



# St. John's Parish, Tralee

9<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Palm Sunday

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- ✚ **Mary O'Sullivan** née Fitzgerald, Rathass, Clash East.
- ✚ **Con Breen**, The Cottages, Blennerville.
- ✚ **Eileen McMahon**, née Foran, Meadowlands and formerly of Ballyheigue.
- ✚  **Gerry Clifford**, St. Brendan's Park.
- ✚ **Michael Kieran Lambe**, Caherwisheen and formerly of Rathanny, Kielduff.
- ✚ **Patrick Lenihan**, Pembroke Street and formerly of Tullig, Beaufort.
- ✚ **Mary O'Connor**, Ballinorig East and formerly of O'Connor's Shoe Shop, Castle Street. Funeral Mass on Sunday in St. John's Church at 12 noon, 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:*

- Dominik Polowczyk**
- Lucy Raggett**
- Samuel Keane**
- Evan Moriarty**
- Mason O'Leary**
- Elena Rose O'Shea O'Connor**

*into our Christian community.*



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

**EASTER OFFERINGS:** (Envelopes & Collection) The Easter Offerings Envelopes are being distributed to homes in the Parish. These offerings are for the support of the priests of the Parish. We thank you for returning these envelopes to the Parish Office or placing them in the Collection Plate. Those who do not receive an envelope will have a chance to support the Parish Clergy at the Second Collection taken up after Communion at the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Masses.

**CONTACT PEOPLE:** who have not yet collected their envelopes for distribution are asked to collect them from the sacristy after Mass.



## 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.

**HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES:** Leaflets with the times of the Ceremonies have been distributed to homes in the Parish. Copies are available at the door of the Church or in the Parish Centre

**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.

**ST JOHN'S PARISH FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:** Copies of the 2016 Financial Statements have been distributed to homes in the Parish. Copies are available at the door of the Church or in the Parish Centre

**DIVINE MERCY NOVENA** begins on Good Friday and will end on Mercy Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Divine Mercy Devotions on Sunday April 23<sup>rd</sup> in St. John's Church at 2.45pm.

**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:** in Annagh Cemetery on Easter Sunday Morning at 6am to celebrate the Resurrection

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

**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 CHRISM MASS:** will take place in St. Mary's Cathedral, Killarney, 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.

### ARDFERT RETREAT CENTRE

**SELF CARE DAY:** Practical skills for stress management and emotional wellness. Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2017 from 9.45am to 4.00pm. Contact Betty Garnett at 087249806. Ref. capacitar-Ireland.org

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS OPEN PUBLIC MEETING:** on Good Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, at 8.30pm in the Presentation Prefabs, Upper Castle Street. All welcome.

**KERINS O'RAHILLY'S MASS:** The annual Mass remembering deceased club-members and family will be celebrated in the Kerins O'Rahilly's Clubhouse at 7.30pm on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April.

**A LECTURE ENTITLED 'Wandering with a purpose - the archaeology of Cosán na Naomh/The Saints' Path, Corca Dhuibhne'** will be presented by Isabel Bennett, Archaeologist, in Tralee Library on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend. [www.kerryhistory.ie](http://www.kerryhistory.ie)

**A JOURNEY WITH JESUS:** Stations of the Cross for children on Tuesday April 11<sup>th</sup> in St Mary's Church, Castlegregory at 7.30pm. There will be an opportunity to make a donation to Sr. Edel's Slovak Mission.

**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 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.

**MS IRELAND** South Kerry Branch will be hosting a "Coffee morning not to be missed" at the Killarney Royal Hotel, Saturday April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9.30am to 12.00pm. Big raffle with great prizes, 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.

**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 has given each of us a disciple's tongue. But how do we use it? Do we gossip and slander the good name of those around us? Or do we speak with kindness, understanding, compassion and mercy when we use the gift which we have been given? A gift is only a gift when it is received in good faith and used in the spirit within which it was given.....*  
Margaret Theresa Naughton