



St. John's Parish, Tralee

8th January 2017

Baptism of the Lord

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:

- ✚ **Margaret Lawlor**, née Fitzgerald, Spa Road and formerly of Kevin Barry Villas.
- ✚ **Phyl (Dill) Stack** née O'Shaughnessy, The Kerries formerly of Loughill, co Limerick.
- ✚ **Tommy Russell**, Mitchel's Crescent.
- ✚ **Chris Lacey**, Spruce Court, Ashley Downs.
- ✚ **Nora O'Connor**, Fernhill Avenue, Dublin 12 and formerly of Curraheen.
- ✚ **James Miller**, Lisbeg, Oapark
- ✚ **Margaret (Peg) Crossan** née Dineen, Borehamwood, Hertfordshire, England and late of Dromtacker.
- ✚ **Ann Foley**, Hastings, England and formerly of Kerry.



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

RECENT BAPTISMS:

With great joy we welcome
Elara Tangney
Filip Jeszke
into our Christian community.



RECENT WEDDINGS

Congratulations to
John Stephens and Sharon Magnier
Gregory O'Brien and Nuala Kelly
who married in St. John's parish recently.
We pray that God will bless your marriage.



CURRAHEEN CHURCH VIGIL MASS TIME: You will have an opportunity to vote next weekend, 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.

Ballot papers will be distributed and completed on entry to the Church and each person may have **ONE** vote.

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

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.

TALK BY BISHOP BILLY CREAN: The Diocese of Kerry will host a public talk, by Bishop Billy Crean. "From What Wells Do We Drink Now." Reflections on the changing patterns of faith and practice in Ireland today, at the Gleneagle Ballroom, Killarney on Tuesday Jan. 10th at 8.00pm. Bishop Billy Crean, whom we welcome back to his home diocese, will reflect on the challenges facing our parishes in our time. All welcome, admission is free.

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.

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.

ARDFERT RETREAT CENTRE: Contact: 066 7134276 or ardfertretreat@eircom.net.

The Faith Prayed: Fr. Seán Sheehy, Wednesday 18th & 25th January from 7.00pm to 8.30pm

Ardfert Historical Lecture Series: Stone upon stone: buildings in Ardfert district by Donal Stack, Thursday, 19th January from 8.00pm to 10.00pm.

Self Care Day: Practical skills for stress management and emotional wellness, Saturday, 28th January from 9.45am to 4.00pm Contact Anna O'Donoghue 0879447105. Ref. capacitar-ireland.org

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

PIONEERS: The monthly meeting of St. John's Pioneer Centre will be held in the Parish Centre on Thursday January 12th At 8pm.

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.

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.

KERRY BRANCH OF THE SAMARITANS wish to thank you for your support of the Church gate collection held on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The amount collected was €2,582.64. Kerry Samaritans are always contactable, day and night, and are there to listen. Free call 116 123 or email jo@samaritans.org

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

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

TRALEE ADULT LITERACY & BASIC EDUCATION SERVICE 2017; offer one-to-one tuition for help with literacy and numeracy skills. Classes are free and confidential. They offer certification up to QQI Level 3. January classes start Monday January 9th. Classes are all part time and are available mornings, afternoons or evenings. For further details on classes contact Jasmin on 066 7124114, 086 7969624, Tralee ABE, Aras an Phobail, Dean's Lane, email kesabemt@eircom.net

KERRY PEER SUPPORT NETWORK: runs a Recovery Group every Wednesday from 10.30am to 11.30am in Rahoanane Community Centre. The group is led by people with self-experience of mental health challenges. No referrals needed so just come along and join us.

KERRY STROKE SUPPORT GROUP meet on the last Friday of each month from 11.15 am to 1.15 pm in Baile Mhuire Day Care Centre, Caherslee. Various activities; For further info contact 087 3586451.

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

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.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

When you doubt yourself or struggle to see the good within as we all inevitably do from time to time, try to remember that you are a beloved son or daughter of God the Father. He has faith and trust in all of us always. He knows the innate goodness within our hearts and souls and that even when we get it wrong we are trying to do the right thing. See yourself as God sees you and you might just get a very pleasant surprise.....

Margaret Theresa Naughton