



St. John's Parish, Tralee
11th December 2016
3rd 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:

- ✠ **Helen Lee** née Glazier, Tunbridge Wells, England and formerly of St. Brendan's Park.
- ✠ **Eileen Dillane**, née Keane, Lisdara, Oakpark.
- ✠ **Seán O'Mahoney**, Casement's Avenue and formerly of Castleisland.
- ✠ **Michael (Moss) Beasley**, Main Street, Ballybunion and late of Cloonbeg
- ✠ **Philomena (Philly) Tobin** née Hannafin Stacks Villas. Funeral Mass In Our Lady and St. Brendan's Church on Sunday at 12.30pm followed by burial in New Rath Cemetery.
- ✠ **Seán O'Sullivan**, Liosdara, Oakpark. Funeral Mass on Monday at 10am in St. John's Church, followed by burial in Rath Cemetery.

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



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:

St John's Church:

Christmas Eve: 7.00pm (with Liturgy for Children) and 9.00pm (Mass of Christmas Night)
 Christmas Day: 9.00am (Bilingual Mass), 10.30am and 12 Noon



St Brendan's Church, Curraheen:

Christmas Eve: 12.00 Midnight
 Christmas Day: 11.00am with Liturgy for children

Immaculate Conception, Rathass

Christmas Eve: 7.00pm
 Christmas Day: 10.00am

CONFESSIONS NEXT WEEKEND: in St John's, Immaculate Conception and Curraheen Churches after each Mass.

CONFESSIONS CHRISTMAS EVE from 12.00 noon to 5.00pm.

RECENT BAPTISMS:

With great joy we welcome

Mason James Conway
Linda Judy O'Brien
Cáel Fitzgerald
Ewa Suska

into our Christian community.



BLESSING OF CRIB IN RATH CEMETERY: Sunday December 11th at 5pm. (Not as per last weekends newsletter) All Welcome. Also a special thanks to all who attended the Rosary during November.



CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT ST. JOHNS: A Christmas Carol Recital by St. John's Choir will take place in St. John's Church, Tralee on Saturday, December 24th (Christmas Eve) at 8.30 pm.

St John's choirs have also been invited to perform with Red Hurley at Siamsa Tire on Monday 19th December. The choirs will perform some seasonal pieces from their repertoire as well as joining Red Hurley in some of his well known songs.

CAROL SERVICE: Derryquay NS and Curraheen Choir are hosting a Carol Service on December 18th at 7pm in St. Brendan's Church Curraheen .

CAROL SERVICE: Blennerville NS in St. John's Church on Tuesday next, Dec 13th, at 7.30pm.

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.

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.

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS ENVELOPES: (Christmas Dues) will shortly be delivered to households along with our Christmas Newsletter. These offerings pay the salaries of the Parish Clergy who thank parishioners for their support. Envelopes are also available in the churches & the Parish Centre for households who do not receive an envelope delivered to their homes.

ALTAR SERVERS FOR CHRISTMAS: Sign-up sheets to serve at the Christmas Eve (7pm & 9pm) and Christmas Day (9am, 10.30am, 12 noon) Masses in St John's are now available in the sacristy.

EXPLORING THE SUNDAY GOSPEL: Would you like to have a better understanding of the Gospel you hear on Sunday? Join us on Tuesday mornings in the St. John's Parish Centre from 10.30am to 11.30am.

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

HANDEL'S MESSIAH: in the Friary, Killarney this Sunday December 11th at 8pm. Kerry Chamber Choir, Orchestra and Soloists. Director Aidan O'Carroll. Admission €19/€15. Tickets from the Friary Office, telephone 064 6631334 or Kerry School of Music 066 7120077.

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.

MASS: in honour of St. Padre Pio will be celebrated in Our Lady and St. Brendan's Church at 6.30pm on Tuesday, December 13th.

ADVENT RETREAT AT MOUNT MELLARY ABBEY: Saturday 17th and/or Sunday December 18th. Preparing for Christmas through the practice of Christian meditation led by Dr. Stefan Reynolds. Contact 058 54404. or guestmaster@mountmellaryabbey.org

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

MASS LEAFLETS: In the interest of keeping the Church tidy we would ask you to take the Mass leaflet home with you or place it at the end of the seat after Mass.

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.

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

MERCY MOUNTHAWK CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE: Featuring the Mercy Mounthawk School Choir. Wednesday December 14th at 7.30pm in Our lady and St. Brendan's Church, Upper Rock Street.

BILL KIRBY MEMORIAL 4 MILE WALK in aid of Palliative Care in University Hospital Kerry. Gathering at the Brogue Inn on St. Stephen's Day at 11am and walk commencing at 11.30am. Sponsorship Cards available from Michael Fox O'Connor 087 9833075. Donations accepted on the day.

DON'T BE LONELY THIS CHRISTMAS: Senior Help Line, Ireland's only national listening service for older people, will be open every day over Christmas and the New Year from 10 am to 10 pm. LoCall 1850 440 444, no call costs more than 30 cents. All calls completely confidential.

AWARE: Depression Support Group meets:

Killarney – Mondays, KDYS at 7pm

Tralee – Tuesdays, St John's Parish Centre at 8pm. NOTE the change of venue.

Aware Support Groups are free to attend, no referral necessary. www.aware.ie

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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

In this time of waiting try not to lose hope. Do not walk away from the God who knows you and loves you more than you can ever know. He will help you to be a person of strength and courage in time of adversity and uncertainty. He will be your companion on your road to Emmaus.....

Margaret Theresa Naughton