



# St. John's Parish, Tralee

2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017

Fifth Sunday of Lent

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- ✠ **Breda Benner**, née Cantillon, Knockmoyle
- ✠ **Eileen McDonnell**, Walsh's Terrace, Strand Street.
- ✠ **Mary Shanahan**, née Linehan, St. John's Park and formerly of Ballymacelligott.
- ✠ **Breda Sheehy** née O'Connor, St. Brendan's Park *who died recently and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.*



### RECENT BAPTISMS:

*With great joy we welcome:*  
**Jessica Valade, Tamara Roche, Aisha Roche, Jaden Roche, Jasmine Roche, Cathal Joseph Scanlon, Liam O'Halloran, Alison Elizabeth Hoffman and Kacper Kakolewski** into our Christian community.



**FIRST FRIDAY:** Next Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> is the first Friday of the month. **CONFESSIONS** – Thursday 4.30pm – 5.30pm.

**CONFESSIONS AFTER ALL MASSES** next weekend, April 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup>, in St. John's, Curraheen and Immaculate Conception Churches.

**ALTAR SERVERS FOR EASTER CEREMONIES IN ST. JOHN'S CHURCH:** A sign-up sheet is available in the sacristy for servers who wish to serve at the Easter Ceremonies. All serving must be able to attend rehearsals on the day.

Servers are needed for:  
**Holy Thursday (13<sup>th</sup> April)** 6.10pm Mass (Rehearsal at 5.10pm)  
**Good Friday (14<sup>th</sup> April)** 3.00pm Ceremony (Rehearsal at 2.00pm)  
**Holy Saturday (15<sup>th</sup> April)** 9.00pm Mass (Rehearsal at 11am for 1 hour)  
 Please note - no 6.10pm Mass on Holy Saturday.

**NATIONAL COLLECTION FOR THE WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018** will be taken up at all Masses this weekend (April 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>) as a joint Offertory collection. Such one-off International events are very expensive, - especially with the hoped-for visit of Pope Francis. This collection gives you an opportunity to help with the funding. Thank you for your generosity. Information leaflets are available at the church door.



## Life in the Spirit Seminar

Church of The Immaculate Conception, Rathass for 7 sessions commencing on Wednesday April 19<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. Speakers include: Thady O'Connor, Fr. John Keane, Fr. Francis Nolan, George McAuliffe, Fr. John Walsh, John Delaney and Fr. Pat Moore. See leaflets at the Church door for further details.

**MEETING OF MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARISTIC ST JOHNS CHURCH:** will take place on Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 7.30pm in St. John's Church for approximately one hour to organise rotas for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday.

**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 30<sup>th</sup> in St. Brendan's Church, Curraheen at 7.30pm. Stations will be led by Blennerville National School.

**CURRAHEEN CHURCH CLOTH OF SUFFERING:** A Cloth of Suffering will be created during the coming week and placed on the Cross on Good Friday. You are invited to place a piece of cloth, provided in the church in a basket in front of the altar, to represent your sufferings. Pieces of cloth will be in the church until Mon April 10<sup>th</sup> at noon.

**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

**THE CHRISM MASS:** will take place on Tuesday evening April 11<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm. There will be refreshments after the Mass in St. Brendan's College refectory. Everyone is welcome.

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

**SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS IN THE DIOCESE OF KERRY:**  
 DESIGNATED LIASON PERSON FOR SAFEGUARDING: 087 6362780

**AN INVITATION TO A MISSION EVENING:** St. John's Church of Ireland, Ashe Street. Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April in Teach an Solas, Ashe Street at 8.00 P.M. *SPIRITUAL TOURISM (OUR MISSION TO VISITORS)*. Speaker : Archdeacon Simon Lumby. Everyone, (irrespective of Christian denomination), with an interest in mission both within their local community and overseas, is welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

**YOUTH 2000 CATHOLIC YOUTH RETREAT:** in St. Brendan's College, Killarney, on 7-9<sup>th</sup> April. A big attendance (aged 16-35yrs) is expected at this donation only event, with newcomers most welcome. Residential - bring a sleeping bag! Contact 086-3066892 [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie) or our Facebook page.

**RECYCLING ADVICE:** in the Meeting Room at the back of St. Brendan's Church, Curraheen at 7.30pm on Tues, April 4<sup>th</sup>. Curraheen Community Council has invited guest speaker Micheál Ó Coileáin to give information and advice on if and how household rubbish can be recycled.

**CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS ASSOCIATION:** 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Retreat/Conference 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> April. Dominican Retreat Centre, Tallaght Village Dublin 24. Contact Connie at 098 24877 or [catholicgrandparents@gmail.com](mailto:catholicgrandparents@gmail.com)

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: "Ray of Sunshine Foundation"** We are urgently looking for tradespeople to help in building a secure home for abused kids in Mombasa, Kenya with a team of volunteers from Ireland for 12 days in January/February 2018. Information from Tina on: 087 9449569 or come to a meeting in the Meadowlands Hotel, Tralee between 5 – 6 pm on Monday April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**KERRY HOSPICE FOUNDATION:** The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Good Friday Walk takes place on Friday April 14<sup>th</sup> leaving from the Grand Hotel at 10am. A Flag Day will be held on Saturday April 15<sup>th</sup>, collectors please contact Ted Moynihan on 087 670 5014.

**IRISH RED CROSS:** afternoon tea party on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May in the Grand Hotel in Tralee from 3pm to 5pm, light finger food and music provided. Tickets are €5. Booking is essential. Contact 087 708 8395.

**AN OPEN EVENING OF RECOLLECTION:** In preparation for Holy Week with a talk from Fr. Stephen Hutchinson OP. Our Lady and St. Brendan's Pastoral Centre, Upper Rock Street. Monday April 3<sup>rd</sup> from 7pm to 10pm. There is a suggested donation of €5 on the night to cover expenses.

**ST JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS SOCIETY** (St. John's Branch) monthly meeting will be held in St. John's Parish Centre, Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 8.00pm. All welcome

**YOUNG ADULTS CONFERENCE:** *Mary inflames the embers... are you ready?* is being held on 22<sup>nd</sup> April in Ennismore, Cork. Contact Daniel 083 8345441 or Barry 085 1743570.

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND:** will take place in Cork on the 5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> May 2017. For more information visit [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie) 086-8334382 /087-2162436.

**ANAM CARA:** monthly Parent Evening on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> of April from 19:30 to 21:00 in Recovery Haven, 5 Haigs Terrace, Killerisk. This event is open to all bereaved parents.

**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).

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

*The Lord is merciful and full of love. No matter what we do to alienate ourselves from God the Father who is a fountain of love and compassion, He does not turn his back on us. He does not spurn the servant who wants nothing more to do with him. He does not walk away from the broken or the pained. He never forgets his beloved child and indeed why would he? Didn't he die on a wooden cross to save each and every one of his children.....*  
 Margaret Theresa Naughton