



St. John's Parish, Tralee

14th February 2016

First Sunday of Lent

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:

- **Catherine (Cathy) Lonergan** née Penrose, Hawley Park and formerly of Scotland.
- **Donal Costello** late of Ballinspittle, Co. Cork and formerly of Rock Street, Tralee
- **Humphrey McNamara**, Racecourse Lawn
- **Paul O'Connell**, Riverside, Oakpark.
- **Joseph (Joe) Bentley**, Marian Park.
- **Gillian Murphy**, Balloonagh Estate.
- **Ted Duffy**, Meadowlands Estate.
- **Eddie O'Connell**, Monavalley and Rathkenny, Abbeydorney.
- **Timothy (Timmy) Moriarty**, Knocknacaska, Kilflynn and late of Kevin Barry's Villas.
- **Fr. John Spillane**, Melbourne, Australia.
- **Joan O'Connor**, Strand Street. Funeral Mass in St. John's Church on Sunday at 12 noon, burial afterwards in Old Rath Cemetery.



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

RECENT BAPTISMS:

With great joy we welcome

Zoe Conway
Danny James O'Donoghue
Fionn James Smith
Favour Owweye



into our Christian community.

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.

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.

PIONEER LENTEN CHALLENGE: Many people abstain from alcohol and take the short-term pledge for the duration of Lent. Contact St. John's Parish Centre or visit www.pioneerassociation.ie and join online.

FR. SEAMUS O'CONNELL AND LUKE'S GOSPEL: To celebrate the Year of Mercy, Fr. Séamus O'Connell will give a presentation on Luke's Gospel on Friday February 26th when 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. The cost is €5, and places may be booked at 064 6632644 or email pastoralcentre@dioceseofkerry.ie.

ARDFERT RETREAT CENTRE:

Evening of Reflection for Ministers of the Word and Ministers of the Eucharistic in the Kerry Diocese. Thursday, 25th February 8pm—10pm.

Year of Mercy: A Course on Faith by Fr. Sean Sheehy continues on Wednesday Feb 17th at 7pm
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 Information meeting 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. 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).

CASTLEGREGORY AND CLOGHANE PARISH MISSION AND RENEWAL for the Year of Mercy. 'Let us Begin Again'. February 15th to 18th inclusive. The full programme in the Parish page on www.dioceseofkerry.ie

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

ST. JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS SOCIETY: The third sorrow and joy of St. Joseph: his sorrow when he saw Jesus' blood shed in circumcision, his joy in giving him the name Jesus. *"When the eight day came and the child was to be circumcised, they gave him the name Jesus, the name the angel had given before his conception."* Lk.2:21

MASS: for Family Tree healing with Rosary, and Benediction in the Queen of Divine Will Oratory, Camp on Wednesday February 17th at 7.00pm. Celebrant Fr John Walsh. Adoration, Rosary, Mass, Benediction will be followed by light refreshments. All most welcome.

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.

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.

CAHERLEAHEEN NATIONAL SCHOOL, will hold their Open Day this Monday, 15th February, between 10am and 12. All are welcome!

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL: is now enrolling for September 2016. Enrolment forms available online www.hfstralee.com or contact the school office 066 7124161. Wise Owl After School service also available until 6.00 p.m. each evening.

VOLUNTEERS CAR SCHEME INFORMATION MORNING: Are you interested in becoming a Volunteer Driver? Do you have two hours to spare? Do you have a full clean driving license? Do you have access to a car? Baile Mhuire Day Care Centre, Tralee in conjunction with Kerry Community Transport are seeking Volunteer Drivers for their Volunteer Social Car Scheme. Information Morning on Thursday the 18th February 2016 at 10.00am in Baile Mhuire Day Care Centre. All welcome.

SAMARITANS: With a huge increase in calls and contacts the Kerry branch of the Samaritans will hold information and recruitment nights on Wednesday, 17th February in the KDYS, Killarney at 8 p.m. and at The Manor West Hotel on Thursday 18th at 8pm.

SMART FARMING SMARTPHONE COURSE: geared towards farmers using their smartphones starts on 23rd February in Tralee Community Development Project, Rock Street, Tralee, from 7.30pm—9.30pm. Cost €20.00. Phone Tralee Community Development Project on 066 7120877 to book your place. Places are limited.

KERRY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES: are pleased to invite interested parties to a public event at The Ashe Hotel, Maine Street, Tralee on Thursday 18th February and the KDYS, Killarney, on Friday 19th February, both events from 10am – 1pm. Guest speaker Michael Ryan will speak about Recovery Principles as well as his own experience of recovery from mental ill-health. Representatives from Kerry Peer Support Network, a group of volunteers who provide support for individuals on their journey from mental distress to recovery, will also present.

IRISH RED CROSS TRALEE: will be holding a recruitment night on Friday 26th of February from 6.30pm until 8pm in The Grand Hotel, Denny Street.

TRALEE BRIDGE CLUB CHARITY NIGHT: in aid of Kerry/Cork Healthlink Bus. Monday February 15th at 7.30pm in Tralee Community Bridge Club, Clounalour. All welcome. Bridge classes starting in February contact Trish on 087 6254284.

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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

In life, we are put to the test. This can happen in many different ways-death, loss, separation, addiction or illness. When we are tested we can feel devoid of hope or peace. But try to trust in the Lord your God. He, whose mighty arm and outstretched hand can hold and carry the pain within all of us. He who is our Lord and our God. Believe and trust in Him always no matter what.....
St John's Social Justice and Peace Committee