



St. John's Parish, Tralee

4th December 2016

Second 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:

- ✠ **John Moriarty**, Stacks Villas.
Funeral Mass on Sunday in Our Lady and St. Brendan's Church, at 12.30pm followed by burial in Annagh Cemetery.
- ✠ **Nora Leahy**, née Mulvihill, Ashgrove, Ballyvelly and formerly of Listowel.
- ✠ **Maureen Daly**, Inch, Castlemaine and Basin View.
- ✠ **Sheila O'Keefe**, née Fahy, Racecourse Lawn. Funeral Mass in St. John's Church Sunday at 12noon followed by burial in New Rath Cemetery.



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



PARISH BAZAAR
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THIS WEEKEND:
December 2nd- 4th
at K.D.Y.S. Hall, Denny Street.
Open this Saturday evening from 7pm
and this Sunday from 2.30pm.
All are welcome.

RECENT WEDDINGS

Congratulations to
John Dunne and Tina O'Connor
Martin Cwienczek and Katarzyna Walczak
who married in St. John's parish recently.
We pray that God will bless their marriage.



RECENT BAPTISMS:

With great joy we welcome
Logan Breen
Elliott James Maunsell
Orla McMillan
Aoife Patricia-Ann O'Gorman
into our Christian community.



THURSDAY DECEMBER 8th

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception Is a Holyday of Obligation.

VIGIL MASSES ON WEDNESDAY EVENING:

St. John's Church: 6.10pm
Immaculate Conception Church, Rathass: 7 pm
St. Brendan's Church, Curraheen: 8 pm

TIMES OF MASSES ON THURSDAY

St. John's: 9am, 10.30am, 12 noon, 6.10pm
Immaculate Conception Church Rathass: 10am.
The Parish Centre will remain closed on Thursday.

PARISH CELEBRATION FOR CHRISTMAS - for those involved in Ministries and Committees will take place on Thursday, December 8th 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.

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

TRALEE 800: the 6.10pm Mass in St. John's Church next Saturday, December 10th will be celebrated by Bishop Ray Browne to mark Tralee 800.

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.

BLESSING OF CRIB IN RATH CEMETERY: Sunday December 11th at 3pm. All Welcome. Also a special thanks to all who attended the Rosary during November.

ST. JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS SOCIETY (St. John's Branch) will meet on Wednesday 7th December after the 6.10pm Mass in the Sacristy rooms of St. John's Church. All welcome, especially new members.

ARDFERT RETREAT CENTRE:

Contact: 066 7134276
or ardfertretreat@eircom.net
An Hour of Prayer Using Scripture (Lectio Divina): Sr. Elizabeth Gilmartin, Tuesday, 6th December. 7.00pm-8.00pm.
Christian Morality: The Faith Lived by Fr. Sean Sheehy, Wed. 7th Dec. 7.00pm-8.30pm.
Ardfert Historical Lecture Series: Ardfert Video Archives by Steve Baker, Thursday 8th Dec. 8.00pm-10.00pm.
Advent Retreat: Fr. Nick Harnan, Fri 9th Dec. to Sun 11th Dec. (Bookings also available for those who wish to attend Sat 10th only).

KERRY CHORAL UNION presents "O Holy Night" with soloists Miriam Murphy and Edel Crowley, Sopranos. Sunday Dec 11th 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 5th. Doors open at 7pm. Tickets €20 available at St. John's Parish Centre. Information from 066 7141241 or email: castleisland@dioceseofkerry.ie.

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.

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

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

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

TRALEE SOUP KITCHEN: Christmas Shoe Box Appeal for a lady or gentleman. Drop to Teach an tSolais by December 17th. Contact 087 6734767 or 085 8212210 for more details.

DEAFHEAR.IE outreach clinic on Friday 9th 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.

ANAM CARA, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, monthly Parent Evening on Tuesday 13th of December from 7:30pm to 9:00pm in Recovery Haven, 5 Haig's Terrace, Killerisk. This event is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether the death was recent or not.

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

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. **I dTrá Lí** ag Donie O'Sullivan, Meadowlands Hotel, Páirc an Dair, Dé hAoine, an 9ú ar 7.00pm.

JOHN MITCHELS ACTIVE RETIREMENT CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON: in Champers Club House, John Joe Sheehy Road on Saturday December 10th at 1.00 p.m with a three course meal, refreshments and entertainment. Tickets on sale in O'Donoghue's Chemist, Boherbee €10

MERCY MOUNTHAWK BINGO FUNDRAISER: Sunday 11th December at 3p.m in the School Gym, Fantastic Prizes to be won. Single Book €14 Double Book €18

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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

When you are troubled or worried pray to The Lord for the spirit of knowledge, patience and fortitude. Place the worries within your weary heart into the hand of The Lord. He will help you to carry the pain. He will remind you that the Kingdom of God is very near. Trust. Be not afraid.
Margaret Theresa Naughton