



St. John's Parish, Tralee

27th August 2017

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Centre Opening Hours: Monday - Saturday 9.15am - 1pm & 2pm - 4.45pm.
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SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS IN THE DIOCESE OF KERRY:
DESIGNATED LIASON PERSON: 087 6362780

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- ✠ **Joe Griffin**, New Marian Park and formerly of Mitchel's Avenue.
- ✠ **Mary O'Carroll** (née Butler), Skehanagh.
- ✠ **Breda O'Sullivan** (née Moran), Strand Street.
- ✠ **Jakub Lewandowski**, Moyderwell.
- ✠ **Margaret Cullen** (née Corcoran), Kerins Park and formerly of Millstreet, Co. Cork.
- ✠ **Maraquita Blennerhassett**, The Moorings, Fenit.
- ✠ **Seán MacSeoin**, Innishannon, Co. Cork.
- ✠ **Edward Goodwin**, Middlesex, U.K. & formerly late of Caherina, Tralee. Funeral Mass in St. John's Church, Tralee, Tuesday 29th August at 10am. Burial afterwards in New Rath cemetery.



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

RECENT BAPTISMS:

With great joy we welcome:

Aurelia O'Callaghan
Ryan Coleman



RECENT WEDDING

Congratulations to:

Jamie Gallagher and Lisa Coakley

who married in St. John's parish recently.

We pray that God will bless your marriage.

FIRST FRIDAY: Next Friday, September 1st is the first Friday of the month. **CONFESSIONS** – Thursday 4.30pm – 5.30pm in St. John's Church.

SPECIAL WEDDING JUBILEE MASS: will be celebrated in St. John's Church on Saturday, September 2nd at 6.10pm for all couples celebrating significant jubilees this year (1st, 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, etc...). Any such couples should submit their names to the Parish Centre.

DIOCESAN NEEDS COLLECTION: will be taken up at all Masses next weekend, Sept. 2nd/3rd, as a joint Offertory collection.

SUNDAY FUNERALS: From September 1st 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 1st 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.

ARDFERT RETREAT CENTRE Bookings and information call 066 713 4276.

Ballyheigue Pattern Day - Adoration at Ardfert Retreat Centre: Friday. Sept. 8th, 1.00pm-4.00pm.

Gathering for Parish Contact People: Bishop Ray Browne, Mon. Sept. 18th, 7.00pm-9.30pm.

Human and Religious Development as Catholic Christians: Fr. Sean Sheehy, for 8 weeks, each Wed starting Sept. 20th from 7.00pm-8.30pm.

The Practice of Lectio Divina: Fr. Brendan Clifford, (2 weeks) Thursday, September. 20th and Thursday October 5th from 7.00pm-9.30pm.

TIME FOR CREATION: The Diocesan committee for Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation has produced a brochure for Time for Creation (1st September – 4th October). Drawing on Laudato Si, the brochure aims to stimulate reflection and action in parishes and in homes. Copies of the brochure are available at the Church doors. They are also running a number of events which are open to the public:

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION: Tralee Town Park, meet near the fountain on Friday September 1st at 6.45pm.

An evening on "Reducing Food Waste and Composting: simple practical ways with Donal O'Leary" at 8pm in John Paul II Pastoral Centre, Killarney on Tuesday 12th September;

A cookery demonstration with Mark Doe "Being Creative with Leftovers" at 8pm in St. Brendan's Pastoral Centre, Tralee on Thursday 28th September.

'KNOW MARY, KNOW JESUS, DARE TO BELIEVE': Catholic Young Adults Conference, 2nd-3rd September in All Hallows, Dublin open to all 18-40 year olds. The Legion of Mary in the Kerry Diocese wish to sponsor two young people to attend. They will cover the travel and the full residential accommodation. Please contact Patricia at 0879048659.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE: Support Programme for men and women who have suffered the loss of a spouse by death, separation or divorce to work through the grief process in a safe and confidential environment. The next weekend is being held in the Ennismore Retreat Centre, Cork from Friday October 6th to Sunday October 8th. For application forms and further details please email beginningexperience@gmail.com or phone 087 9886480.

AWARE:

Tralee: Tuesday August 29th in St John's Parish Centre at 8pm. From September 5th meetings will be held on Tuesdays at the CDP building, Rock Street at 8pm.

Killarney: 7.30pm Mondays, KDYS Aware Support Groups are free to attend, no referral necessary. www.aware.ie

RECOVERY HAVEN:

7 week Prostate Cancer Support Programme - commencing 11th September from 7-9 pm.

Men's Cancer Support Group, on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday each month, from 7-9 pm commencing 13th September. (Only for men with Cancer). For more information, contact 066 7192122 or 5, Haigs Terrace.

DEAFHEAR.IE outreach clinic on Friday 8th of September 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. For information please call Jerry Kelleher on 087-3747327. Consultations are private and confidential.

THE FRANK DUFF PRAYER GROUP: You are invited to attend our monthly meeting on Monday Sept 4th at 7.30 p.m. in the parish centre, Killeentierna. This is an hour of prayer, hymns and intercessions for our sick and those seeking healing through powerful intercession of the servant of God Frank Duff (founder of the Legion of Mary).

FREE DAYTIME EDUCATION FOR ADULTS: Interested in returning to education to do your Leaving Cert or QQI Level 3 or 4? Tralee VTOS are hosting an Open Information Morning on Tuesday 29th August, from 10am to 1pm in Clash. Further information available at 086-0278978, traleevtos@eircom.net or find us on Facebook. Tralee VTOS is a free adult education programme offered to people who are over 21 and in receipt of a payment from the Department of Social Protection.

NATIONAL LEARNING NETWORK TRALEE: are currently recruiting participants for their QQI Level 5 Sport, Recreation and Exercise course. The course is free to individuals who are out of work due to illness, injury, those who have experienced a personal setback or early school leavers. Training and accommodation allowance provided. For further information, please contact NLN at 066 7122533 / 086 0404270 or kevin.smith@nlm.ie

SHEP: Certificate in Personal Development is being offered again in Tralee running from October 2017 to May 2018. For more info email deirdre.osullivan@socialandhealth.com or phone Deirdre on 0877728089

PIONEERS: The Munster Pioneer Gathering and Spirituality Day will take place in The Woodlands House Hotel in Adare on October 1st. Registration 10.30am and concluding with the celebration of the Eucharist with Bishop Brendan Leahy. Cost for the day is €30. Further information from siobhanenglishbarna@gmail.com tel:087 2852155 or sorchaol@gmail.com tel: 086 3642619

LIKE TO QUIT SMOKING? A HSE 6-week 'Stop Smoking' support group will start in the KDYS, Denny Street on Tuesday September 12th to Tuesday October 17th from 6 to 7pm. The course is free of charge. Please confirm booking as places are limited. Contact Mary on 066 7195617, Kerry Community Services, HSE South, Rathass.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: *As beloved sons and daughters of God we have been gifted with his love and compassion. However, from time to time we should take the opportunity to stop and take stock, to reflect upon how we use the gifts of love and compassion in our world. We have a duty of care to those around us, to reach out and support those who need a helping hand. What simple and yet wonderful gifts we have to give them.... Margaret Theresa Naughton.*