



St. John's Parish, Tralee

26th March 2017

Fourth Sunday of Lent

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- ✠ **Donie Houlihan**, Connolly Park and formerly of O'Rahillys Villas.
- ✠ **Kathleen Hurley-Maher** née Kelly, Railway Terrace and formerly of Caherina.
- ✠ **Denis O'Connor**, Connolly Park.
- ✠ **Leo Spellman**, Roscommon and Hertfordshire.
- ✠ **Sarah (Sally) Spring** née Donovan, Manor Court.
- ✠ **Ellen (Nell) O'Keefe** née O'Sullivan Ballinorrig Estate and formerly of Meen, Listowel.
- ✠ **Lillian Bonn Hanafin**, Ballydwyer, Ballymacelligott
- ✠ **Christina (Chrissie) Carroll** née Hoare, Kevin Barry Villas. Funeral Mass this Sunday at 12noon in St. John's Church followed by burial in New Rath Cemetery.



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

RECENT BAPTISMS:

With great joy we welcome:
Sean James O'Sullivan
Eoin Flanagan
into our Christian community.



RECENT WEDDINGS

Congratulations to
Paul Hollywood and Eileen O'Sullivan
Brendan O'Driscoll and Laura Bartholomew
who married in St. John's parish recently.
We pray that God will bless your marriage.



BLESSING OF BABIES BAPTISED IN THE PARISH IN 2016: at the 10.30am Mass in St. Johns Church next Sunday, April 2nd.

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 Church this weekend (25/26th March). Envelopes are available at the Church door, and Eily herself will be at the front door of the church for those interested in finding out more or visit our website www.stjohns.ie to find a link to Eily's fundraising page.

DIOCESAN COLLECTION FOR THE WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018 will be taken up at all Masses next weekend (April 1st/2nd) as a joint Offertory collection.

CONGRATULATIONS: to the pupils from the primary schools of the parish who received their Confirmation this week. A special word of thanks to all who helped prepare the children for this very special event.

CURRAHEEN CHURCH, WASHING OF FEET ON HOLY THURSDAY: If you would like to present yourself for the Washing of the Feet on Holy Thursday in St. Brendan's Church, Curraheen, please give your name into the Parish Centre or any member of the Curraheen Liturgy Group.

DAWN MASS: Will be celebrated in Annagh Cemetery on Easter Sunday Morning at 6am to celebrate the Resurrection

STATIONS OF THE CROSS, CURRAHEEN CHURCH: next Thursday, March 30th in St. Brendan's Church, Curraheen at 7.00pm. Stations will be led by the Liturgy Group. Please note the earlier time of 7.00pm due to First Confessions at 7.30pm.

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 TALK: Killarney Pastoral Area are hosting a talk, *'Keep Lent mindfully'*, by Br. Richard Hendricks in Killarney Heights' Hotel on Tuesday March 28th at 8pm. All are welcome and there is no charge. For more information, visit www.dioceseofkerry.ie

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.

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

Parish Centre Opening Hours: Monday - Saturday 9.15am - 1pm & 2pm - 4.45pm.
Tel: 066 7122522. Website: www.stjohns.ie E-mail: stjohnscastlestreet@eircom.net

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN IN DIOCESE OF KERRY:

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

YOUTH 2000 CATHOLIC YOUTH RETREAT: in St. Brendan's College, Killarney, on 7-9th April. A big attendance (aged 16-35yrs) is expected at this donation only event, with newcomers most welcome. The weekend will consist of a programme covering Youth masses, talks, music, games etc. Residential - so please bring a sleeping bag! Contact 086-3066892 www.youth2000.ie or our Facebook page.

TRALEE INTERNATIONAL RESOURCE CENTRE: Advocacy Programme to support our ongoing work. Volunteer advocates will receive detailed training in a variety of areas. The Training Programme will run on Wednesdays from 7-9pm from 19th April - 21st June 2017. Please contact us for an application form at 7127918, info@tir.ie or visit www.tir.ie. Completed forms must be returned before 31st March 2017.

CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS ASSOCIATION: 1st Annual Retreat/Conference 26th & 27th April. 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. Inspiring talks, lively discussion. Speakers including Fr. Benny McHale. Contact Connie at 098 24877 or catholicgrandparents@gmail.com

'BLACK '47 IN KERRY' A lecture entitled 'Black '47 in Kerry' will be presented by Dr Shane Lehane, Historian and Author, in Killarney Library on Tuesday 28th March at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend. Organised by Kerry Archaeological & Historical Society. www.kerryhistory.ie

RETREAT DAY: *Recall, Receive, Refocus* with Anne Alcock on Saturday 1st April 10am - 4pm (Registration from 9.30am), KDYS Fair Hill, Killarney. Organised by the Kerry Christian Meditation Groups. Further information and booking: Sylvia Thompson: 085 863 2623 sylviajms11@gmail.com; or Ann Fagan 064 663238 Cost: €20 or €15 (Concession Rate) includes tea/coffee. Lunch not included

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR: Church of The Immaculate Conception, Rathass for 7 Wednesdays commencing on April 19th at 7.30pm.

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

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

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: Open Public Meeting, Monday March 27th at 8.30pm in the Presentation Prefabs, Upper Castel Street. All Welcome.

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

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

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE: May 31st to 7th 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.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

The Lord is our Shepherd. He is our light in the darkness. He is the voice that cries in the wilderness of our pain when we are hurt or alone. We are his beloved children. The Lord who is our shepherd continuously draws us towards the truth - the truth about ourselves and about the world. It is the Lord who protects us always who is the truth that sets us free.... Margaret Theresa Naughton