



# St. John's Parish, Tralee

## 27<sup>th</sup> November 2016

### First Sunday of Advent

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:

- ✚ Denis Moylan, Clogherbrien
- ✚ Martha O'Sullivan, Kevin Barry Villas.
- ✚ Tom O'Halloran, Springmount, Ballyard.  
*who died recently and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.*



#### ST. JOHN'S PARISH BAZAAR:

**NEXT WEEKEND:**

**December 2<sup>nd</sup>- 4<sup>th</sup>**

**at K.D.Y.S. Hall, Denny Street.**

Open Friday from 7.30pm, Saturday from 7pm and Sunday from 2.30pm.

All are welcome

#### RECENT BAPTISMS:

*With great joy we welcome*

**April Rose Cronin**  
**Mia Donovan**  
**Ava Ino**  
**Julia Urbala - Katarzyna**  
**Ailise Kate Hayes**

*into our Christian community.*



**TRALEE 800:** the 6.10pm Mass in St. John's Church on Saturday December 10<sup>th</sup> will be celebrated by Bishop Ray Browne to mark Tralee 800.

**PARISH CELEBRATION FOR CHRISTMAS** - for those involved in Ministries and Committees will take place on Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. Beginning with a prayer service in the Presentation Primary School Hall followed by a social evening. Reply slips are available in each church and also in the Parish Centre.

**FIRST FRIDAY:** December 2<sup>nd</sup> is the first Friday of the month. CONFESSIONS Thursday 4.30pm - 5.30pm.

**ST JOHN'S ALTAR SOCIETY:** People interested in becoming part of St John's Altar Society, please give in your name and contact details to the Parish Centre 066 7122522. The purpose of the Altar Society is to help in keeping the Church clean & to look after flowers for the Altars.

**MEET THE NEIGHBOURS:** from St. John's Ashe Street, in Teach an tSolais, Ashe Street from 7.30-8.30pm on Wednesday Nov 30<sup>th</sup>.

**DIOCESAN COLLECTION IN AID OF THE KDYS:** (Kerry Diocesan Youth Service) will be taken up next weekend December, 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>, as a joint Offertory Collection. Proceeds from the collection will fund the on-going development of youth clubs across the Diocese.

#### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

**St. John's Church:** every Friday from 10.30am to 6.10pm

**St. Brendan's Church, Curraheen:** every Monday from 10am to 12 noon.

**ROSARY IN RATH CEMETERY:** every Tuesday night of November at 7.30pm.

#### ARDFERT RETREAT CENTRE:

Contact: 066 7134276

or [ardfertretreat@eircom.net](mailto:ardfertretreat@eircom.net).

**An Hour of Prayer Using Scripture** (Lectio Divina): Sr. Elizabeth Gilmartin, Tues. 29<sup>th</sup> Nov. 7.00pm-8.00pm.

**Christian Morality:** The Faith Lived by Fr. Sean Sheehy, Wed. 30<sup>th</sup> Nov. 7.00pm-8.30pm.

**Ardfert Historical Lecture Series:** Ardfert Video Archives by Steve Baker, Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec. 8.00pm-10.00pm.

**Advent Retreat: Fr. Nick Harman,** Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Dec. to Sun 11<sup>th</sup> Dec. (Bookings also available for those who wish to attend Sat 10<sup>th</sup> only).

**KERRY CHORAL UNION** presents "O Holy Night" with soloists Miriam Murphy and Edel Crowley, Sopranos. Sunday Dec 11<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in St. John's Church. Suggested donation €10.

**LIAM LAWTON CONCERT: "O Holy Night"** in aid of Brosna Parish Church Renovation Fund: in Castleisland Parish Church on Monday December 5<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 7pm. Tickets €20 available at St. John's Parish Centre. Information from 066 7141241 or email: [castleisland@dioceseofkerry.ie](mailto:castleisland@dioceseofkerry.ie).

#### BALLYMACELLIGOTT PARISH BAZAAR

Sunday November 27<sup>th</sup> from 6pm to 10pm and Monday 28<sup>th</sup> from 7.30pm to 11pm (approx.) In St. Brendan's Community Centre, Ballydwyer. Two great nights' entertainment promised for people of all ages, with lots of raffles and auctions each night. Special children's activities.

**ADVENT CHALLENGE:** Take the Short-Term Pledge for the season of Advent in preparation for Christmas. Contact St. John's Parish Centre or join online at [www.pioneerassociation.ie](http://www.pioneerassociation.ie).

**MASS FOR DECEASED STAFF:** of McCowan's, Kelliher's, Latchfords and Drapers at St. John's Church (Side Chapel) Mon Nov 28<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm.

**MASS** to celebrate the anniversary of the late Fr. Slavco Barbaric OFM, Medjugorje on Monday November 28<sup>th</sup> in the Bon Secours Hospital at 8pm. Rosary before Mass.

**IRISH RED CROSS:** Mass for deceased members of the Irish Red Cross on Monday December 5<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in St Johns Church.

**PRO-LIFE CONFERENCE** organised by Kerry Life and Family on the theme "Winning the Pro-Life-Battle" will take place in the Brandon Hotel on Saturday December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 2pm to 5.30pm. Speakers include: Anthony Murphy, Fr. Marcel Guarnizo, Kathy Sinnott and John Lacken. Admission Free.

**YOUTH 2000 CHRISTMAS YOUTH RETREAT:** Newbridge College, Co Kildare. 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> of December for those aged between 16 and 35 (id required). More information from [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie), email [office@youth2000.ie](mailto:office@youth2000.ie) or phone: 01 6753690. Donation only.

**TRANSITION KERRY:** are starting to create a Food Plan 'Feeding the Kingdom by 2030' and your input and ideas would be appreciated on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November at The Chapel Room, Tobar Naofa, Moyderwell, Tralee (near the Library) from 7 - 8.30pm. Contact Niamh for more information on 086 7247066.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS:** Open Public Meeting on Mon. Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> in the Presentation Prefabs, Upper Castle Street, All Welcome.

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

**DEAFHEAR.IE** outreach clinic on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> of December from 10.30am - 12.30pm at Clogher Esta, Hawley Park, Clinics offer support and advice, cleaning and basic maintenance of hearing aids and information on entitlements. For information please call 087-2723862. Our consultations are private and confidential.

**COACH TO KNOCK SHRINE:** Night Vigil for The Feast of the Immaculate Conception Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December. Coach departs Tralee at 4.30pm. Contact: O'Shea's on 066-7180123

**BOOK LAUNCH 'BEHIND THE FACE':** Stories of International People living in Kerry. Authors—Mary Carroll, Sinead Kelleher and Susan McElligott. Friday December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6pm at Siamsa Tire. The Book costs €10 and proceeds to Tralee International Resource Centre.

**LIONSEÁL/BOOK LAUNCH.** "Óglaigh Chill Airne 1913-1916" Tomás B Ó Luanaigh, as part of the "Echoes of Easter" Irish language series. **Gill Airne** ag Dr. Tim Horgan i Gaelscoil Faithleann, An Pháirc, Dé Luain, 5ú lá de mhí na Nollag ar 7.00pm. **IdTrá Lí** ag Donie O'Sullivan, Meadowlands Hotel, Páirc an Dair, Dé hAoine, an 9ú ar 7.00pm.

**PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS:** Available from the Parish Centre, 10 for €6 or 65c each.

**EXPLORING THE SUNDAY GOSPEL:** Would you like to have a better understanding of the Gospel you hear on Sunday? If so, why not join us on Tuesday mornings in the St. John's Parish Centre, from 10.30am to 11.30am.

#### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

*The darkness can sometimes seem to eclipse the light in our life. The mountain of The Lord can seem so far away, so distant, so detached from the reality of our lives. But stay alert and awake. God is by our side always. He is there teaching and guiding us. He is the torch that brings us out of the darkness into the bright light of hope.....*

Margaret Theresa Naughton