



# St. John's Parish, Tralee

## 17<sup>th</sup> April 2016

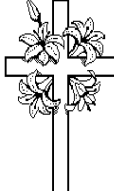
### Fourth Sunday of Easter. Good Shepherd Sunday

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:**


- **Josephine O'Rourke** née Burkett, Fairway Heights and formerly of Clogher Ballymacelligott.
- **Nora Keogan**, née O'Riordan, Listowel Road.
- **James (Jim) O'Brien**, The Cottages, Ballyseedy.
- **Patrick Wall**, Kevin Barry Villas and Boston.
- **Fr. Denis Leahy**, Knockmoyle and formerly of Reacashla and Brosna.  
*who died recently and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.*



**RECENT BAPTISMS:**  
*With great joy we welcome*  
**Aaron Carroll**  
**Orla Higgins**  
*into our Christian community.*



**RECENT WEDDINGS**  
*Congratulations to*  
**Goran Bukjovic and Sanja Sudarevic**  
**Mark Rogers and Gemma O'Regan**  
**Ger Cahill and Muireann Broderick.**  
*who married in St. John's parish recently.*  
*We pray that God will bless their marriages*



**VOCATIONS SUNDAY:**

Vocations Sunday 2016 will be celebrated this Sunday April 17<sup>th</sup> on the theme **The Church, Mother of Vocations**. Pope Francis has issued a pastoral message and you can read the full text of the Pope's message on [www.vocations.ie](http://www.vocations.ie). We invite you to pray for Vocations to the priesthood and religious life on Vocations Sunday and throughout the year. For prayers and additional resources please see [www.vocations.ie](http://www.vocations.ie).

*"Vocations are born in prayer and from prayer; and only through prayer can they persevere and bear fruit" - Pope Francis.*

On God Shepherd Sunday we reflect on the need for vocations. If you feel called to the priesthood and would like to find out more, please contact Fr Michael Moynihan 0876551902 or Fr Liam Comer 02978096. Visit [dioceseofkerry.ie](http://dioceseofkerry.ie) for more.

**CONFIRMATIONS:** will take place in St. John's Church in the coming week.  
**Thursday April 21<sup>st</sup>** 11am: Presentation, Gaelscoil Mhic Easmainn, Charleahleen, Blennerville and Derryquay schools.  
**Friday April 22<sup>nd</sup>** 11am: Moyderwell and C.B.S. schools.  
 Video recording or photography is not allowed during the actual ceremony. We wish every grace and blessing on those receiving their Confirmation and on those who helped prepare them.

**EARTH WEEK** from April 17<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> is an initiative of the Diocese of Kerry Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Committee [JPIC]. The committee raises awareness of Catholic Social Teaching by encouraging action, by providing resources and building networks with other groups. This year, in response to Pope Francis' letter on the environment, Laudato Si - one of the cares Francis asks us to respond to is the loss of biodiversity and this is our chosen theme for Earth Week 2016. A limited number of leaflets on how each individual can respond to the challenge is available at the back of St. John's Church and it can also be downloaded from [www.dioceseofkerry.ie](http://www.dioceseofkerry.ie)

**ARDFERT RETREAT CENTRE:**  
**Enneagram** - Fri, April 22<sup>nd</sup> - Sun, April 24<sup>th</sup>. Discover the unique person God made you to be! Learn steps you can take to help you function in healthier ways spiritually, mentally and through emotional well-being. Contact 066 7134276.  
**Capacitar:** Sat, 30<sup>th</sup> April, 9.45am-4.00pm. Self Care Day: Practical skills for stress management and emotional wellness. Contact: Betty Garnett 0872498061. Ref: [www.capacitar-ireland.org](http://www.capacitar-ireland.org)

**KERRY 2016 OFFICIAL CEREMONIES:**  
**To commemorate the Ring Brothers & Rosalie Rice, Valentia Island** Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 3pm - everyone welcome;  
**To commemorate Roger Casement, Banna** Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April. Arrival by 11.00am. Full State Ceremony commences 11.15am - no ticket required, everybody welcome.

**"PATRICK":** The 1916 story of Captain Patrick O' Connor, Rathmore. A musical drama, written and directed Aidan O' Connor at Rathmore Community Centre, Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> and Sun 24<sup>th</sup> of April at 8.00pm. Tickets €10. Booking 064 7758588.

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: will not be held on Friday April 22<sup>nd</sup> due to Confirmation ceremonies** but will be held as usual from Friday April 29<sup>th</sup> from 10.30am to 6.10pm in St John's Church

**SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE:** Pope Francis announced his intention to hold a special collection in all the Catholic parishes of Europe on Sunday next, 24<sup>th</sup> April, to provide humanitarian assistance to people in Ukraine. He asks that Catholics participate in this initiative with special generosity. This will be held as a joint Offertory collection.

**TALK BY FR. SEÁN MCDONAGH SSC** as part of Earth Week, entitled *The Prophetic Challenge of Laudato Si'* (i.e. Encyclical Letter of Pope Francis 'On Care for Our Common Home'). Thur. 21<sup>st</sup> April 2016 at 7.30pm in Our Lady and St. Brendan's Pastoral Centre, Upper Rock Street. Fr. McDonagh will also launch his new book, also entitled, "On Care for Our Common Home".

**CURRAHEEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL** will host an information evening on Tues, April 19<sup>th</sup> in The Rose Hotel (Fels Point), from 7.30pm to 9pm. All local voluntary groups from Lohercannon to Derrymore West and surrounding areas will showcase their group's activities. Everyone is invited to this event. Come and see what's on offer. Admission is free.

**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. Different options available. Spiritual Director Fr. Piotr Delimat. For further details contact John in Sol Travel 066 7124111.

**OPUS 96 CHAMBER CHOIR** presents "Song for Ireland" as part of the 1916 commemorations on Friday, April 22nd at 8pm in the Wetlands Centre. Tickets €10 are available from choir members and at the Wetlands Centre.

**KERRY CHORAL UNION** presents their 1916 Rising Commemoration Concert on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April @ 7.30pm in Our Lady & St Brendan's Church, Upper Rock Street. Admission FREE, donations welcome.

**EASTER OFFERINGS:** We thank you for returning these envelopes to the Parish Office or placing them in the Collection Plate.

**MEETING THE NEIGHBOURS:** Thurs April 28<sup>th</sup> in St. John's Church of Ireland, Ashe Street at 8.00pm.

**HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS:** Every Tuesday from 7.30pm to 8.30pm in the Bon Secours Hospital Chapel.

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

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

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

**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](http://www.aware.ie)

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** *Never judge yourself unworthy of God's love or the gift of eternal life. Remember that your salvation belongs to God and God alone. This is His gift to the world. When you doubt the presence of God in your life especially during times of pain and worry you will hear the voice of the Lord - you will feel His hand wiping away the tears from your eyes.....*  
 St John's Social Justice and Peace Committee