



St. John's Parish, Tralee

3rd September 2017

Twenty Second 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:

- ✠ **Myles Gibbons**, Racecourse Lawn, Tralee, Ballinskelligs and formerly of Louisburgh, Co. Mayo.
- ✠ **Patrick (Doody) Moriarty**, St. Joseph's Estate.
- ✠ **John (Jack) Keady**, Liosdara, Oakpark and formerly of Spiddal, Co. Galway.
- ✠ **Edward Joseph (Eamon) McSweeney**, Lisbeg, Oakpark.
- ✠ **Johnny Carroll**, Doon.
- ✠ **Tetyana Nikoleva**, Sarata, Ukraine.
who died recently and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.



RECENT BAPTISMS:

With great joy we welcome:

- Danny Michael Healy**
- Ryder James Morrissey**
- Odhran O'Donovan**
- Pamela Paris Brosnan**
- Noisiu Laide**
- Noah Patrick McClure**
- Rebecca McCarthy** *into our Christian community.*



RECENT WEDDINGS

Congratulations to:

- Gearóid O'Sullivan and Fiona Geaney**
- Jason Rowan and Sally Picot**

*who married in St. John's parish recently.
We pray that God will bless your marriage.*

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.

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

FR. PIOTR DELIMAT: We wish Fr. Piotr well as he begins his three month period of study in Hospital Chaplaincy in Cork. During this time Fr. Piotr will not be available for parish duties. We look forward to his return at the end of his course.

ROSARY: will be recited at the Grotto, Blennerville on Friday September 8th at 7pm to mark the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY FRIDAY 8th SEPTEMBER: Bishop Ray Browne will celebrate the annual Pattern Day Mass at the Grotto in Ballyheigue on 8th September at 11.00am. Please come and join us as we celebrate Our Lady's birthday.

ST. JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS SOCIETY is a lay organisation that promotes and prays for vocations to the priesthood and religious life as well as raising subscriptions to financially support students preparing for the priesthood. The next monthly meeting of the Society's branch in this parish will take place on Wednesday 6th September in St. John's Parish Centre at 8.00pm. Anybody who would like to get involved in promoting and praying for vocations is most welcome to attend.

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.

SEMINAR ON THE WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018: A half-day seminar on this topic under the auspices of St. Joseph's Young Priests Society - Kerry Diocesan Committee will be held on Saturday 9th September next, at the Church of the Resurrection, Killarney commencing at 11.00am with Eucharistic Adoration and the celebration of Holy Mass. Guest speaker is Fr. Niall Howard, CC, Killarney who will speak on the significance and importance of the World meeting of families in Dublin in August 2018. All welcome to attend.

TIME FOR CREATION: The Diocesan committee for Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation is holding the following public events as part of its 'Time for Creation' programme:

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 Thurs. 28th September.

MEETING FOR RETURNED LAY MISSIONARIES & VOLUNTEERS: Have you ever worked overseas as a volunteer or lay missionary in Africa, Asia or South America? Join us for our first meeting which takes place on Wednesday, Sep 13th @ 7.30 p.m. in the John Paul II Pastoral Centre, Rock Rd, Killarney. For more info email jim.farrell@amri.ie or phone/text 083 8422468 to confirm attendance.

THE FRANCISCAN PROVINCE OF IRELAND are currently holding a series of free concerts at Franciscan Friaries around the country as a gesture of thanks to all who continue to support their work and ministry. The concerts feature a specially commissioned new composition of the 'Canticle of Creation' (originally written by St. Francis of Assisi) by the composer Vincent Kennedy. Each concert is performed by Vincent and Marina Cassidy (harp and vocals). The Franciscan Community in Killarney are hosting one of these performances on Friday 15th September in the Franciscan Friary, Killarney at 7.00pm. Admission is free and all are most welcome to attend.

AWARE: From September 5th Aware meetings in Tralee 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

ANAM CARA Monthly Parent Evening on Tuesday 12th of September from 7:30pm to 9:00pm in Recovery Haven, 5 Haig's 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.

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 7-9pm. commencing 13th September. (Only for men with Cancer). Further details: contact 066 7192122 or Recovery Haven, 5 Haigs Terrace.

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.

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

IRISH CANCER SOCIETY: wishes to thank those who contributed to the recent Church gate collection at St. John's Church. The amount collected was €925.

TEENAGE ACCOMODATION REQUIRED: Can you provide a room, an evening meal and a homely atmosphere to a teenager who is out of home? You can make a difference. If interested, please contact; Geraldine Lucid, Supported Accommodation Co-ordinator, TUSLA on 064 6636030.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

It is not always easy to be a follower of God the Father. While our faith can offer us a paradigm for preferred behaviour and attitudes, it can also make us feel somewhat uneasy. How can this be so? Being a Christian challenges us to dig deeply and look within us. It makes us ask the difficult questions we sometimes like to avoid asking. A burning fire in our soul can only be kept lit if we stand tall and embrace our baptismal calling to act with justice and integrity towards those around us...
Margaret Theresa Naughton.