



# St. John's Parish, Tralee

14<sup>th</sup> May 2017

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

✠ **Gerald Webster**, Caherwisheen, Ballyard.

✠ **Mai Reidy**, Gort an Riain, Croogorts.  
*who died recently and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.*



### Life in the Spirit Seminar



Church of The Immaculate Conception, Rathass this week will be on **Thursday** May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm and will be presented by Fr. John Walsh. The theme for this fifth evening is 'Baptism in the Holy Spirit' and Mass will be celebrated.

### RECENT BAPTISMS:

*With great joy we welcome:*

**Mason Butler**  
**Sean Murphy**  
**Sofia Foley**  
**Natalia Cwieneczek**  
**Harry Hanlon**  
**Mason Shanahan**  
**Tomasz Modrzewski**

*into our Christian community.*



### FIRST COMMUNIONS:

**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.

**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.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** to the pupils from Presentation Primary 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.

**MISSIONARIES OF AFRICA (WHITE FATHERS)** will hold their mission appeal at all Masses this 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.

**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.

**MEETING THE NEIGHBOURS:** A meeting with parishioners from St John's in Ashe Street will take place on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 8pm in Teach an Solas, Ashe Street.

**SUNDAY FUNERALS** Bishop Ray Browne has announced the following; From the September 1<sup>st</sup> 2017, no funerals will take place on a Sunday in the parishes of the diocese of Kerry i.e. Mass, Funeral Service or Burial. Some people will have reservations about this decision. It has not been taken lightly but after extensive consultation with laity and clergy throughout the diocese. After September 1<sup>st</sup> 2017, Removals to the church can take place on either Saturday or Sunday evening with Funeral Mass on Monday. This change is necessary for many reasons, including the primary focus of Sunday Mass i.e. the celebration of the Parish Mass; and Sunday Funerals will no longer be sustainable in every parish since five parishes no longer have a resident priest. As regards Holy Days of Obligation the rule will apply to Christmas Day and St Patrick's Day. On the other Holy Days of Obligation, the decision is left to the local parish.

**VOCATIONS:** "Commitment to mission is not something added on to the Christian life as a kind of decoration, but is instead an essential element of faith itself. A relationship with the Lord, entails being sent out into the world as prophets of his word and witnesses of his love." - Pope Francis. If you feel called to the priesthood and would like to find out more, please contact Fr Michael Moynihan 087 6551902 or Fr Liam Comer 066 7134131 or visit dioceseofkerry.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](mailto:stjohnscastlestreet@eircom.net)

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

**WELCOME TO** Fr. Dominic Vaz who is visiting St. John's Parish from Goa.

**ARDFERT RETREAT CENTRE Bookings and information call 066 713 4276.**

**Diocesan Adoration Day:** Led by Fr. Bernard Healy, C.C., on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June 9.30am-4.00pm.

**Self Care Day:** Practical skills for stress management and emotional wellness, Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 9.45am-4.00pm. Contact: Anna O'Donoghue 0879447105 Ref. capacitar-Ireland.org

**Our Lady of Fatima** 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Monthly Devotion: Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 4.00pm-6.00pm.

**The LATIN MASS** (1962 Missal) will be offered in Holy Cross Dominican Church, Tralee on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May, and Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June, at 1.30pm. More info from: [LatinMasTralee@gmail.com](mailto:LatinMasTralee@gmail.com)

**KAHS ANNUAL MASS** The Annual St. Brendan's Day Mass for the members of Kerry Archaeological & Historical Society will be celebrated in Our Lady and St Brendan's Church, Tralee on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 9.30am.

**MASS:** in honour of St. Padre Pio will be celebrated in Our Lady and St. Brendan's Church at 6.30pm on Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>

**MENTAL HEALTH IN THE COMMUNITY:** Blennerville NS Hall on Monday May 15<sup>th</sup> at 8pm. Speakers include Eoin Liston: *Creating a healthy community.* Donagh Hennebray: *Youth mental health and* Con Cremin: *The impact of addiction.*

**DAFFODIL DAY:** The Tralee Branch of the Irish Cancer Society would like to thank the collectors and all those who contributed in any way to the success of the day. The total collected was €15,096.

**ST BRENDAN EVENT** to celebrate the Feast Day of St. Brendan on May 16<sup>th</sup>. You can Walk and Climb or Cycle and Climb, from Fenit to Mount Brandon on May 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> Departing Fenit at 8.00am on Monday May 15<sup>th</sup>. For further information contact [stbrendancc@hotmail.com](mailto:stbrendancc@hotmail.com) or phone 087 2523467.

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

**SUAS VOLUNTEER PROGRAMME FUNDRAISING:** Eily Fokseang, who spoke at Masses a few weeks ago, to fundraise for the Suas Volunteer Programme sends her thanks to parishioners who supported her charitable appeal so generously. Eily raised a total of €4,300 and we look forward to hearing more about her volunteer work in India.

**BARNARDOS VOLUNTEERS** for 1-2 hours for National Collection Day, on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September. Volunteers are also needed to help with organised bag-packs or on-street collections in their local community. All money raised on the day will help change the lives of vulnerable children and their families in communities around Ireland. Every hour volunteered will give hope and create brighter futures. To find out how you can get involved please contact Mary Johnston on 01-7080418 or email [buckets@barnardos.ie](mailto:buckets@barnardos.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 on 066 7123373.

**BLOOD DONORS:** 666 Donors attended our Blood Donor Clinic in The Brandon Hotel. This generosity and commitment to helping others is very much appreciated. It is a precious gift that brings life & hope to the patients and to families & friends.

**BOHERBEE/CLOGHERS/MANOR COMMUNITY ATHLETICS EVENT:** Wednesday May 17<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm at Tralee Harriers Track, opposite the Rose Hotel. Events at Under 8, 10, 12, 14 and 16 as well as Tiny Tots and fun races.

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** *Life can be so fast, so chaotic and so full of needless clutter. We can get caught up on the banal, on the unnecessary problems we create for ourselves. We get so worried about what people think of us or what we think is expected of us that we lose the colour and vibrancy from our lives. Try not to let your heart be troubled. Trust in the Lord who is the way, the truth and the life and you will not go too far wrong.....* Margaret Theresa Naughton