



St. John's Parish, Tralee

3rd April 2016

Divine Mercy Sunday

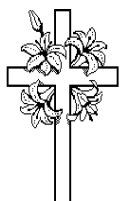
Parish Centre Opening Hours: Monday - Saturday 9.15am - 1pm & 2pm - 4.45pm.
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SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN IN DIOCESE OF KERRY:

St. John's Parish representatives' contact number is 087 1093893

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- **Mary Dowling**, née Rohan Castlecountess
- **John Boyd**, Aghadoe, Killarney and formerly of Tralee.
- **Carmel Ruth**, née Casey, Castletroy Limerick and formerly of Tralee.
- **Irene Lyne** née Galvin, St. Margaret's Rd. and High St, Killarney and Late of The Square, Tralee *who died recently and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.*



OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP ICON: To mark the 150th Anniversary of Pope Pius IX presenting the Icon of our Lady of Perpetual Help to the Redemptorists in 1866, a pilgrimage with the Icon to visit all Cathedrals of Ireland is being organised in the coming weeks. On March 23rd Pope Francis blessed the Pilgrim Icon in St. Peter's Square and from there it began the Pilgrimage around the country. It will be presented in St. Mary's Cathedral, Killarney on April 6th -7th.

Timetable:

Wednesday April 6th

6.15pm Mass of Welcome
7pm—8pm Veneration of Icon and writing your own petitions.
8.00pm Healing Service
9.30pm Prayer around the Icon.

Thursday April 7th

7am Mass
9.15am Prayer Service for Secondary School children
10.30am Mass
11.15am—1pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
1pm Departure of the Icon.

MEETING THE NEIGHBOURS: Thursday April 28th in St. John's Church of Ireland, Ashe Street at 8.00pm.

ARDFERT RETREAT CENTRE:

Year of Mercy A Course on Faith by Fr. Sean Sheehy. continues on April 6th, at 7pm.
Ardfert Local History Lecture Series: 'Archive video footage from around Ardfert' by Steve Baker, Thursday, April 7th at 8.00pm.

PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND FOR THE YEAR OF MERCY: September 19th to 26th. Visiting the Shrine of Divine Mercy, Shrine of St. John Paul II, Salt mine in Wieliczka, Auschwitz, Wadowice and more. Cost €600 plus flight. Different options available. Spiritual Director Fr. Piotr Delimat. For further details contact John in Sol Travel 066 7124111.

POOR CLARES GALWAY: Monastic Experience Day, Saturday April 9th 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.

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 or call 01 878 3111.

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

CENSUS 2016: The Census of Population 2016 is happening on April 24th. Census forms are being delivered to homes in all areas between March 23rd and April 23rd 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.

FIJI CYCLONE...A RESPONSE: St. John's Parish Centre. Wednesday 13th April 7.30pm. Cyclone Winston, the most powerful storm to hit Fiji in recorded history, has recently devastated the small island nation. The cyclone took over 40 lives and has left tens of thousands of people homeless. The Columban missionaries, who have been working in Fiji since 1951, would appreciate our help. You are invited to hear the story of the impact on the communities where the missionaries work and to make a response to help our brothers and sisters in Fiji. Fr Dan Ahern, Columban Missionary, who worked in Fiji for forty years, will speak.

VOLUNTEER WITH SAGE: Support and Advocacy Service for Older People. Sage needs volunteers to help speak up for older people across all care settings. Sage will provide QQI accredited training and ongoing support. For more information call 086 183 1428, see www.sage.thirdageireland.ie or email michelle.rooney@sage.thirdageireland.ie

ANAM CARA: is holding its monthly Parent Evening on Tuesday 12th of April from 17:30pm to 9:00pm in Recovery Haven 5 Haigs Terrace, Killerisk. All Anam Cara Services are available free of charge to bereaved parents.

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.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND: for married couples. Why not enrich your communication, rekindle romance and deepen your love. Our next weekend is at the Cork International Hotel April 15th—17th. For more information and or to book see www.marriageencounter.ie or contact 086 8334382, 087 2162436

LOUGH DERG JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY PILGRIMAGE SEASON opens on Sunday 1st May with One Day Retreats which continue on 2, 7, 8, 10, 14, 15, 17, 21, 22, 23, 28, 29 & 30 of May. Booking is essential.

The Three Day Pilgrimage season begins on Wednesday 1st June. You may begin the Pilgrimage on any day between 1st June and 13th August. Pre-booking is not required for the Three Day Pilgrimage.

Contact Lough Derg by telephone 071 9861518, email info@loughderg.org, www.loughderg.org.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: It can at times be somewhat difficult to believe in God. It can be hard to feel His love or indeed His presence in our lives especially during times of trouble or strife. But look for the signs around you. Feel the touch of His right hand on your shoulder. Do not doubt but believe. After all, He is your Lord and your God. St John's Social Justice and Peace Committee

RECENT BAPTISMS:

With great joy we welcome

Daire Curi Daly

Piotr Lange

Conor Dowling

into our Christian community.



PETER'S PENCE: The Annual Diocesan collection in aid of Peter's Pence will be taken up at all Masses next weekend (April 9th/10th) as a joint Offertory collection. This collection supports the ministry of the Pope in his task of uniting the many different strands of the church and enables the many charitable initiatives promoted by the Holy Father.

DIVINE WORD MISSION APPEAL: On the invitation of Bishop Ray, the Divine Word Fathers are making a mission appeal in our diocese this year. This 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.

EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES: have been distributed to homes in the Parish. These offerings are for the support of the priests of the Parish. We thank you for returning these envelopes to the Parish Office or placing them in the Collection Plate.

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS this Sunday (April 3rd) in St. John's Church at 2.45pm.

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

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