



St. John's Parish, Tralee

31st January 2016

Fourth 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:

• **Eva Maguire** née O'Hara of Perth, Scotland and formerly of Spring Lodge, Ballyard.

• **Joseph (Kenny) Herrity**, Togher, Cork and formerly of Tralee.

• **James Keane**, Woodview and formerly of Upper Castle Street.

• **Marian McCarthy** née Kennedy, Ashill, Ballymacelligott and late of Castlegregory.

• **Stella O'Sullivan**, Tobar Naofa, Deans Lane.

• **Rita O'Sullivan** née Moloney, Killerisk and formerly Old Marian Park.

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



RECENT BAPTISMS:

With great joy we welcome

Cian Griffin

Ruby Rose Lynch

Michael Thomas Lawrence

into our Christian community.



CALLING ALL PRAYER GROUPS OF THE DIOCESE:

A day of prayer is planned for Saturday March 12th 2016 in the Church of the Resurrection Killarney. The main goal of the day is to unite all prayer groups from across the diocese. A meeting will be held in the Presbytery, Park Road, Killarney on Sat 6th of February at 3pm. If anyone is interested in helping out in any way we'd appreciate your attendance. For further information please contact Thady 087-2626187.

FR SEAMUS O'CONNELL AND LUKE'S GOSPEL: To celebrate the Year of Mercy, Fr. Séamus O'Connell will give two nights' presentation on Luke's Gospel. On Friday Feb 12th, Fr. Seamus will take the theme "**Showing Mercy**" — **The Road to Life according to Luke's Jesus** - in KDYS, Fairhill, Killarney. On Friday February 26th he will explore **Jesus as Mediator of Mercy in the Gospel of Luke** in St. Brendan's Pastoral Centre, Upper Rock St. Tralee. Starting at 7.30pm and finishing by 9.30pm in both venues. The cost is €5 per night, and places may be booked at 064 6632644 or email pastoralcentre@dioceseofkerry.ie.

ARDFERT RETREAT CENTRE:

Year of Mercy: A Course on Faith by Fr. Sean Sheehy continues on Wednesdays February. 10th, 17th and 24th at 7pm.

Thanksgiving evening to celebrate the gift of Married Life. Wednesday. February 10th at 7.30pm.

Lenten Reflection Days Saturday. February 13th & Sun. 14th, 10am to 5pm. Speaker: Bishop Brendan Comiskey.

The Art of Balanced Living Sat. Feb. 20th, 10am to 4pm. Facilitated by Antoinette Dilsworth.

Ardfert Local History Series ~ Thursday, 18th Feb at 8pm, Ardfert Placenames by Ciarán Dalton. Contact: Ardfert Retreat Centre 066 7134276

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

Catholic Schools Week 2016
Sunday 31 January - Saturday 6 February
Catholic Schools: Challenged to Proclaim God's Mercy



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK: is an all-Ireland annual event which invites Catholic schools to give expression in a special way to the ethos of Catholic education. It is a celebration of Catholic schools throughout Ireland, North and South which acknowledges the tremendous contribution that our Catholic primary and post-primary schools make not just to Irish society, but to the mission of the Church. Catholic Schools Week 2016 will take place from Sunday 31st January to Saturday 6th February on the theme: "**Catholic Schools: Challenged to Proclaim God's Mercy**".

DIOCESE OF KERRY EARTH WEEK: 17th-24th April 2016 The Diocesan Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Committee has chosen '**Biodiversity**' as the theme for Earth Week. A meeting to explain how we can create diverse flower-rich habitats in our communities and help save our bees will be hosted by Kerry County Council in the Meadowlands Hotel Tralee on Tue. Feb 2nd at 7.30pm. All are welcome. For more details, www.dioceseofkerry.ie.

DIOCESE OF CLOYNE YEAR OF MERCY REFLECTION DAY: Most Rev William Crean, Bishop of Cloyne, invites you to be part of an afternoon of reflection on the theme of "**Merciful like the Father: Living the Year of Mercy.**" Led by Dr Edward Sri, an internationally-known Catholic speaker and author. Sunday 7th February, 3:00pm-6:30pm in the Clayton Hotel Conference Centre, Silver Springs, Tivoli, Cork City. Email: cloynewewangelisation@gmail.com or Telephone: 086 2420240 for more information

MOYDERWELL MERCY PRIMARY SCHOOL: is currently enrolling for 2016/2017 school year. Open Invitation to attend an Audio Visual Presentation and view our school facilities - Thursday, 4th February at 7.00 p.m. in the School Assembly Hall.

THE PRIORY INSTITUTE: Study Theology by distance learning. Register online at www.prioryinstitute.ie. Closing date February 22nd. Information from enquiries@prioryinstitute.com or phone 01 404 8124.

ANAM CARA is holding its monthly Parent Evening on Tuesday 9th of February 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.

ST. JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS SOCIETY: The Seven Sundays Devotion to St. Joseph begin on Sunday 31st. January. The devotion honours the Seven Joys and Sorrows of St. Joseph., The first sorrow and joy of St. Joseph: his sorrow when he decided to leave the Blessed Virgin; his joy when the angel told him the mystery of the Incarnation, that Mary's child is the son of God and is the awaited Messiah. "*Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.*" Mt.1:20;21.

BAILE MUIRE TEA DANCE: Sunday February 7th 2-4.30pm in Baile Mhuire, Balloonagh. Raffle on the day. Money goes to Baile Mhuire Day Care Center for Older Persons. Music by Ger Boyle and John Lynch and light refreshments will be served.

THANK YOU FROM THE IRISH BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE: to the 670 donors attended our Blood Donor Clinic in The Brandon Hotel. This generosity and commitment to helping others is very much appreciated. It is a precious gift that brings life & hope to the patients and to their families & friends.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

It is a comforting thought that God knows each of us personally, even before we were formed in the womb or came to birth. Therefore, nothing will ever overcome a child of God. Nothing will ever diminish the love God the Father has for each of us. Walk with Jesus in faith, hope and love and each day you will be blessed as each child of God is.....
St John's Social Justice and Peace Committee

DIOCESAN COLLECTION FOR LOURDES HELPERS: will be taken up at all Masses next weekend (February 6th/7th) as a joint offertory collection.

FIRST FRIDAY: Next Friday, February 5th is the first Friday of the month. CONFESSIONS – Thursday 4.30pm – 5.30pm.

CANDLEMAS DAY: Tuesday Feb 2nd Candles will be blessed at all masses for use at home. This day is also the Feast of the Presentation of the Child Jesus in the Temple in Jerusalem.

FEAST OF ST. BLAISE – Blessing of throats will take place on Wednesday, February 3rd after all Masses.

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE SICK: Mass, with a special blessing for the sick and their carers will be celebrated in St. John's Church on Thursday February 11th at 2.30pm. Refreshments will be served in the Parish Centre after Mass. All welcome.

PIONEERS: Pioneers who have completed 25, 50, 60 or more years membership of the Pioneer Association will be presented with pins and certificates at the Vigil Mass in St. John's at 6.10pm on Saturday next February 6th. If you qualify please give your name and payment for pin to St. John's Parish Centre as soon as possible.

THE LATIN MASS (1962 Missal) will be offered in Holy Cross Dominican Church, at 1.30pm on Sunday 7th February. and Sunday 21st February. More info from LatinMassTralee@gmail.com.