



St. John's Parish, Tralee

13th December 2015

Third Sunday of Advent

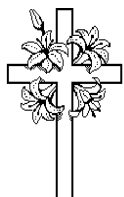
Parish Centre Opening Hours: Monday - Saturday 9.15am - 1pm & 2pm - 4.45pm.
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SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN IN DIOCESE OF KERRY:

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- **Cornelius (Neilus) Coffey**, Abbeydorney and formerly of Marian Park
- **Mary Frances (Fran) O'Rourke** née McEvoy, Tobar Naofa, formerly of London and Laos.
- **James O'Connor**, Connolly Park and formerly of Beaufort, Killarney.
- **Mary Mangan** née Fitzgerald, Ballyvelly.
- **Betty Moynihan**, formerly MacMahon, née Casey, Church Street.
- **Mary Bridget O'Shea**, Kevin Barry Villas and Connolly Park
- **Tom O'Sullivan**, Oakpark Road.
who died recently and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.



YEAR OF MERCY SERVICE OF HEALING AND RECONCILIATION:

St. John's Church on Sunday, December 20th at 6pm. Come and experience the love and forgiveness of Christ. All welcome.

CONFESSIONS in ST JOHN'S CHURCH: Christmas Eve, Thursday 24th from 12.00 noon to 5.00pm.

COLLECTORS IN ST. JOHN'S CHURCH: From this weekend the collectors in St. John's will wear a badge so as to identify them as St. John's collectors. We thank them for their ministry and we thank you for your contribution so that the parish can be of service to the community.

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS ENVELOPES: (Christmas Dues) are now being delivered to households along with our Christmas Newsletter. These offerings pay the salaries of the Parish Clergy who thank parishioners for their support. Envelopes are also available in the churches & the Parish Centre for households who do not receive an envelope delivered to their homes.

TAX RELIEF FOR DONATIONS TO CHARITIES 2014: A sincere **Thank You** to everybody who participated and who support St. John's Parish in this particular way. We received a payment for €33,824.72 from the Revenue. If you would like information on the scheme, please contact Catherine Dwyer at the Parish Centre

ST JOHN'S PARISH BAZAAR A sincere **Thank You** to all who made this year's Bazaar possible. The proceeds will be announced shortly.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT ST. JOHNS: A Christmas Carol Recital by St. John's Choir will take place in St. John's Church, Tralee on Thurs, December 24th (Christmas Eve) at 8.30 pm.

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

BLESSING OF CRIB IN RATH CEMETERY: this Sunday, December 13th, at 3pm. All Welcome.

BLESSING OF CRIB IN ST JOHN'S CEMETERY OAKVIEW: Oakview, will take place on Sunday, December 20th following the 12.30pm Mass at Our Lady and St Brendan's Church.

ARDFERT RETREAT CENTRE: Year Of Mercy - A Course on Faith: Twelve weekly one-and-a-half hour sessions at 7:00pm with Fr. Seán Sheehy, beginning Wednesday, January 20th, 2016. Resources: The Holy Bible and the Catechism of the Catholic Church. All Welcome. Further details available from Ardfert Retreat Centre 066 7134276.

BLENNERVILLE 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 this Sunday, 13th December, at 1.30pm. Information from: LatinMassTralee@Gmail.com

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

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 13th December at 7.30pm

REMEMBRANCE TREE: Christmas Remembrance Service for those who died by suicide. Town Hall, Princes Quay, this Sunday, November 13th at 3pm. You are invited to place a little ornament on the tree in memory of your loved ones.

TRALEE RED CROSS: are holding a Christmas bake sale this Sunday, December 13th, in St. John's Parish Centre from 9.30am to 1pm. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

YOUTH 2000 CHRISTMAS RETREAT: 18th—20th December in Newbridge College, Co Kildare for 16—35 year olds. For more information or to book your place on the free buses phone 01 6753690 or visit www.youth2000.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



YEAR OF MERCY:

Began December 8th.

"Forgive and you will be forgiven." Luke 6.37

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 8th, 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 13th 2015. In our diocese, the Holy Door of Mercy will be opened at a special Mass in St. Mary's Cathedral, Killarney at 5pm this Sunday, Dec 13th. For more information visit www.dioceseofkerry.ie

TRALEE BRANCH OF THE IRISH CANCER SOCIETY would like to thank everyone who helped during our street collection which raised €3,200.

BE AWARE, PREVENT SUICIDE: is posting 56,000 free copies of 'Minding Our Minds: A Guide to Supports and Services' to Kerry homes this week to promote mental wellness.

MASS: for Family Tree healing with Rosary, and Benediction in the Queen of Divine Will Oratory, Camp on Monday December 14th at 7.00pm. Celebrant Fr. John Walsh. Light refreshments afterwards. All are most welcome.

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.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

Life certainly has its challenges and we can feel so out at sea when things go against us. But try not to worry about anything. Instead, let your hopes, fears and requests be known to God and He who is in everything you do and all that you suffer, will grant you peace, understanding and rest for your soul....

St John's Social Justice and Peace Committee

RECENT BAPTISMS:

With great joy we welcome

Rose Louise Lovett

Faith Johnson

into our Christian community.



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:

St John's Church:

Christmas Eve: 7.00pm (with Liturgy for Children) and 9.00pm (Mass of Christmas Night)
Christmas Day: 9.00am (Bilingual Mass), 10.30am and 12 Noon

St Brendan's Church, Curraheen:

Christmas Eve: 12.00 Midnight
Christmas Day: 11.00am (with Liturgy for children)

Immaculate Conception, Rathass

Christmas Eve: 7.00pm
Christmas Day: 10.00am



ALTAR SERVERS FOR CHRISTMAS:

Sign-up sheets to serve at the Christmas Eve (7pm & 9pm) and Christmas Day (9am, 10.30am, 12 noon) Masses in St John's are now available in the sacristy.