



# St. John's Parish, Tralee

## 5<sup>th</sup> March 2017

### First Sunday in Lent

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:

✠ **Padhraic Moran**, Corbally, Limerick and Cliff Road, Ballybunion.

✠ **Christopher Elmes**, Leith East.

*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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 or visit [www.dioceseofkerry.ie](http://www.dioceseofkerry.ie)

#### RECENT WEDDING

Congratulations to

**Robert Pierce and Antionette 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*

**Brody Patrick O'Leary McElligott**

**Emily Grace Fenner**

**Cara Rose Hussey**

*into our Christian community.*



**DIOCESAN COLLECTION FOR EMIGRANT SERVICES:** will be taken up at all Masses next weekend (March 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>) as a joint offertory collection.

**FAMILY MASS, CURRAHEEN CHURCH:** Family Mass will be held in St. Brendan's Church, Curraheen on Sunday March 12<sup>th</sup> at 11.00am. All are welcome.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS, CURRAHEEN CHURCH:** next Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup> in St. Brendan's Church, Curraheen at 7.30pm led by I.C.A. group. Stations will be conducted each Thursday during Lent by various parish groups.

**TROCAIRE BOXES** are available for collection at the back of the Church or from the Parish Centre. Donations to Trócaire's Lenten campaign provide shelter, food, water and other life-saving aid up to one million people each year. Trócaire are providing humanitarian aid in 13 countries; providing food to the hungry, shelter to the displaced and medicine to the sick. They know the communities most at risk – they now need your support.

**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 Parish Centre from 10.30am to 11.30am.

**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](http://www.pioneerassociation.ie) and join online.

#### 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.

**WORKSHOP FOR PARISH CANTORS:** Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:tomaskenny@dioceseofkerry.ie).

**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

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

#### DIOCESAN YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO TAIZÉ:

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

#### FILMING IN ST. BRENDAN'S CHURCH, CURRAHEEN:

will take place on Tuesday March 7<sup>th</sup>, from 9am to 2pm by the Education Training Board, Monavalley.

**ARDFERT RETREAT CENTRE:** Tel: 066 7134276

**Parish Lenten Retreat:** Moyvane, Fossa & Knockmoyle, Tues. 7<sup>th</sup> Mar. 7.00pm to 10.00pm.

**The Faith Prayed:** Fr. Sean Sheehy, Wed. 8<sup>th</sup> Mar 7.00pm.

**LEGION OF MARY ACIES:** Consecration to Our Blessed Lady on Wed 15<sup>th</sup> March in St John's Parish Centre at 7.45pm. All welcome.

**PIONEERS:** The next meeting of St. John's Pioneer Centre will be held on Thursday March 9<sup>th</sup> at 8.00 pm in St. John's Parish Centre.

**ANAM CARA** the organisation that supports bereaved parents, monthly Parent Evening on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> of March at 7.30pm 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.

**CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS ASSOCIATION:** First Annual Retreat/Conference, 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> April 2017. THEME: *Helping our Children and Grandchildren to know, love and serve God in these highly secularised times.* Dominican Retreat Centre, Tallaght Village Dublin 24. Day only and overnight attendance options available. Speakers including Fr. Benny McHale. Contact Connie at 098 24877 or [catholicgrandparents@gmail.com](mailto:catholicgrandparents@gmail.com)

**TABLE QUIZ IN AID OF INSPIRED:** the community based project aiming to develop the employment, education and personal development skills of adults with intellectual disabilities. Wednesday March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8.30pm in The Castle Bar. €30 for a team of 4.

**KERRY CHORAL UNION:** with their Junior Choir and guest soloists present a St. Patrick's Weekend Concert in Our Lady and St. Brendan's Church on Sunday March 19<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. Tickets €10 and proceeds in aid of Recovery Haven, Kerry Cancer Support House. Tickets from 086 3612912, 087 9209662, Recovery Haven 067 7192122 or Our Lady and St. Brendan's Pastoral Centre.

**COLÁISTE ÍDE:** Meánscoil lán Ghaelach do chailíní. Lá Oscailte, 11 Márta, 12.00—16.00. All Irish Boarding School for Girls. Open Day 11<sup>th</sup> March from 12:00 to 4:00pm. Coláiste Ide, Baile an Ghóilín, An Daingean. Tel: 066 9151211, email [info@colaisteide.com](mailto:info@colaisteide.com), web [www.colaisteide.com](http://www.colaisteide.com)

**KERRY CAMINO:** Annual General Meeting of Kerry Camino Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 7 pm in The Grand Hotel, Denny Street. Our annual 3-day walk will take place on the May Bank Holiday weekend (April 27 - 30.)

**MARY IMMACULATE COLLEGE** Annual MA in Education & Wellbeing of the Older Person. Free Public Lecture Series will continue on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> of March from 6.30pm-9pm *"These lectures are a must for all those interested in issues affecting older people in society today."* Talks are free to attend but pre-booking is required. Information and booking: email: [liz.early@mic.ul.ie](mailto:liz.early@mic.ul.ie)

**PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE:** May 31<sup>st</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> of June. Afternoon flight from Cork to Split Airport. Spiritual director: Fr. Francis Nolan. Group Leader Maura Harksen. Cost €669, single supplement + €140. Contact Sol Travel 066 7185940 or email: [rita@sol2travel.com](mailto:rita@sol2travel.com).

#### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

*Being a son or daughter of God grants us many gifts. We are loved, protected and guided by He who has created us and known each of us intimately from the moment of our birth. However, this does not hinder us from walking away from our God. Neither does it stop us from failing or from stumbling and falling. Being a child of God does not mean that we will never sin or do the wrong thing. But what it does mean is that when we begin anew He is there with us smiling gently with pride and hope....*

Margaret Theresa Naughton