



St. John's Parish, Tralee

24th April 2016

Fifth Sunday of Easter.

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:

• **Joan (Hanna Mai) Carroll**, Abbey Court and late of Church Street Listowel and Tiduff, Ballyheigue.

• **Baby Michael O'Brien**, Rath Oraig

• **Anne Moore** née Harris, Kevin Barry's Villas, and late of Ardrahan, Ardfert. Reposing at McElligott's Funeral Home, Sunday from 4pm to 6pm followed by removal to St. John's Church. Funeral Mass Monday at 10am followed by burial in Réalt na Mara Cemetery, Churchill.

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



RECENT WEDDING

Congratulations to

Paul Sweeney and Marie Dillane

who married in St. John's parish recently. We pray that God will bless their marriage.



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 this weekend, 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.

DIOCESAN COLLECTION FOR THE EDUCATION OF CLERGY:

will be taken up next weekend, April 30th and May 1st, as a joint offertory collection.

CONFIRMATION: Congratulations to the boys and girls of the parish who were confirmed on Thursday and Friday. On behalf of the people, we wish to thank very sincerely the teachers who prepared the boys and girls so well. A special word of thanks to the parents for making the occasion special and prayerful.

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 28th in St. John's Church of Ireland, Ashe Street at 8.00pm where a presentation will be given by members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

MUSIC MINISTRY WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

UPDATE: The next meeting for Youth Music Ministers will take place on: Thursday, April 28th 2016 at 8:00pm in the John Paul II Pastoral Centre, Killarney. The purpose of the meeting is to explore ways of developing a resource for youth music ministry. 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

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

ARDFERT RETREAT CENTRE:

Capacitar: Sat, 30th 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

Introduction to Focussing Weekend - By Fr. Adrian Farrelly O.P. Friday 13th May to Sunday 15th May. Contact: Ardfert Retreat Centre on 066 7134276.

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

RATH CEMETERY: Rosary Procession on Sunday May 1st at 3pm. All welcome.

ROSARY PROCESSION: Thursday May 5th at 7pm from Our Lady and St. Brendan's Church, Upper Rock Street to the Dominican's Holy Cross Church.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA: 5th—13th of May, in the Dominican, Holy Cross Church. 11am and 7.30pm each day except Sunday. Sunday Session at 3.00pm with special Anointing of the Sick. Confessions after each session except on Sunday. Preacher: Fr. Joe Dineen OP.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: Open public meeting will take place on Monday, April 25th at 8.30pm in the Presentation Prefabs, Upper Castle Street. All Welcome.

THE STUDENTS OF MOYDERWELL MERCY PRIMARY SCHOOL present "*The Lion King Kids*". Wednesday April 27th (Blue Cast) and Thursday April 28th (Green Cast) at 11.30am and 7.30pm in Moyderwell Mercy Primary School. Tickets available in advance from the School: Adult €8, Child €5, two adults €15. Directed by Bryan Carr (School of Performing Arts) and School teachers.

FIJI CYCLONE—A RESPONSE: A most sincere thank you to all who came to St John's Parish Centre on April 13th to hear of the impact of Cyclone Winston on local communities in Fiji. The generosity on the night resulted in €1544 being collected. This includes €135 from a raffle for a hamper, also kindly donated. A further €856 has been received since. All of this money - a total of €2400 - will go to Fiji via The Columbans in Dalgan Park, Navan, directly to the parishes affected, where Columban missionaries work. *Míle buíochas* from Fr Dan Ahern.

TRALEE BRANCH OF THE IRISH CANCER SOCIETY would like to thank volunteers and anyone who helped in any way on Daffodil Day on March 11th. The amount raised was €12,200.

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

KERRY CAMINO'S ANNUAL 3 DAY WALK Saturday 30th April to Monday 2nd May - The event is almost booked out. For further information email: info@kerrycamino.com, visit www.facebook.com/KerryCamino or www.kerrycamino.com. Information/registration evening and slide show presentation in The Grand Hotel on Friday April 29th at 7 pm.

WORKERS MEMORIAL DAY: '*Remember the past for a safe and healthy future*' Thursday April 28th is Workers' Memorial Day - the date every year when trade unions, employer groups and individual organisations remember those who have been killed or injured in work-related accidents.

DARKNESS INTO LIGHT: in Support of Pieta House, Self-Harm or Suicide Crisis Centre. May 7th, 4.15am at CBS The Green. Register online at www.pieta.ie

CITIZENS INFORMATION: mobile unit will be in Manor West Shopping Centre on Thursday April 28th from 3pm to 7pm, Friday 29th from 12 noon to 6pm and Saturday 30th from 10am to 4pm. They will also be in the Supervalu car park, Castleisland on May 3rd and 4th and the Deer Park car park, Killarney on May 5th, 6th and 7th. All queries will be handled with the strictest of confidentiality on a broad range of topics.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: *The Lord your God is kind and full of compassion. Whenever we waiver or fall, somehow He finds the means to give us fresh heart and strength for the journey of life. He wipes away our tears and encourages us to keep going when we would rather not. He is our rock, our strength and our guide now and always.....*

St John's Social Justice and Peace Committee

RECENT BAPTISMS:

With great joy we welcome

Wiktorja Oblak

Alec Dunne

Tristan Sean Hickey

Ollie Lyons O'Connell

into our Christian community.



FIRST COMMUNIONS:

Saturday April 30th.

St. John's Church, 10am: Presentation Primary

Saturday May 7th

St Brendan's Curraheen at 11am: Derryquay NS

Saturday May 14th

St. John's Church, 10am: CBS Primary School

St Brendan's Curraheen at 11am: Blennerville NS

Saturday May 21st

St. John's Church 10am: Gael Scoil Mhic Easmuinn

Saturday May 28th

St. John's Church at 10am: Moyderwell Primary.

Immaculate Conception 11am: Caherleaheen NS

Video recording or photography is not allowed during the actual ceremony.

A special word of thanks to the teachers who helped prepare the children for this special occasion.

FIRST COMMUNION PARKING:

We invite families for First Communion to park in the car park near the Church as the avenue and space in front of St. John's is a 'No Parking' area for safety and emergency reasons.