



St. John's Parish, Tralee
26th February 2017
Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time

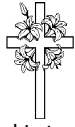
Parish Centre Opening Hours: Monday - Saturday 9.15am - 1pm & 2pm - 4.45pm.
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SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN IN DIOCESE OF KERRY:
 St. John's Parish representatives' contact number is 087 1093893

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

✠ **Máire (Mary) Moriarty** née Casey
 Hillview Drive, Caherslee, and formerly
 of Renanirree, Cork.

✠ **Donal O'Connor**, Cheltenham, London and Late
 of Edward Street.
*who died recently and for all those whose
 anniversaries occur at this time.*



LENTEN JUSTICE TALK:

WHEN COMPASSION LEADS TO CHANGE:
 Richard Moore will speak in St. John's Church, on
 Monday 13th March at 7.30pm
*"I consider him not only my friend, but also my hero.
 Why? Because while I talk about forgiveness,
 Richard Moore lives it."* His Holiness the Dalai Lama

As a ten year old child, Richard Moore was blinded
 by a rubber bullet during the Troubles in Northern
 Ireland. Just as his life emerged as a triumph out of
 tragedy through his experiences of compassion in
 the face of challenges, Richard's founding of the
 charity Children in Crossfire draws on his vision to
 work towards building a better world for those
 caught in the crossfire of global poverty, injustice
 and inequality.

Entrance is free. Everyone welcome.
 Brochures with details of Lenten Talks in other
 areas are available at the back of the church.

TROCAIRE BOXES are available for collection at
 the back of the Church or from the Parish Centre

LOURDES COLLECTION: The amount raised for
 Lourdes carers from St. John's Parish was €3,254.
 Many thanks for your generosity.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: will resume next Sunday,
 March 5th, at the 10.30am Mass in St. John's. All
 children aged 4-8 years are welcome to
 participate. Mass leaflets for children are
 available at the back of St John's every Sunday

PIONEER LENTEN CHALLENGE: Many people
 abstain from alcohol and take the short-term
 pledge for the duration of Lent. Contact St. John's
 Parish Centre or visit www.pioneerassociation.ie
 and join online.

**DAY OF PRAYER FOR SURVIVORS AND VICTIMS OF
 SEXUAL ABUSE:** Friday, March 3rd 2017

The Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference has
 announced that a Day of Prayer in Ireland for the
 survivors and victims of sexual abuse will take
 place on the First Friday of Lent which falls on 3rd
 March. This day is a response to Pope Francis' call
 for a worldwide day of prayer for the survivors and
 victims of sexual abuse. In our diocese, prayers will
 be said at all Masses and the church bells will be
 rung at 5pm to invite all to pray for all survivors
 and victims.

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.

LENTEN JUSTICE TALK IN ARDFERT: Thursday
 March 2nd at 8pm. *Wholeness in Christ: Relaxing
 the mind, renewing the heart* with Martina
 Lehane Sheehan, director of Ennismore Retreat
 Centre, Cork. at Ardfert Retreat Centre. Hosted
 by Naomh Bhreanainn Pastoral Area .

DIOCESAN YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO TAIZÉ:
 France with a group of 25 young adults (18 - 30)
 on Sunday, June 25th 2017 and return on Sunday,
 July 2nd. The cost is €400 and includes flights and
 accommodation. Contact Tomás Kenny,
 Diocesan Pastoral Team on 086 3683778 or email
tomaskenny@dioceseofkerry.ie for more
 information.

THE PERMANENT DIACONATE are recruiting for
 candidates to begin a "come and see"
 programme next September. Information on the
 permanent diaconate can be found in the leaflets
 in the Parish Centre. Any interested candidates
 should establish contact via a local priest or the
 diocesan office as soon as possible

**FILMING IN ST. BRENDAN'S CHURCH,
 CURRAHEEN:** will take place on Tuesday March
 7th, from 9am to 2pm by the Education Training
 Board, Monavalley.

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

ARDFERT RETREAT CENTRE:

One-Day Parental Grief Retreat: A spiritual
 retreat for parents who have experienced the
 death of a child of any age, by any means, no
 matter how long ago. Facilitated by Caroline
 Dunne, Sat. 4th March, 10:00 am- 5:00 pm.
 Call 066 71 25129 or www.emfgp.org to register.

WORKSHOP FOR PARISH CANTORS: Tuesday,
 21st March at 7:30pm in John Paul II Pastoral
 Centre, Rock Road, Killarney. Information or to
 book contact Tomás Kenny on (086) 3683778 or
tomaskenny@dioceseofkerry.ie.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: Open Public Meeting
 on Monday February 27th in the Presentation
 Prefabs, Upper Castle Street. All Welcome.

CAHERLEAHEEN NATIONAL SCHOOL is enrolling
 for September 2017. Please contact Mary
 Connolly (Principal) at 066 7121919 or email us at
caherleaheen@hotmail.com to arrange a visit.

FEELS LIKE HOME: Scotia Ensemble and Mercy
 Secondary School Mounthawk Choir and Students,
 present an evening of Irish and inspirational
 orchestral, vocal and choral music Mercy
 Mounthawk School on Saturday March 4th at
 7.30pm. Tickets from the school on 066 710 2550.

SEAN KEATING LECTURE: A lecture entitled 'Sean
 Keating and the fine art of nation building' will be
 presented by Dr Eimear O'Connor, Art Historian
 and Author, TCD, in Tralee Library on Tuesday 28th
 February at 7.30pm. Sean Keating painted the
 Stations of the Cross in St. John's Church.
 Admission free. Organised by Kerry Archeological
 and Historical Society.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE: May 31st to 7th
 of June from Cork. Spiritual director: Fr. Francis
 Nolan. Group Leader Maura Harksen. Cost €669,
 single supplement + €140. Contact Sol Travel 066
 7185940 or email: rita@sol2travel.com.

KERRY COLLEGE OF FURTHER EDUCATION (under
 Kerry ETB) based in Clash.

Information Evening for Parents of School Leavers
 Wednesday 1st March. Choose from 5.30pm
 session or the 7pm session. Learn about how PLC
 courses can lead to employment or as an
 alternative access route into Institutes of
 Technology and Universities.

Open Day on Thursday 2nd March from 10am-7pm
 for school leavers and potential adult learners.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

*Try not to waste your time and energy on things
 that are of little or no importance. Fret not about
 what others think or what you think they think!
 We waste so much time stressing and struggling
 with many of the cares of this world and we miss
 the beauty within and beyond. Do not let the
 world pass you by. After all, you have God by your
 side-now and always!* Margaret Theresa Naughton

RECENT WEDDINGS

Congratulations to

Kevin Teehan and Emma McNamara
Seán Rouine and Grainne O'Mahony
Robert Pierce and Antoinette O'Brien

*who married in St. John's parish recently.
 We pray that God will bless your marriage.*



RECENT BAPTISMS:

With great joy we welcome

Emilia Switzer
Kaja Urbanowicz

into our Christian community.



ASH WEDNESDAY: is Wednesday next, March 1st
 the first day of Lent and a Day of Fast and
 Abstinence. Ashes will be distributed during all
 Masses in St. John's Church.

Mass Times:- 8.30am, 10am 1.10pm & 6.10pm.
 (Please note extra Mass in St. John's at 1.10pm).
 Mass will be celebrated in St. Brendan's Church
 Curraheen at 9.30am.

BLESSED ASHES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED at all
 Masses on Ash Wednesday and between Masses
 from 9am to 6pm in St. John's Church. Ashes will
 also be available for those unable to come to the
 church. The blessed Ashes are worn as a sign of
 faith and repentance . They should not be kept at
 home or taken for any other purpose

FAMILY MASS: will be held in St. Brendan's
 Church, Curraheen on Sunday March 12th at
 11.00am. All are welcome.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: will be conducted in St.
 Brendan's Church, Curraheen each Thursday during
 Lent at 7.30pm beginning on Thursday March 9th.
 They will be conducted each week by various
 parish groups.