



# St. John's Parish, Tralee

## 29<sup>th</sup> January 2017—Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Catholic Schools Week begins

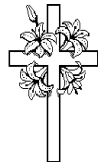
Parish Centre Opening Hours: Monday - Saturday 9.15am - 1pm & 2pm - 4.45pm.  
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#### SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN IN DIOCESE OF KERRY:

St. John's Parish representatives' contact number is 087 1093893

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- ✚ **Christopher Moore**, England and formerly of Urban Terrace, Boherbee.
- ✚ **Simon Doherty**, Rathass and formerly of Kilburn London
- ✚ **Celine Daly** née Ronan, Racecourse Lawn.
- ✚ **Margaret Marie Sugrue**, Garryruth.
- ✚ **Anna Cronin** née Milward, Highfield Grove and formerly of Ballyegan, Gortatlea.  
*who died recently and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.*



#### RECENT BAPTISMS:

*With great joy we welcome*

**Hugo Gerard Cassidy**

**Emily Osborne**

**Brayden Micheál Stokoe O'Connor**  
*into our Christian community.*



**FIRST FRIDAY:** Next Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> is the first Friday of the month. CONFESSIONS – Thursday 4.30pm – 5.30pm.

**WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>**—Feast of St. Brigid.

**THURSDAY FEBRUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>** - the Feast of the Presentation of the Child Jesus in the Temple in Jerusalem. It is also Candlemas Day. Candles will be blessed at all masses for use at home.

**FRIDAY FEBRUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>**—Feast of St. Blaise. Blessing of throats will take place on Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> after all Masses.

**CURRAHEEN CHURCH VIGIL MASS TIME:** The result of the ballot las weekend was an exact tie between retaining the Vigil Mass at 8pm and change to 7.30pm with little support for the Winter/Summer option. Because of this another ballot will take place next weekend of February 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> on just **TWO** options:

- 1) Retain Vigil Mass time at 8pm
- 2) Change Vigil mass time to 7.30pm.

Ballot papers will be distributed and completed on entry to the Church and each person may have one vote. Hopefully this will give a decisive result.

**CAPITAL FUND ENVELOPES:** New boxes of envelopes for the coming year are available for collection at the Parish Centre. If possible please bring in the top of the old box with the number on it. Contributing weekly by means of our envelope system is of great benefit to the parish and we invite interested parishioners to contact the Parish Centre to receive a box of envelopes or get further information

**WORLD DAY OF THE SICK:** Mass, with Anointing of the Sick and a Blessing for their carers will be celebrated in St. John's Church on Saturday February 11<sup>th</sup> at 2.00pm. Refreshments will be served in the Parish Centre after Mass. All welcome.

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD ST. JOHN'S CHURCH:** If you are interested in being a Minister of the Word in St. John's Church at Masses on the weekend, weekdays or both please give in your name and contact details to the Parish Centre 066 7122522.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** will resume on the first Sunday of Lent, March 5<sup>th</sup>, at the 10.30am Mass in St. John's. All children aged 4—8 years are welcome to participate. Mass leaflets for children available at the back of St John's every Sunday

**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.

**PIONEERS:** Pioneers who have completed 25, 50, 60 or more years membership of the Pioneer Association will be presented with pins and certificates at the 6.10pm Vigil Mass in St. John's Church on Saturday February 25<sup>th</sup>. If you qualify please give your name and payment for pin to St. John's Parish Centre as soon as possible. Closing date Wednesday February 15<sup>th</sup>.

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK** will be celebrated throughout the country this coming week from the 29<sup>th</sup> January – February 4<sup>th</sup>. We pray for teachers, pupils, parents and all who work in the field of education; may they embrace the future with hope as they serve our community.

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

**ARDFERT RETREAT CENTRE:** Contact: 066 7134276 or [ardfertretreat@eircom.net](mailto:ardfertretreat@eircom.net).

**The Faith Prayed:** Fr. Seán Sheehy, Wed 1<sup>st</sup> February from 7.00pm to 8.30pm

**Ardfert Historical Lecture Series:** Agriculture on the Crosbie Estate by Tommy O'Connor, Thurs. 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb. 8.00pm-10.00pm.

**Keeping Hope Alive:** Josephine Fitzgibbon & Mick Joyce, Sat. 4<sup>th</sup> Feb. 10.00am-4.00pm.

**Reflection Day** with Bishop Brendan Comiskey: Sat. 18<sup>th</sup> Feb. (open to all) and Sun. 19<sup>th</sup> Feb. 10.00am-5.00pm (for those in recovery, family & friends).

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PRIEST?:** "Come and See" - a Vocations Event will take place on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> February in the Pallottine House in Thurles. This event is open to men from the ages of 18 to 40. Eighteen men attended a similar event last year. Gathering at 6.00 pm and finishing Saturday afternoon advance booking is required. Contact Fr Michael Moynihan at 087 6551902 or Fr Liam Comer 087 2401246 for more details. 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few'. See everything. Overlook a great deal. Improve a little. (Pope John XXIII).

**ST. BRIGID'S CROSSES :** will be on sale in Curraheen Church at the Vigil and Sunday Mass this weekend, January 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> in aid of Derryquay National School.

**KERRY SAMARITANS** will be recruiting new volunteers shortly. Information times: Sat Feb 4<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon, Sun Feb 5<sup>th</sup> at 3pm, Mon Feb 6<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm at 43/44 Moyderwell. Enquiries to 087 9158779.

If you need to talk to the Samaritans Freephone 116123. We are always there round the clock, every single day of the year

**PRESENTATION PRIMARY SCHOOL ENROLEMENT FOR NEW PUPILS** is now taking place. Enrolment/Registration forms are available from the school office. Contact: Presentation Primary School, Castle Street, Tralee. Phone: 066 7123314, email: [info@presprimarytralee.com](mailto:info@presprimarytralee.com) or visit our website [www.presprimarytralee.com](http://www.presprimarytralee.com)

**DEAFHEAR.IE** outreach clinic on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> of February from 10.30am – 12.30pm at Clogher Esta, Hawley Park. Clinics on hearing loss offer

support and advice, cleaning and basic maintenance of hearing aids and information on entitlements. For information call 087-2723862. Consultations are private and confidential.

**BR. JOHN CONWAY SJ 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY:** To commemorate the 40th anniversary of Br John Conway SJ, Missionary who gave his life at the Musami Mission Station in Zimbabwe, there will be prayers at his memorial in St John's Park (near the Ashe Hotel) on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 5.30pm

**MAKE A DIFFERENCE WITH AWARE:** Aware has volunteer opportunities for the role of Support Group Facilitator in Tralee. Initial and ongoing training and support are provided. Training will take place over three full days (11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> February and 1<sup>st</sup> April) at a Dublin city venue. Apply now - [www.aware.ie](http://www.aware.ie)

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS:** An open public meeting on Monday May 30<sup>th</sup> at 8.30pm in the Presentation Prefabs, Upper Castle Street. All welcome.

**BLOOD DONOR CLINIC:** 739 donors attended the Blood Donor Clinic in The Brandon Hotel. This generosity and commitment to helping others is very much appreciated. It is a precious gift that brings life & hope to the patients and to their families & friends.

**LEARN CHINESE:** in St Brendan's College, Killarney. Certified by UCC Confucius Institute. 10 week course €50. Register with the school 064 6631021. First night: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 7pm - 9pm

**ST. JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS SOCIETY: (St. John's Branch)** monthly meeting will be held in St. John's Parish Centre, Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February at 8.00pm. All welcome.

#### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

*Blessed are those gifted with the capacity for humility and mercy for self and for others. It is they who reach out compassionately and with genuine empathy for those who suffer and struggle. It is they who have the ability to bring a smile to the face of those who others may not even notice in a world that celebrates strength and power....*  
Margaret Theresa Naughton