



**St. John's Parish, Tralee**  
**19<sup>th</sup> March 2017**  
**Third Sunday of 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:**

- ✠ **Mannah Mai Kerins** née Breen, Blennerville
- ✠ **Vincent Edwards Murphy**, Caherina Cross
- ✠ **Philomena (Ciss) Kerins**, St. John's Park.
- ✠ **Bishop Eamon Casey**, former Bishop of Kerry and of Galway.  
*who died recently and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.*



**OUR LADY OF FATIMA CENTENNIAL STATUE FOR EUROPE:**  
**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 9.30am in St. John's Church.**

The Alliance of the Two Hearts commissioned six of these Statues which were blessed by Pope Francis in January, one for each continent.

**RECENT BAPTISMS:**

*With great joy we welcome:*  
**Hayley Maureen O'Callaghan**  
**Ward**  
**Scarlett MacSweeney**



*into our Christian community.*

**CONFIRMATIONS:** will take place in St. John's Church in the coming week.

**Thursday March 23<sup>rd</sup> 11am:** Moyderwell and C.B.S. schools.

**Friday March 24<sup>th</sup> 11am:** Presentation, Gaelscoil Mhic Easmainn, Caherleaheen and Blennerville schools.

Video recording or photography is not allowed during the actual ceremony. We wish every grace and blessing on those receiving their Confirmation and on those who helped prepare them.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:**

**St John's Church:** Adoration on Friday March 24<sup>th</sup> will be from 2pm – 6.10pm due to Confirmations in the morning.

**St. Brendan's Church, Curraheen:** every Monday from 10am to 12 noon.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS, CURRAHEEN CHURCH:** next Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> in St. Brendan's Church, Curraheen at 7.30pm led by Derryquay National School. 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.

**COURSE IN PASTORAL MINISTRY:** This training programme for those involved in Parish Ministry will be taught over 20 nights, with 10 nights in Autumn 2017 and 10 nights in Spring 2018 in St. John's Parish Centre, Tralee. Leaflets giving more information are available at the back of the church or in the Parish Centre.

**SUAS VOLUNTEER PROGRAMME:** Eily Fokseang who has been involved in our Children's Liturgy Programme will be volunteering at a school in India this summer. She will be speaking at weekend Masses in St John's next weekend (25/26<sup>th</sup> March).

**24 HOURS EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND RECONCILIATION:** St. Mary's Church, Listowel with the Friars of Moyross. Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> to Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> March. Beginning with Mass at 7pm on Friday.

**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 066 7192122 or Our Lady and St. Brendan's Pastoral Centre.

**ANTI-TRAFFICKING GIFT BOX:** Human Trafficking is happening in Ireland today. This large walk-in street sculpture invites you inside with promises and offers, but once inside you are presented with a different reality. Find out more at Manor West Retail Park, Monday 20<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March from 10am—7pm.

**DAFFODIL DAY:** in aid of the Irish Cancer Society takes place on Friday March 24<sup>th</sup>. If you have a little time to spare and would like to help out contact Chris Griffin at 087 2340426 or Edward O'Connor at 087 7794765.

**ST JOHN OF GOD KERRY SERVICES:** Presents An Evening of Musicals at Siamsa Tire Theatre on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April. Tickets available from Siamsa Tire

**RAISE THE DOUGH:** for Childline: Organise a baking fundraiser for the ISPCC Childline between 27<sup>th</sup> March and 7<sup>th</sup> April – with help from Boutique Bake! Get your community, club, school, office or workplace involved in a bake sale or baking event and help Raise the Dough for Childline! Details from [RaiseTheDough.ie](http://RaiseTheDough.ie) or email [shalpin@ispcc.ie](mailto:shalpin@ispcc.ie)

**KERRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:** Led by Bishop Ray Browne. *The Almighty has done great things for me!* September 2<sup>nd</sup>—7<sup>th</sup>. Flights ex Kerry Airport. Further information from Mrs Janice O'Sullivan at 064 775 8219 or email [joskdp@eircom.net](mailto:joskdp@eircom.net).

**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).

**PIONEER TOTAL ABSTINENCE ASSOCIATION: 21<sup>st</sup> NATIONAL BALL:** April 8<sup>th</sup> at the Sheraton Athlone Hotel. Full weekend of activities from Friday April 7<sup>th</sup> to Sunday April 9<sup>th</sup>. Tickets for the Ball are €30 each from Brenda at 087 6189411. Further information from Leinster Pioneers Ireland on Facebook.

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

**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:**

*It is only natural that we thirst for what is good and right in our lives. As we strive to be the best that we can be in all that we do we are thirsty to find God and to know him. We long for love so that we can find happiness. We seek his peace of heart and mind so that we can shed our restlessness and unease. We hope to receive his compassion and mercy in days of sorrow or uncertainty. We thirst for the righteousness and salvation that he alone can bring.....*

Margaret Theresa Naughton