



# St. John's Parish, Tralee

## 6<sup>th</sup> December 2015

### Second 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:

• **Peadar Cremin**, Adare and Tralee.  
*who died recently and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.*



#### RECENT BAPTISM:

*With great joy we welcome*

**Cian McDonnell**  
**Alex Murphy**  
**Jakub Wisnienski**

*into our Christian community.*



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

**THIS WEEKEND:**

**December 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>**

**at K.D.Y.S. Hall, Denny Street.**

Open Saturday from 7pm and Sunday from 2.30pm. All are welcome

#### TRALEE PASTORAL AREA

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION COURSE**

### A VISION FOR THE YEAR OF MERCY

**with Bishop Ray Browne**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9<sup>th</sup>**

**in St. John's Parish Centre at 7.30pm.**

### TUESDAY DECEMBER 8<sup>th</sup> The Feast of the Immaculate Conception

*Is a Holyday of Obligation.*

#### VIGIL MASSES ON MONDAY EVENING:

**St. John's Church:** 6.10pm

**Immaculate Conception Church, Rathass:** 7 pm.

**St. Brendan's Church, Curraheen:** 8 pm

#### TIMES OF MASSES ON TUESDAY

**St. John's:** 9am, 10.30am, 12 noon, 6.10pm

**Immaculate Conception Church, Rathass:** 10am.

The Parish Centre will remain closed on Tuesday.

#### DIOCESAN COLLECTION IN AID OF THE KDYS:

(Kerry Diocesan Youth Service) will be taken up this 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.

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

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** each Sunday at the 10.30am Mass in St. John's. All children aged 4—8 years are welcome to participate.

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturdays from 12 noon to 1pm and from 5.30 to 6.00pm in St John's Church.

**PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS:** Available from the Parish Centre, 10 for €6 or 65c each.

**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:

**Year Of Mercy - A Course on Faith:** 12 weekly one-and-a-half hour sessions beginning Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

Further details available from Ardfert Retreat Centre 066 7134276.

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

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

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

**BLESSING OF CRIB IN RATH CEMETERY:** Sunday December 13<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. All Welcome.

**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

**ANAM CARA:** 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.

**THE CARERS ASSOCIATION:** are providing the QQI (FETAC) Level 5 Healthcare Support Award training in the area in Jan. 2016. More info 057 9370221.

**KERRY PEER SUPPORT NETWORK:** runs a Recovery Group every Wednesday from 10.30am to 11.30am in Rahoonane Community Centre. The group is led by people with self-experience of mental health challenges. No referrals needed so just come along and join us.

**GALA CHRISTMAS CONCERT :** Kerry Choral Union Choir (100 members) featuring Miriam Murphy, Soprano and Mark Leen will perform their Gala Christmas Concert for Pieta House, Tralee in St. John's Church, on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm

**BILL KIRBY MEMORIAL 4 MILE WALK** in aid of Palliative Care. Gathering at the Brogue Inn on St. Stephen's Day at 11am and walk commencing at 11.30am. Sponsorship Cards available from Michael Fox O'Connor 087 9833075.

**WWW.STUDENTVOLUNTEER.IE** is a tool to promote student volunteering. It is designed to connect voluntary organisations with 3<sup>rd</sup> level students. The ITT will launch the interactive website on Wed. 9<sup>th</sup> Dec. in the north campus at 1pm where Joanne O'Riordan will perform the honours. All voluntary organisation are invited to register on the database.

**TRALEE RED CROSS:** are holding a Christmas bake sale on Sunday next, December 13<sup>th</sup>, in St. John's Parish Center from 9.30am to 1pm. Your support would be greatly appreciated.



### YEAR OF MERCY:

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

**"God's forgiveness is stronger than any sin."** 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)

**AWARE:** Depression Support Group meets:

**Killarney** – Mondays, KDYS at 7pm

**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)

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

**YOUTH 2000 CHRISTMAS RETREAT:** 18<sup>th</sup>—20<sup>th</sup> December in Newbridge College, Co Kildare for 6—35 year olds. For more information or to book your place on the free buses phone 01 6753690 or visit [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie)

**USED POSTAGE STAMPS:** can be handed in to the Parish Centre in aid of the Missions.

#### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

*When your heart is broken or your soul in pain, pray constantly to The Lord your God for the strength and courage to be able to take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction. With the full insight that God helps all those who entreat Him to do so, allow yourself to feel and embrace the compassion and mercy of Christ Jesus.*

*Beauty, glory and salvation will then be yours...*

St John's Social Justice and Peace Committee