



# St. John's Parish, Tralee

## 30<sup>th</sup> April 2017

### Third Sunday of Easter

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

✠ **Sean McCarthy**, Racecourse Road.  
 ✠ **Vincent McCormack**, Mitchel's Avenue and formerly of Rock Street.  
*who died recently and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.*



#### RECENT WEDDINGS

*Congratulations to*  
**Michael McDonnell and Fidelma McGinty**  
**Darragh Stack and Jean Walsh**  
*who married in St. John's parish recently.*  
*We pray that God will bless your marriage.*



#### FIRST COMMUNIONS:

**Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup>:** 10.30am St. John's Church, Moyderwell Primary.  
 10.30am, Church of the Immaculate Conception, Rathass, Caherleaheen N.S.  
 11am, St. Brendan's Church Curraheen, Blennerville N.S.  
**Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup>:** 10.30am St. John's Church: Presentation Primary.  
**Saturday May 20<sup>th</sup>:** 10.30am St. John's Church. C.B.S. Primary School.  
**Saturday May 27<sup>th</sup>:** 10.30am St. John's Church. Gaelscoil Mhic Easmainn.

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

**FIRST COMMUNION PARKING:** We invite families for First Communion to park in the car park near the Church as the avenue and space in front of St. John's is a 'No Parking' area for safety and emergency reasons.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** to the pupils from Derryquay National School who received their First Holy Communion this weekend. A special word of thanks to all who helped prepare the children for this very special event.

**MONDAY MAY 1<sup>st</sup>** is a Bank Holiday. Masses in St. John's Church will be at 10am and 6.10pm. The Parish Centre will be closed.



### Life in the Spirit Seminar

Church of The Immaculate Conception, Rathass continues on Wednesday May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7.30pm when Mass will be celebrated. The theme for this third evening is 'New Life' and the talk will be presented by Fr. Francis Nolan. Future speakers will include: George McAuliffe, Fr. John Walsh, and John Delaney.

**SATURDAY MORNING MASSES IN ST. JOHN'S CHURCH FOR THE MONTH OF MAY** will be at 10.30am which will be First Communion Masses. There will be no 10am Mass.

**MISSIONARIES OF AFRICA (WHITE FATHERS)** will hold their mission appeal at all Masses on the weekend of May 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup>. We encourage your support for their work in various mission countries. Your support is very much appreciated.

**PIETA HOUSE:** A representative from Pieta House will speak briefly at the Masses in St. John's Church this weekend (April 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup>) to highlight the work of Pieta House and their upcoming "Darkness into Light" Walk on Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup>.

**PETER'S PENCE:** The Annual Diocesan collection in aid of Peter's Pence will be taken up at all Masses this weekend (April 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup>) as a joint Offertory collection. This collection supports the ministry of the Pope in his task of uniting the many different strands of the church and enables the many charitable initiatives promoted by the Holy Father.

**NEIGHBOURHOOD MASS:** Communities interested in organising an Area Mass for their neighbourhood are asked to contact their local priest through the Parish Centre (066 7122522) to make the necessary arrangements.

**10AM MASS ON MONDAY MAY 1<sup>st</sup>:** in **St. John's Church** will be followed by Rosary, hymns and flowers in honour of Our Lady Queen of the May.

**ANNUAL MAY PROCESSION IN RATH CEMETERY** will take place on Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup> at 3pm.

**FATIMA ROSARY PROCESSION:** Friday May 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm from Our Lady and St. Brendan's Church, Upper Rock Street to Dominican Holy Cross Church, Day Place. All 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

**ST. JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS SOCIETY:** (St. John's Branch) monthly meeting will be held in St. John's Parish Centre, Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 8.00pm. All welcome.

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

**ST. JOHN'S CHURCH ASHE STREET** presents '*Spring into Summer*' with the Kerry Choral Union and their Junior Choir. Special guests: The O'Shea Brothers. St John's Church, Ashe Street, this Sunday (April 30<sup>th</sup>) at 7.30pm. Proceeds in aid of restoration fund. Tickets at the door €10 or family ticket €20.

**DO YOUR LOCAL RIVERS, LAKES AND BEACHES MATTER TO YOU?** Bláithín Ní Ainín, Community Water Officer for Kerry will present information on the latest draft River Basin Management Plan for Ireland 2018 - 2021 along with details on how you can have a say. The Tralee meeting will be in The Rose Hotel on Wednesday May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7.30pm. For more information visit [www.watersandcommunities.ie](http://www.watersandcommunities.ie)

**KERRY STROKE SUPPORT GROUP** Health & Well Being Day on May 26<sup>th</sup> from 10.30am to 3pm in Baile Mhuire Day Care Centre Tralee for people who have had a Stroke. Inputs from various Medical and Wellbeing Therapists including Dr. Richard Liston, Consultant Geriatrician from University Hospital Kerry. **BOOKING ESSENTIAL.** Cost €10.00. Limited Availability. For further info contact Denise @ 066 7123373

**ANAM CARA**, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its next monthly Parent Evening on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> of May from 7:30pm to 9:00pm 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.

**KERRY WOMEN WRITERS' NETWORK** are holding a series of Readings and Talks reflecting on The Written Word. The first talk is on 13<sup>th</sup> May at The Meadowlands Hotel from 5-7pm. Admission €10, refreshments served. Keynote speaker will be Mary McEvoy.

**LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR:** at Milltown Community Hall, 7 weeks starting this Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April. From 3 and 5 pm each week.

**DEAFHEAR.IE** outreach clinic on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> of May from 10.30am - 12.30pm at Clogher Esta, Hawley Park. Clinics on hearing loss offer support and advice, cleaning and basic maintenance of hearing aids and information on entitlements. Phone 087-2723862. Consultations are private and confidential.

**PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND** to include Krakow, Czestochowa and Warsaw. 22<sup>nd</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2017. Spiritual Director: Fr. Piotr Delimat. For further information contact: PREMIER TRAVEL on 021-4277700 email: [norardy@premiertravel.ie](mailto:norardy@premiertravel.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 FATIMA/ALGARVE:** Led by Mons. Dan O'Riordan. 11<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> September. 4 nights in Fatima and 3 Nights in the Algarve. Contact Premier Travel on 021 4277700 or email [norardy@premiertravel.ie](mailto:norardy@premiertravel.ie).

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS:** will no longer be a subject in the state recognised Primary Schools Curriculum, under the NCCA's proposal, unless you let your views be known. Teachers, Boards of Management and interested adults need to engage with the survey before closing date 26<sup>th</sup> May. The survey is available online: [www.ncca.ie/en/Curriculum\\_and\\_Assessment/Early\\_Childhood\\_and\\_Primary\\_Education/Primary-Education/Primary\\_Developments/Structure-and-Time-Allocation/Consultation.html](http://www.ncca.ie/en/Curriculum_and_Assessment/Early_Childhood_and_Primary_Education/Primary-Education/Primary_Developments/Structure-and-Time-Allocation/Consultation.html)

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** *Let the Lord who raises his right hand to carry you along in times of trouble be your best friend. Do not doubt him or harden your heart against him. It is human foolishness to walk away from Him who holds the keys of loyalty, mercy and forgiveness in his hands. Do not let your hearts be troubled when you have the love and support of your Creator God.*

Margaret Theresa Naughton