



**St. John's Parish, Tralee**  
**25<sup>th</sup> December 2016**  
*The Nativity of Our Lord.*

Parish Centre Opening Hours: Monday - Saturday 9.15am - 1pm & 2pm - 4.45pm.  
 Tel: 066 7122522. Website: [www.stjohns.ie](http://www.stjohns.ie) E-mail: [stjohnscastlestreet@eircom.net](mailto:stjohnscastlestreet@eircom.net)

**SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN IN DIOCESE OF KERRY:**  
 St. John's Parish representatives' contact number is 087 1093893

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**



- ✠ **Ann O'Driscoll** née O'Mahoney, Chicago USA and formerly of O'Rahilly's Villas, Strand Street.
- ✠ **Paddy Kelliher**, Colchester and formerly of Boherbee and Kevin Barry Villas.
- ✠ **William (Billy) Mullins** Oakview and formerly of Moyderwell.
- ✠ **Martin O'Connor**, Mitchels Crescent and Rathoonane. Reposing at Mc Elligott's Funeral Home, on Monday evening from 5.30pm to 7.30pm followed by removal at 7.30pm to St. John's Church. Funeral Mass will take place on Tuesday at 12 noon followed by burial in New Rath Cemetery.  
*who died recently and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.*

**CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS:** (Christmas Dues) Envelopes have been 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 today's Mass.

**ST JOHN'S PARISH CENTRE** will re-open on Thursday December 29<sup>th</sup> at 9.15am.

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

**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.

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

**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.

**TALK BY BISHOP BILLY CREAN:** Bishop of Cloyne entitled "From what wells do we drink now?" Reflections on the changing patterns of faith and practice in Ireland today. Tuesday January 10<sup>th</sup> at 8pm in the Gleneagle Ballroom, Killarney. All Welcome.

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:**

Behold a saviour has been born for us. Blessed be the baby born in a stable in Bethlehem. How great is he in his humility. The Lord our God so strong and yet so vulnerable. Hail the rock who saves us.  
 Margaret Theresa Naughton

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

**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)

**ACCORD:** Offers an affordable professional counselling service with qualified counsellors in a confidential, caring and safe environment. The Centre offers one-to-one counselling, couple counselling, separation support, psychosexual counselling, fertility awareness and natural family planning service. 'If you can't talk to each other, try talking to us'. Contact ACCORD Tralee at 066 - 7122280.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS:** An open public meeting will take place on Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup> at 8.30pm in the Presentation Prefabs, Upper Castle Street. All welcome

**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.

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

**USED POSTAGE STAMPS:** can be handed in to the Parish Centre in aid of the Missions.

**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.

**RECENT BAPTISM:**

*With great joy we welcome*  
**Valentina Vacek – Jakub**  
*into our Christian community.*



**RECENT WEDDING**

*Congratulations to*  
**Jason Ryan and Liadain Murphy**  
*who married in St. John's parish recently. We pray that God will bless your marriage.*



**WEEKDAY MASSES:** in St. John's from Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup> to Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> will be at 10am and 6.10pm. The 8.30 am Mass will resume on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January.  
**Monday 26<sup>th</sup>:** Feast of St. Stephen  
**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>:** St. John, Apostle and Evangelist  
**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>:** The Holy Innocents  
**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>:** 5<sup>th</sup> Day of Christmas Octave  
**Friday 30<sup>th</sup>:** Feast of the Holy Family.  
**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup>:** 7<sup>th</sup> Day of Octave of Christmas.

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

