



St. John's Parish, Tralee

21st February 2016

Second 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:

- **James Quirke**, Curraheen
- **Nora O'Donnell** née O'Connor, Blennerville.
- **Eleanor Griffin** née Guiney, Connolly Park and Moyderwell.



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

RECENT BAPTISMS:

With great joy we welcome

Saibh McDonnell
Philippa Rose Stack
Jessie Rose Griffin



into our Christian community.

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

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.

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.

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.

HORIZONS at 9am Sunday mornings on Radio Kerry – tune in to your religious and social radio programme.
Contact maryfagan@dioceseofkerry.ie

BISHOP RAY BROWNE CALLS US TO CAST OUR VOTE: A statement from the Bishop on next Friday's General Election is available at the back of the Church or on the Diocesan website www.dioceseofkerry.ie

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. From 7.30pm to 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 24th at 7pm
Contact: Ardfert Retreat Centre 066 7134276

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

ST. JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS SOCIETY: The fourth sorrow and joy of St. Joseph: his sorrow when he heard the prophecy of Simeon; his joy when he learned that many would be saved through the sufferings of Jesus. *"As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see, this child: he is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected and a soul will pierce your own soul too so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare'."* Lk. 2:34

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.

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

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

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

COUPLES FOR CHRIST: invites you to a Christian Life Programme (CLP) on March 19th, 20th and April 2nd and 3rd from 1pm—5pm in St. John's Parish Centre. Couples for Christ was founded in the Philippines in 1981 and was recognised by the Pontifical Council for the Laity in 2000. For more information contact 087 2056004 or visit www.couplesforchristglobal.org.

A LECTURE entitled *'Some Treasures of the Kerry Church'* by Prof. Salvador Ryan, Theologian and Author, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, will take place in Killarney Library on Tuesday 23rd February at 7.30pm. Please note that this lecture was originally scheduled for Tralee Library but is now taking place in Killarney Library. All are welcome.

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.

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 COMMUNITY RESPONDERS: was established in October 2015 to provide rapid intervention to life threatening medical emergencies within 6km of Tralee town through its team of "on call" volunteers. Information meeting in Fels Point Hotel on Monday Feb. 22nd at 8pm.

CURA St. John's Centre, Castle Street. Crisis Pregnancy Support Services for all needing support around unplanned pregnancy, post natal support and post abortion support. Talk to us. We listen. All services are free, confidential and non judgmental. Contact us at, 066 7127355, 1850 622 626 www.cura.ie or cucacares@cura.ie

CHECK IT FITS: Is your child's car seat fitted correctly? Get it checked by an expert at Supervalu, Rock Street, on Thursday 25th February from 10am – 5:30pm. It's fast, it's easy and it's free www.rsa.ie/checkitfits.

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

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.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CARE CENTRE: Tobar Naofa, Dean's Lane, Tralee (situated in the former Moyderwell Convent Building) offers personalised day care for Older Adults who enjoy living in their own home, but may want a bit of company and support from time to time...." There's a full Social Recreational Programme with music and dancing each week, with meals provided each day. Contact Cassandra or Sheila on Mobile 086 – 7871367 or Landline 0761 – 083050

KERRY PEER SUPPORT NETWORK: runs a Recovery Group every Wednesday from 10.30am to 11.30am in Rahoanane Community Centre. The group is led by people with self-experience of mental health challenges. No referrals needed so just come along and join us.

USED POSTAGE STAMPS: can be handed in to the Parish Centre in aid of the Missions.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

Place your faith and trust in God always. It is not always easy to do so but He has made a covenant with us to love us and care for us always. Let Him be the light that shines in your time of darkness. and trust in Him always no matter what.....
St John's Social Justice and Peace Committee