



St. John's Parish, Tralee

22nd October 2017 - Mission Sunday

Twenty Ninth 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:

✠ **Eddie Howard**, Connolly Park & formerly of Lisanearla.

✠ **Paddy O'Sullivan**, The Anchorage, Tralee Marina & formerly of Cloghers.

✠ **Seán Wynne**, Main St., Castlegregory & formerly of St. John's Park. Funeral Mass in St. John's Church, Tralee on Monday, 23rd October at 12 noon followed by private cremation.
who died recently and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.



RECENT BAPTISMS:

With great joy we welcome:

Harper Magee, Rian Maurice Coakley, Annabella Marion Andrevcetti, Caolan Carney, Alannah Carney, Valarie Margaret Henry & Lucy Rose Kennedy.
into our Christian community.



THE DIOCESAN COLLECTION FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH will be taken up at all masses this weekend, October 21st/22nd, as a joint Offertory collection, to support the younger churches throughout the world

BLESSING OF THE NEW WINDOW OF RECONCILIATION: in St. John's Church on Friday October 27th at 7.30pm. All welcome. This window, executed by Thomas Denny is the first stained glass window to be commissioned for St. John's Church in sixty years. Each of the three panels are evocative of the landscape and history of Tralee.

CONGRATULATIONS to Revs. Denis Kelleher (Tralee), Thady O'Connor (Kilcummin) & Pat Coffey (Killorglin) who were ordained to the Permanent Diaconate in St. John's Church on Saturday. We pray that God will bless their ministry in the Diocese of Kerry.

NOVEMBER ENVELOPES: are now being distributed to parishioners' homes. If you do not receive a November envelope, they are also available at the back of the Church. You can use your envelope to return a list of your beloved dead to be remembered during the parish November Masses for the Holy Souls, and for the customary November Offering for the support of the clergy. The priests of the parish thank you for your generosity.

MASS FOR THOSE WHO DIED DURING THE PAST YEAR will be celebrated on Friday, November 3rd in St. John's Church at 7.30pm. (This replaces the 6.10pm Mass on that evening).

GOD'S ACRE MASS will be celebrated on Wednesday November 8th at 3.00pm

NOVEMBER MASSES:

Masses for those on the November List:
St. John's Church,: Friday 11th, 18th & 25th at 6.10pm.
St Brendan's Church, Curraheen: Thurs 9th at 7.30pm.

The Church of The Immaculate Conception Wednesday 15th at 7pm.

ROSARY IN RATH CEMETERY: every Tuesday night of November at 7.30pm

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES: Sunday November 5th: **Annagh** at 12.00 noon, **Rath** at 3.00pm.

EVENING OF REFLECTION AND SUPPORT FOR THE BEAVERED: Tuesday, November 21st at 7.30pm in St. John's Parish Centre.

RECONCILIATION: Confessions in preparation for November—the month of the Holy souls—will be held after the Vigil & Holyday Masses for All Saints Day 31st October & 1st November.

NOVEMBER INDULGENCES for the Faithful Departed: At this time of the year, the Church invites us to remember our Faithful Departed and to give them a special share in the prayer of the Church and the Saints. Because of this, particular forms of prayer attract either a 'partial indulgence' (bringing the faithful departed closer to heavenly glory) or a 'plenary indulgence' (bringing on of the faithful departed into the fullness of heavenly glory.)

On All Souls' Day visiting a church to pray an Our Father and a Creed carries with it an indulgence. Between 1 November and 8 November, visiting a cemetery to pray for the Faithful Departed carries with it an indulgence.

One indulgence can be earned in any given day. For the indulgence to be a Plenary (or Full) indulgence, the following are required:

1. To receive Holy Communion within 20 days of the indulgence
2. To make a Sacramental Confession within 20 days of the indulgence
3. To pray for the intentions of the Holy Father.
4. To be without attachment to/affection for sin.

CHANGES TO TIMES OF MASSES ON HOLYDAYS: Wednesday November 1st. All Saints Is a Holyday of Obligation.

VIGIL MASSES ON TUESDAY EVENING:

St. John's Church: 6.10pm
Immaculate Conception Church, Rathass: 7pm
St. Brendan's Church, Curraheen: 8 pm

TIMES OF MASSES ON WEDNESDAY

St. John's 8.30am (bilingual) 10.00am and 6.10pm
Immaculate Conception, Rathass 12.30pm

TAX RELIEF ON CHARITABLE DONATIONS: In the changes to tax relief on donations to charities effective from 01/01/2013, St. John's Parish can successfully benefit from a tax rebate on contributions of €250-00 or more per annum. For instance, for the year 2015, the parish received a total of €32,815 from the scheme. The priests of the parish wish to thank all parishioners who continuously and so generously contribute to the parish. Thanks also to all those who participate in the tax rebate scheme and have kindly returned the tax rebate scheme certificate for 2016. A gentle reminder to anyone who may have overlooked doing so. If you are not already participating in the scheme and think you might be eligible, please contact Catherine Dwyer at the Parish Centre for further details.

WORKSHOP FOR CHOIRS: Dominic Finn, director of music at Cobh Cathedral, will present a workshop for choirs on Wednesday, October 25th at 7:30pm in the Church of the Resurrection, Killarney. He will cover music for Advent, Christmas and Ordinary Time. For more information or to reserve a place, contact Tomás Kenny on 086 3683778 or email tomaskenny@dioceseofkerry.ie by Oct 20th.

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

Human and Religious Development as Catholic Christians: Fr. Sean Sheehy, Wed. 25th Oct. 7.00pm—8.30pm..

The Practice of Lectio Divina: Fr. Brendan Clifford OP, Thurs. Oct. 26th and Nov 2nd, 7.00pm.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND offers married couples (of all age ranges) private time to rediscover the joy of their love. The next Residential Weekend will be from 17th to 19th November at The Lake Hotel, Killarney. For info.

and to book, visit www.marriageencounter.ie or call (086) 6095168 or 064 6644319.

PIONEERS: TAKE THE SHORT-TERM PLEDGE FOR NOVEMBER for deceased family and friends who have gone before us marked with the Sign of Faith. Join online at www.pioneerassociation.ie.

IRISH COMMUNITY AIR AMBULANCE (ICAA) information meeting in relation to the introduction of a Helicopter Emergency Medical Service (HEMS) a vital life-saving air support service for the South of If you would like to know more about the project or feel you might like to contribute to it's development you would be most welcome to attend. The meeting will take place at Killarney Racecourse, Ross Road, Killarney on Tues 24th October at 7.30pm.

SAGE: a Support and Advocacy Service for vulnerable adults are seeking volunteers to work with our service in the Kerry region. Information evening on Thursday 9th November at the Imperial Hotel, Denny Street, at 6.30 p.m. For information contact Helen Fitzgerald email: helen.fitzgerald@sageadvocacy.ie or phone 01 5367335

SPIRITUAL EXERCISES OF SAINT IGNATIUS: (silent retreat) will take place at St. Aidan's Monastery, Ferns, Co. Wexford, for women aged 18 years and up. From Friday, October 27th to October 31st 2017. Places are limited. Please book early. For more information contact 085-8235525. This is organised by an order of Sisters new to Ireland, their convent is in Bunclody, the Order of the Servants of the Lord.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

Sometimes it can be so hard to believe that we are God's chosen ones. We especially doubt this when we question ourselves, when we punish ourselves for our faults and failings and when we alienate ourselves from those who care for us. But difficult as it is to comprehend, we are beloved sons and daughters of God the Father. And His love for us is like nothing we could ever imagine. His benevolence is wider, deeper and more splendid than our minds and hearts are capable of ever truly knowing....

Margaret Theresa Naughton.