



# St. John's Parish, Tralee

27<sup>th</sup> March 2016

Easter Sunday

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:

- **Susan Curran** née Lonergan, The Meadows, Oakview Village.
- **Marie O'Connor**, The Cottages, Blennerville.
- **Anthony (Tony) O'Connor**, Mitchels Crescent..
- **Michael McDonagh**, Ballinorig Close.
- **Letitia Moloney**, Athy, Co Kildare.
- **Philomena Ireland** née Rahilly, Fulham, England and late of Boherbee.  
*who died recently and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.*



### RECENT BAPTISMS:

*With great joy we welcome*  
**Sadhbh Nolan**  
**Jared Ryan**  
**Jack Patrick Bradley**  
**Daniel Flynn** into our Christian community.



**DIVINE WORD MISSION APPEAL:** On the invitation of Bishop Ray, the Divine Word Fathers are making a mission appeal in our diocese this year. Next weekend (Divine Mercy Sunday) Fr Pat Byrne SVD and Fr Tim Hughes SVD will speak at Masses and ask our support for their order's work.

**MUSIC MINISTRY WITH YOUNG PEOPLE:** The next meeting will take place on Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup> 2016 at 8:00pm in John Paul II Pastoral Centre, Killarney. If you would like to attend or know anyone who might be interested, please feel free to invite them along. For more information contact Tomás Kenny on 086 3683778 or email [tomaskenny@dioceseofkerry.ie](mailto:tomaskenny@dioceseofkerry.ie)

### ARDFERT RETREAT CENTRE:

**Year of Mercy** A Course on Faith by Fr. Sean Sheehy. The next session will be held on March 30<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm.

**Celtic Spirituality:** 'Indoor & Outdoor Experiences' by Fr. Michael Rodgers, SPS. April 8<sup>th</sup> to April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Bookings: 066-7134276

**PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND FOR THE YEAR OF MERCY:** September 19<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>. Visiting the Shrine of Divine Mercy, Shrine of St. John Paul II, Salt mine in Wieliczka, Auschwitz, Wadowice and more. Cost €600 plus flight and transport (approx €240). For further details contact Fr. Piotr in St. John's Parish Centre.

**POOR CLARES GALWAY:** Monastic Experience Day, Saturday April 9<sup>th</sup> 10am-5pm to help young women between the ages of 21 and 40 to learn more about the Poor Clare way of life with a view to vocation discernment. To book a place contact [poorclaresgalwayvocations@gmail.com](mailto:poorclaresgalwayvocations@gmail.com).

**PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND:** Archbishop Eamon Martin will lead a Christian solidarity pilgrimage to the Holy Land from September 9-17, 2016, on a direct flight from Dublin. €1,495 (per person sharing. Details and itinerary on [www.maptravel.ie](http://www.maptravel.ie) or call 01 878 3111.

**CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS:** The National Council for Curriculum and Assessment ("NCCA") has published a consultation paper in relation to the development of a curriculum in Education about Religions, Beliefs and Ethics ("ERBE") in all primary schools. It is difficult to see how some of these approaches will work in a Catholic school context and there are concerns that existing religious education will be impacted. You can submit your views to the NCCA by completing the questionnaire on the NCCA website ([www.ncca.ie](http://www.ncca.ie)) or by making written submissions to NCCA, 35 Fitzwilliam Square, Dublin 2. The questionnaire is limited in scope and, therefore, written submissions are encouraged. **The closing date for submissions is 31<sup>st</sup> March.**

**CENSUS 2016:** The Census of Population 2016 is happening on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Census forms are being delivered to homes in all areas between March 23<sup>rd</sup> and April 23<sup>rd</sup> by Census Enumerators. All Enumerators carry Photo ID and wear Hi-Viz jackets – a very important security check. An accurate census is in everyone's interests. It provides the knowledge so that public resources can be shared evenly across the country and to ensure that services at local level are relevant to all the people who live there. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

**FREE IRISH HEART FOUNDATION HEALTH CHECK** for all customers at Gortatlea Mart on Thursday March 31<sup>st</sup> and Friday April 1<sup>st</sup>.

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

**ANNUAL MASS:** for deceased members of Kerins O'Rahilly Club will take place at the Clubhouse on Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

*You are a witness to the good news. It is not always possible to understand the complex words of scripture but remember this-that Jesus came to save you and me. He healed the sick and gave sight to the blind. He died on a wooden cross so that we, all of us, may have eternal life, that we would have the stone of darkness and nothingness removed from our lives.....*

St John's Social Justice and Peace Committee

### REFLECTION ON THE EASTER RISING:

Mindful of today's nationwide centenary commemoration of 1916 Easter Rising we take a moment to pray. We remember all who took part. We remember all who died or were injured or imprisoned and their families.

We remember and honour them as very precious to us because they started us on a path that led to our freedom. As faith in God inspired their ideals, may that faith continue to inspire our generation. We make our own the words of the 1916 Proclamation:

- We place the cause of the Irish Republic under the protection of the Most High God . . .
- The Republic guarantees religious and civil liberty, equal rights and equal opportunities to all its citizens, and declares its resolve to pursue the happiness and prosperity of the whole nation and of all its parts, cherishing all of the children of the nation equally, . . .

A century later we see ourselves as an independent, successful, sovereign nation. We remember all the generations in Ireland in the past 100 years. Today we thank God for a century of life in Ireland since 1916. We pray that our generation will live lives worthy of those who have gone before us.

This Easter Day we carry in our hearts words from the 1st Letter of St John: 1 Jn 3:16-17

*This has taught us love - that He gave up his life for us; and we too, ought to give up our lives for our sisters and brothers. If a person who was rich enough in this world's goods saw that one of their sisters or brothers was in need, but closed their heart to them, how could the love of God be living in that person?*

God bless all Irish people wherever in the world they are today. Faoi choimirce Dé dúinn go léir. A Mhaighdean ghlórmhar, freagair is fóir orainn.

Diocese of Kerry Easter Sunday 2016

*The priests of the parish wish you a happy and holy Easter.*