



St. John's Parish, Tralee

7th February 2016

Fifth 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:

• **Agnes Bowler**, née Bradford, Cockleshell Road. Funeral Mass in St. John's Church, Sunday at 12 noon, followed by burial in New Rath.

• **Mary Carmody** née Brosnan, West Commons Ardfert. Funeral Mass in St. Brendan's Church, Ardfert at 11am on Sunday, burial afterwards in The Abbey New Cemetery, Ardfert.

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



CAPITAL FUND ENVELOPES: New boxes of envelopes for the coming year are available for collection at the Parish Centre. If possible please bring in the top of the old box with the number on it. Contributing weekly by means of our envelope system is of great benefit to the parish and we invite interested parishioners to contact the Parish Centre to receive a box of envelopes or get further information.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR TEMPERANCE: Sunday 7th February is a Day of Prayer for Temperance, a day which offers us an opportunity to reflect on our relationship with alcohol and a day on which we can take time to pray for those who suffer from addiction.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND AWARENESS AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING: Monday February 8th This day was set up by Pope Francis in 2015. The Pope calls us *"to remember that all peoples are our family and together we need to cry out and act to end the human trafficking of our brothers and sisters"*.

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 at 7pm.

Thanksgiving evening to celebrate the gift of Married Life. Wed. 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

'LAUDATO SI' EARTH WEEK PROJECT ON BIODIVERSITY An information meeting will be held in Our Lady and St. Brendan Pastoral Centre, Upper Rock Street on Thursday 18th February at 7.30pm to explain the BIODIVERSITY project and provide practical help to get it started in church grounds, and private gardens etc. So bring along your ideas, questions and rough maps of the spaces you hope to make more biodiversity rich and pollinator friendly by planting, protecting etc. Everyone is welcome: interested members of the community of all ages, teachers, students, and members of Pastoral Councils. Organised by the Diocesan JPIC Committee and Kerry Co. Council. See www.dioceseofkerry.ie (Look for Earth Week 2016 under Justice, especially the Checklist for Biodiversity in Parish Grounds).

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

PIONEERS: The monthly meeting of St. John's Pioneers will be held in the Parish Centre on Thursday next, February 11th, at 8pm.

PIONEER LENTEN CHALLENGE: Make your Lenten Pledge by visiting www.pioneerassociation.ie and joining online.

DERRYQUAY NATIONAL SCHOOL CLOTHING RECYCLING DRIVE: Fundraising Event: on Thursday 11th February. Please drop off all clean unwanted clothes, bed linen, towels, curtains, shoes, bags and soft toys to Derryquay National School before 9.30am.

CBS PRIMARY SCHOOL, Clounalour, would like to welcome all to an open evening on Thursday 11th February from 6 to 7.30pm. Come along and visit our wonderful school and outstanding facilities. Enrolment forms available on the night. Telephone 066 7124029 for further details.

ST. JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS SOCIETY: The second sorrow and joy of St. Joseph: his sorrow when he saw Jesus born in poverty, his joy when the angels announced Jesus' birth. *"So they hurried away and found Mary and Joseph and the baby lying in the manger."* Lk 2:16

DEAFHEAR.IE will be holding an outreach clinic on Friday 12th of February 2016 from 10.30am – 12.30pm at Kingdom Voluntary Housing Association, Clogher Esta, Hawley Park. Our outreach clinics on hearing loss offer support and advice, cleaning and basic maintenance of hearing aids and information on entitlements. For information please call Jo Lambe on 087-2723862. Our consultations are private and confidential.

RALLY FOR LIFE: The first ever Munster Rally for Life will take place on Saturday February 27th, assembling on The Grand Parade, Cork at 2pm. Join us to protect mothers and save babies from abortion. See www.munsterrallyforlife.com. Tel: 085 8555095.

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.

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.

BAILE MHUIRE 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.

1916 HISTORY LECTURE - THE ASGARD: A lecture entitled *'The Asgard with Arms for 1916'* by Pat Murphy, Asgard volunteer and historian, will take place in Tralee Library on Tuesday 9th February at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

Fear and doubt are crippling emotions. They fill us with dread and can prevent us from living our lives or following our dreams. But keep believing. Keep hoping that a better day will come. Keep your faith and trust in God who walks the journey of life with you. Do not be afraid. He is with you in all that you do and in all that you do not do.
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St John's Social Justice and Peace Committee

RECENT BAPTISMS:

With great joy we welcome

Róisín Ellen Healy
Darragh Cassidy
Karolina Huserova



into our Christian community.

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

ASH WEDNESDAY: is Wednesday next, February 10th, the first day of Lent and a Day of Fast and Abstinence. Ashes will be distributed during all Masses in St. John's Church.

Mass Times:- 8.30am, 10am 1.10pm & 6.10pm. (Please note extra Mass in St. John's at 1.10pm). Mass will be celebrated in St. Brendan's Church Curraheen at 9.30am.

BLESSED ASHES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED at all Masses on Ash Wednesday and between Masses from 9am to 6pm in St. John's Church. Ashes will also be available for those unable to come to the church. The blessed Ashes are worn as a sign of faith and repentance. They should not be kept at home or taken for any other purpose.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK: Mass, with Anointing of the Sick and a Blessing for 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.

TROCAIRE BOXES are available for collection at the back of the Church or from the Parish Centre

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