



**St. John's Parish, Tralee**  
**18<sup>th</sup> December 2016**  
**4<sup>th</sup> 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:**

- ✠ **Rita West** née Milner, Ballyseedy and formerly St. Brendan's Park.
- ✠ **Veronica (Ronnie) O'Shea** née O'Sullivan, Clash Cross and formerly of Lewis Road, Killarney
- ✠ **Daniel O'Donoghue, Killerisk.** Funeral Mass in St. John's Church on Sunday at 12 noon followed by burial in New Rath.
- ✠ **Fr. Placid (Charles) Nolan** OP. Dominican Community, Holy Cross and formerly of Kilgulbin, Ardfert. Reposing at St. Annes' Chapel Holy Cross until 6.30pm Sunday followed by removal to Holy Cross Church. Funeral Mass on Monday at 12 noon followed by burial in Rath Cemetery.
- ✠ **Rose Fennessy**, née Dunne, Clahane and Shepherds Bush, London
- ✠ **Christy Walsh**, Connolly Park and Leith East. Prayers in University Hospital Kerry Mortuary Chapel on Monday at 10.30am followed by burial in Rath.



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

**RECENT BAPTISMS:**

*With great joy we welcome*  
**Keita Vilmane**  
**Julia Olszewska**  
**Seán Brendan Leahy**



*into our Christian community.*

**ST JOHN'S PARISH CENTRE** Will be open on Christmas Eve from 9.15am to 12.45pm and will re-open on Thursday December 29<sup>th</sup> at 9.15am.

**WEEKDAY MASSES:** in St. John's from Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> will be at 10am and 6.10pm.

**CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS:** (Christmas Dues) Envelopes are now being delivered to households along with our Christmas Newsletter. These offerings pay the salaries of the Parish Clergy who thank you for your support. You can also find envelopes in the churches and the Parish Centre. You can also support the Parish clergy through the Second Collection after Communion at the Christmas Masses

**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.



**CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT ST. JOHNS:** A Christmas Carol Recital

by St. John's Choir will take place in St. John's Church, Tralee on Christmas Eve at 8.30 pm. St John's choirs have also been invited to perform with Red Hurley at Siamsa Tire on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 National School and Curraheen Choir are hosting a Carol Service this Sunday, December. 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm in St. Brendan's Church Curraheen.

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

**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 (with Liturgy for Children) 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 THIS WEEKEND:** in St John's, Immaculate Conception and Curraheen Churches after each Mass.

**CONFESSIONS CHRISTMAS EVE**

from 12.00 noon to 5.00pm in St. John's Church.

**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.

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

**ARDFERT RETREAT CENTRE:** The Marian Movement of Prieses & Laity: Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> Jan 2017 from 10.00am to 4.00pm. Contact: 066 7134276 or ardfertretreat@eircom.net.

**INTERESTED IN BEING A DEACON IN THE DIOCESE OF KERRY?**

Along with the other Munster dioceses who have permanent deacons, the diocese of Kerry will be organising an initial introductory "Come and See" year involving 6 weekends starting in September 2017. The age limit for ordination is 60. Application is open to all men who are practising Catholics and have an involvement in their local parish. The first step is to contact your own local priest. Kerry diocese already has two deacons and please God four more will be ordained within the next two years.

**BLESSING OF THE CRIB** will take place at St John's Cemetery, Oakview (Across from Our Lady and St Brendan's Church) will be held this Sunday, Dec 18<sup>th</sup> following the 12.30 Mass.

**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.

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



**WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES:**

Takes place in Dublin in August 2018. A limited number of their booklets #LETSBEONE and Prayer Cards containing Pope Frances' prayer to the Holy Family are available at the back of the Church. Further information can be found on

[www.worldmeeting2018.ie](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie)

**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.  
 Aware Support Groups are free to attend, no referral necessary. [www.aware.ie](http://www.aware.ie)

**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.

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:**

*How often do we challenge the Lord when we are angry, fearful, uncertain? How many times do we bargain with Him or ask Him for a sign of his love, of his very presence? Such foolish futility. After all, have we managed to forget the Son he sent to save the world?*  
 Margaret Theresa Naughton

*The Priests of the Parish wish you, your families and your friends God's blessing and peace this Christmas.*

