> November 2015

### First Sunday of Advent

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

- **Dervil Townsend** née Fleming, Monalee
- **Tmothy O'Regan**, Mountain Close
- **Joseph Walsh**, Australia and late of Kevin Barry Villas .
- **Thomas O'Shea**, Boston and late of Clash Cross, Memorial Mass in St. John's Church on Saturday December 5<sup>th</sup> at 1.30pm.  
*who died recently and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.*



#### RECENT BAPTISM:

*With great joy we welcome*  
**Aaron Joe Costello**  
*into our Christian community.*



#### RECENT WEDDINGS

*Congratulations to*  
**Ryan Twamley and Sabina Heinrich**  
**Dave Cunningham and Joanne Flynn**  
*who married in St. John's parish recently.*  
*We pray that God will bless their marriages.*



### GIVING WITNESS TO OUR FAITH IN THIS YEAR OF MERCY:

A talk by Mr. Philip Ryan in preparation for the Year of Mercy which commences on December 8<sup>th</sup>.

**St. John's Church, Castle Street.**

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> of December at 7.30pm**

Philip Ryan is a native of Dublin and is well known as a Pilgrimage Guide with Joe Walsh Tours in Medjugorje.

**Wednesday December 9<sup>th</sup>: A VISION FOR THE YEAR OF MERCY with Bishop Ray Browne in ST. JOHN'S PARISH CENTRE at 7.30pm.**

Further information from Fr. Francis Nolan, Co-ordinator of human and spiritual formation in Tralee Pastoral Area.



#### ST. JOHN'S PARISH BAZAAR:

**NEXT WEEKEND:**

**Friday – Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**at K.D.Y.S. Hall, Denny Street.**

If you have any empty hamper baskets which you do not need, they would be really appreciated, by the Bazaar Committee and can be handed into Parish Centre. Good quality bric-a-brac, books, games, toys, etc would also be much appreciated. We would also be delighted to receive good quality furniture for auction. Please contact the Parish Centre.

**FIRST FRIDAY:** December 4<sup>th</sup> is the first Friday of the month. **CONFESSIONS** Thursday 4.30pm – 5.30pm.

**DIOCESAN COLLECTION IN AID OF THE KDYS:** (Kerry Diocesan Youth Service) will be taken up next weekend December, 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>, as a joint Offertory Collection. The KDYS has been working with young people in the Diocese of Kerry since 1971. It provides an invaluable service to thousands of young people through its network of youth clubs, projects and centres. Proceeds from the collection will fund the on-going development of youth clubs across the Diocese.

**PARISH CELEBRATION FOR CHRISTMAS** - for those involved in Ministries and Committees will take place on Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. Beginning with a prayer service in the Presentation Primary School Hall followed by a social evening. Reply slips are available in each church and also in the Parish Centre.

**ARDFERT RETREAT CENTRE:**  
**Advent Reflection Evenings** Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Time to reflect on the mystery of Jesus coming on earth. Conducted by Maire Stuart, Valencia Island

**Advent Retreat** Dec 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> with Adrian Farrelly OP. Bookings may be made for Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> only if so desired. Tel: 066 713 4276

**BE AWARE! PREVENT SUICIDE** will launch a new and comprehensive guide to mental health support services throughout Kerry at the "Open Our Minds" Mental Wellness Exhibition in the Brandon Hotel, this Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup> from 1pm to 6pm.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** open public meeting on Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 8.30pm in the Presentation Prefabs, Upper Castle Street. All welcome.

**BLENNERVILLE SCHOOL HISTORY BOOK** entitled "Blennerville, National School & Community, A story worth telling" is available to buy in St. John's Parish Centre. Cost €10.

**THE LATIN MASS (1962 Missal)** will be offered in Holy Cross Dominican Church, Tralee on Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> December, and Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm. Information from: [LatinMassTralee@gmail.com](mailto:LatinMassTralee@gmail.com)

**BALLYMACELLIGOTT PARISH BAZAAR** in St. Brendan's Community Centre, Ballydwyer, this Sunday November 29<sup>th</sup> 6pm to 10pm and Monday 30<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm to 11pm. There will be several raffles and auctions each night and two great nights entertainment are guaranteed for young and old.

**MASS:** to celebrate the Anniversary of Fr. Slavko Barbaric O.F.M. Medjugorje will be held in the Bon Secours Hospital Chapel on Monday November 30<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. Mass will be preceded by the Rosary and followed by prayers for healing. All welcome.

**JOHN MITCHELS MONSTER BINGO** in aid of the Juvenile section of the club at the Club Complex, Ballyseedy this Sunday Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> from 3–6pm.

**CONSOLE: "THE CELEBRATION OF LIGHT"** Our Lady and St Brendan's Church, Upper Rock Street, this Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. Featuring performances by Caroline O'Callagan and Donal Stack, The Ardfert Singers, Shelly Hynes and Deanna Morrissey.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016** for young adults (18 – 35 years) in Krakow, Poland from July 25<sup>th</sup> to Aug 1<sup>st</sup> 2016. For further information, contact Tomás Kenny, Diocesan Pastoral Team on (086) 3683778 or visit [www.dioceseofkerry.ie](http://www.dioceseofkerry.ie)

**COACH TO KNOCK SHRINE NIGHT VIGIL** for The feast of the Immaculate Conception. Leaving Tralee on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 4:30pm. O'Shea's 066 -7180123 or Donal Kelliher 087-6361023



#### YEAR OF MERCY:

*Begins December 8<sup>th</sup>.*

**"There is no sin that God cannot pardon."** Pope Francis

Pope Francis has announced the Year of Mercy, with the purpose of proclaiming God's mercy to all people, and for the church to "make more evident its mission to be a witness of mercy." The year begins with the opening of the Holy Door of Mercy in the Basilica of St. Peter, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 by Pope Francis. Every diocese will celebrate the opening of the Holy Door in unity with the Universal Church by opening a Holy Door of Mercy in their own cathedrals on Sunday December 13<sup>th</sup> 2015. In our diocese, the Holy Door of Mercy will be opened at a special Mass in St. Mary's Cathedral, Killarney @ 5pm on Dec 13<sup>th</sup>. For more information visit [www.dioceseofkerry.ie](http://www.dioceseofkerry.ie)

**IT TRALEE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:** Annual Fashion Show, showcasing clothes available at St. Vincent de Paul shops nationwide. Ballyroe Hotel, Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7.30pm. Tickets costing €5 available from ITT SVP Society on 086 2219921 or at the door. Tickets are limited.

**IRISH RED CROSS, TRALEE BRANCH:** Seniors Christmas Party 2015, takes place this Sunday November 29<sup>th</sup> from 2-6pm in the Grand hotel in Denny Street. To book phone 087 708 8395. Tickets €5. Finger food and music provided.

**ANAM CARA:** is holding its monthly Parent Evening on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> of December 2015 from 7:30pm to 9:00pm in Recovery Haven 5 Haigs Terrace, Killerisk. All Anam Cara Services are available free of charge to bereaved parents.

#### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

*Try not to let your hearts become coarsened against those who have hurt or offended you. Hate is like a trap. It locks you into a world of bitterness and resentment. Instead, act with honesty and integrity and hold your head high as you reach out compassionately to those whose actions have caused you to stray from the pathway of The Lord.....*

St John's Social Justice and Peace Committee