



St. John's Parish, Tralee

1st January 2017

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God—World Day of Peace

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:

† **Sr. Noella (Philomena Angela) Cowley**

OP, Our Lady of Fatima Convent, Oakpark and formerly of Haddington Road, Dublin.

† **Joan O'Donoghue** née Lucey, Woodlands, Oakpark. Funeral mass on Sunday at 12 noon followed by burial in New Rath Cemetery.

† **Mary Walsh**, née Harrington, Our Lady of Fatima Nursing Home and formerly of Drinagh and Castletownbere, Co. Cork.

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



CURRAHEEN CHURCH VIGIL MASS TIME: There has been a request for an earlier Vigil Mass in Curraheen Church for some time. Following discussion it has been decided to take a vote. You will have an opportunity to vote on the weekend of January 14th and 15th at both the Saturday and Sunday Masses in Curraheen Church, on the following three options:

- 1) Retain Vigil Mass time at 8pm
- 2) Change Vigil mass time to 7.30pm.
- 3) Have Vigil Mass time at 7.30pm in winter and 8pm in summer.

DIOCESAN COLLECTION FOR THE NEEDS OF THE HOLY LAND will be taken up at all Masses next weekend (January 7th/8th) as a joint offertory collection.

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS ENVELOPES: (Christmas Dues) have been 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 and the Parish Centre for households who do not receive an envelope delivered to their homes.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHANGE THIS WEEK:
St. John's Church: this Friday from 1pm to 6.10pm due to Friday being a Church Holiday. Adoration will return to the normal times next week.

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.

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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

A new year can begin so full of hope and possibility. However, for some of us this may not necessarily be the case. It can also signal nothing other than more of the same—more fear, more loneliness, more darkness. May our prayer for this new year be to learn and feel the saving help of God - that we will experience the Spirit of his Son in our hearts and souls.....

Margaret Theresa Naughton

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 10th at 8pm in the Gleneagle Ballroom, Killarney. All Welcome.

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

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

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

ANAM CARA, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its next monthly Parent Evening on Tuesday 10th of January from 7:30pm to 9:00pm in Recovery Haven, 5 Haigs 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.

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.

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

JIGSAW KERRY YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH: Jigsaw offers a youth-friendly, free and confidential mental health support service for young people aged 12-25, where qualified mental health professionals work alongside young people, and their families, to address mild to moderate mental health concerns. To contact us please phone 066 7186785 or email us on Kerry@jigsaw.ie. If you are under 18 you will require parental/guardian consent to attend, it is very important to note that Jigsaw Kerry is not an emergency service.

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 BAPTISMS:

With great joy we welcome

Aoibhín O'Sullivan

Roanna O'Sullivan

Ailbhe Elizabeth O'Keeffe

into our Christian community.



RECENT WEDDING

Congratulations to

Martin Fitzgerald and Emma Corkery

who married in St. John's parish recently.

We pray that God will bless your marriage.



WEEKDAY MASSES: The 8.30 am Mass will resume on Tuesday 3rd January.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6th *The Epiphany of the Lord* is a Holyday of Obligation.

TIMES OF MASSES:

St. John's Church, Vigil Thursday at 6.10pm

Friday: 9am, 10.30am, 12noon, 6.10pm.

Immaculate Conception Church,

Vigil Thursday at 7.00 pm, Friday at 10am.

St Brendan's Church Curraheen;

Vigil Thursday at 8.00 pm.

ST JOHN'S PARISH CENTRE will be closed on Monday January 2nd for the Bank Holiday and on Friday January 6th for the Feast of the Epiphany.

FIRST FRIDAY: January 6th is the first Friday of the month. **CONFESSIONS** - Thursday 4.30pm - 5.30pm.

*The Priests of the Parish wish you, your families
and your friends a Happy New Year.*