


**St. John's Parish, Tralee**  
**27<sup>th</sup> December 2015**  
*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

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

**SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN IN DIOCESE OF KERRY:**  
 St. John's Parish representatives' contact number is 087 1093893

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

- **Margaret (Peggy) O'Connor** Oakpark Demesne, formerly of Bridge Street and Dominic Street.  
*who died recently and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.*




**RECENT BAPTISM:**  
*With great joy we welcome*

**Saoirse Kelliher**  
**Amelia Rose O'Connor**  
*into our Christian community.*



**RECENT WEDDINGS**  
*Congratulations to*

- **Daryl McTigue and Norette Kearney**
- **Michael Greaney and Breda Ryan**  
*who married in St. John's parish recently. We pray that God will bless your marriages.*



**ST JOHN'S PARISH CENTRE** Will be open on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday of the coming week. (December 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> and January 2<sup>nd</sup>).

**WEEKDAY MASSES:** in St. John's from Monday, December 28<sup>th</sup> to Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup> will be at 10am & 6.10pm. The 8.30 am Mass will resume on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2016.

**BISHOP RAY BROWNE:** will celebrate the 6.10pm Vigil Mass in St. John's Church on Saturday January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**FIRST FRIDAY:** January 1<sup>st</sup> is the first Friday of the month. **CONFESSIONS** – Thursday 4.30pm – 5.30pm.

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

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

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

**CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS ENVELOPES:** (Christmas Dues) have been 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.

**SUPPORT NET MINISTRIES:** Seán O'Mahoney of our parish is serving as a missionary with NET Ministries of Ireland this year. He will speak at Masses in St John's this weekend. NET encourages young people to love Jesus and to embrace the life of the Church. You can support this work by going to [www.netministries.ie](http://www.netministries.ie), click on the donate button at top of page and in the comments section mention Seán's name. Or post to Net Ministries, College Court, Ballybofey, Co. Donegal. Sean appreciates any support parishioners can give and will keep you in his prayers throughout the year.

**THINKING OF THE PRIESTHOOD?** Maybe you have been **Thinking about the Priesthood** as a way of life for you? Maybe you have felt you are being called? You are invited to St. Patrick's College, Thurles, on Feb 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016. This event is an opportunity for you to 'come and see'. We start on Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> with dinner at 6.30pm, followed by some time for prayer, meet others thinking of the priesthood and some recently ordained priests. Stay overnight. On Feb 6<sup>th</sup> there is prayer, breakfast, a brief talk on discerning a vocation, preparation for Mass, lunch, discussion, depart. For more information contact Fr Michael Moynihan PP, Glengarriff at 087 6551902 or Fr Liam Comer, PP Dromtarriff, 087 2401246.

**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)

**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 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Resources: The Holy Bible and the Catechism of the Catholic Church.  
**Capacitar Workshop:** Day to Experience Capacitar Living in Wellness on January 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9.45am to 4.00pm. Facilitated by: Betty Garnett and Anna O'Donoghue.  
 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 Chapter One, Manor; Kerry Bookshop; Garveys Supervalue; Rock Street Post Office; O'Shea's Blennerville; Polymath; Quanes Pub; O'Dwyers Supermarket Camp; Husseys Supermarket, Princes Street and St. John's Parish Centre or from the school. Cost €10.

**ACCORD:** Offers an affordable professional counselling service with qualified counsellors in a confidential, caring and safe environment. The Centre offers one-to-one counselling, couple counselling, separation support, psychosexual counselling, fertility awareness and natural family planning service. If you can't talk to each other, try talking to us'. Contact ACCORD Tralee at 066-7122280.

**THE CARERS ASSOCIATION:** are providing the QQI (FETAC) Level 5 Work Experience Module in Tralee commencing January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016. For more info contact the training unit on 057 93 70221.

**KERRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND** led by Bishop Ray Browne 30<sup>th</sup> October 2016, 8 nights. Direct Flight from Shannon, coach transfers from Kerry. Cost €1,575 sharing. Enquiries: Janice O'Sullivan 064 7758219 or email [joskdp@eircom.net](mailto:joskdp@eircom.net) Limited availability.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS:** An open public meeting will take place on Monday, December 28<sup>th</sup> at 8.30pm in the Presentation Prefabs, Upper Castle Street. All welcome

**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)

**CUAN MUIRE:** is celebrating 50 years of supporting people with addiction issues. A Reunion Mass and get-together of "Past Friends and Residents of Cuan Mhuire" in Kerry is being planned for a Sunday in May or early Summer 2016 in Killarney or Tralee. Please re-establish contact with Cuan Mhuire. Write to Sr Consilio, Cuan Mhuire, Bruree, Co Limerick or email her at [annosheadaly@gmail.com](mailto:annosheadaly@gmail.com). Please give your name and contact details (address, phone no, email, etc.) by January 31<sup>st</sup> next.  
*"May Our Blessed Lady, ever gentle, kind and compassionate continue to intercede for us all in our hour of need."*

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

**MASS LEAFLETS:** In the interest of keeping the Church tidy we would ask you to take the Mass leaflet home with you or place it at the end of the seat after Mass.

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:**

*When your soul is longing and yearning for peace it is then that you are seeking the love and presence of God in your life. Present yourself and your troubles to the Lord and you will find the hand of God in all that you do. You will grow in wisdom, stature and favour and you will be reminded time and time again of what an honour it is to be called a son or a daughter of God the Father.....*

St John's Social Justice and Peace Committee

*The Priests of the Parish wish all our parishioners a very happy New Year*