



St. John's Parish, Tralee

3rd December 2017

First Sunday of Advent

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:

✠ **Aidan Ruane**, Ballinorig.
who died recently and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.



RECENT BAPTISMS

With great joy we welcome:
Rian James Clail – O'Sullivan
Jack Patton
Aoibhe Scanlon
Laila Counihan
Skye Creedon
Jamie Curran
Maximilian Duda



into our Christian community.

RECENT WEDDING

Congratulations to:
Pádraig McMahon and Michelle O'Shea
who married in St. John's parish recently.
We pray that God will bless your marriage.



FRIDAY DECEMBER 8th

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is a Holyday of Obligation.

VIGIL MASSES ON THURSDAY EVENING:

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

TIMES OF MASSES ON FRIDAY

St. John's Church: 8.30am (as Gaeilge), 10.00am, 6.10pm
Immaculate Conception Church, Rathass: 12.30 pm.
The Parish Centre will remain closed on Friday.

MASS IN POLISH: Sunday December 10th in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Rathass at 12.30pm.

PARISH CELEBRATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS: for those involved in Ministries and Committees will take place on Friday, December 8th at 7.30pm. Beginning with a Prayer Service in the Presentation Primary School Hall followed by a social evening. Reply slips are available in each church and also in the Parish Centre.



ST. JOHN'S PARISH BAZAAR: THIS WEEKEND:
December 1st – 3rd at K.D.Y.S. Hall, Denny Street.
Open this Saturday from 7pm and
this Sunday from 2.30pm.
All are welcome

DIOCESAN COLLECTION IN AID OF THE KDYS: (Kerry Diocesan Youth Service) will be taken up this weekend, December 2nd – 3rd, as a joint Offertory Collection. Proceeds from the collection will fund the on-going development of youth clubs across the Diocese.

ALTAR SERVERS ST. JOHN'S CHURCH: We are looking for new altar servers, 3rd class & older, for our weekend Masses in St John's. Servers are on duty every 3rd week. New servers and their parents are invited to a meeting in St John's Church at 6.30pm on Monday 4th December. If you are unable to make this meeting, please contact Fr Bernard by e-mail bernard.healy@gmail.com or phone 066-7122522. A new rota for existing servers will be issued in mid-December.

ALTAR SERVER PRACTICES: There will be practices for all altar servers - old and new - next weekend in St John's. They will be held at 7pm on Saturday evening, 10am Sunday morning & 11.30am Sunday morning. Servers are asked to attend one of these practices if possible, please.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: Please support the SVP Annual Christmas Church Gate Collection which take place next weekend, December 9th/10th. All funds raised will be spent in this community, helping those who need it most with food, heating and education costs.

ARDFERT RETREAT CENTRE Bookings and information call 066 713 4276.

HEALING IN THE SPIRIT: Two day healing retreat with Fr. Jim McManus C. Ss.R. Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th December, 10am – 4pm.

THE LATIN MASS (1962 Missal) will be offered in Holy Cross Dominican Church, Tralee at 1.30pm on Sundays 3rd and 17th of December. More information from LatinMassTralee@gmail.com.

BLESSING OF CRIB IN RATH CEMETERY: Sunday December 10th at 5pm. All Welcome.

SAINT JOHN OF GOD: Congratulations to Saint John of God Kerry Services who are celebrating over three decades providing support across the county to men, women and children with intellectual disabilities.

KERRY RIGHT TO LIFE: Official Launch of the Kerry Right to Life Group takes place on Tuesday December 12th at 7.30pm in The Rose Hotel. Special guest speaker Katie Ascough (Former UCD SU President).

KERRY RIGHT TO LIFE CAKE SALE: in St. John's Parish Centre Tralee on Sunday 10th December after the 9am, 10.30am and 12 noon Masses.

CURRAHEEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL AGM will be held on Tues, Dec 5th at 8pm in the Community Meeting Room at Curraheen Church. Everybody is welcome to attend.

CURRAHEEN COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CONCERT Sunday December 10th in Blennerville National School Hall from 6pm to 8pm. Tickets €10 per adult, available from O'Shea's Blennerville and St. John's Parish Centre or at the door on the night. Proceeds to Community Room extension fund.

BLENNERVILLE DERRYMORE COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS: will be holding a Bake Sale in Curraheen Church Community Room after 8pm mass on Saturday 2nd December and 11am mass on Sunday 3rd December. There will be a Traditional Iced Christmas Cake to raffle and Christmas cards will be for sale to raise funds for this community group.

GAELSCOIL MHIC EASMAINN: Christmas School Fair, Sunday December 10th from 2 – 4.30pm in the school hall. All welcome.

YOUTH 2000 CHRISTMAS RETREAT: Newbridge College, Co. Kildare for those aged 16-35 years. 8th – 10th December 2017. Donation only. Free buses. ID required. For more details visit www.youth2000.ie, telephone 01 675 3690 or email office@youth2000.ie.

REMEMBRANCE TREE: Christmas Remembrance Service to remember those who have died by

suicide. Sunday December 10th 3pm, Town Hall, Princes Quay. You are invited to place a little ornament on the tree in memory of your loved ones.

Gala Christmas Concert. Sunday December 10th in St. John's Church at 7.30pm. Guest soloist Miriam Murphy, Soprano. Suggested donation €15.

THE THREE TENORS in Concert at the Church of St. Stephen and John, Castleisland. Tuesday December 19th at 8pm. Tickets €20 from Castleisland Parish Office.

COACH TO KNOCK SHRINE: for the Night Vigil of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Departs Tralee on Thursday 7th December at 4.30pm. Contact O'Shea's on 066 7180123 or Donal Kelliher on 087 6361023.

PULSES OF A THOUSAND YEARS: A *Musical Journey Through The History of Ireland*. Ceoltoíri Sliabh Luachra, in Siamsa Tíre on Sunday December 10th at 8pm. Tickets €15/€12. Proceeds will go towards St. Carthage Church, Brosna.

BLOOD DONOR CLINIC: The Brandon Hotel, 4th – 7th December. Monday 5pm – 8.30pm, Tues, Wed & Thurs; 3pm – 5pm & 7pm – 9pm. Blood Donation is essential to ensure Hospital Patients get the treatment they need. One Donation can save up to 3 Lives. Full details of all clinics and on Giving Blood can be found on www.giveblood.ie or by telephoning 021 4807400 or 1850 731 137.

ANAM CARA the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its next monthly Parent Evening on Tuesday 12th of December from 7:30pm to 9pm in Recovery Haven, 5 Haig's Terrace, Killierisk. 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.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

Stay awake and alert always for opportunities to help those around you. Try to keep your eyes and ears open at all times so that a chance to be kind, compassionate or just towards those less fortunate than yourself never slips through your fingers. Life is a rocky journey. Pain escapes none of us. Hurt or misfortune can haunt us when the hand we are dealt is cruel. Be the hand that lifts those in pain to a place of greater warmth, love and compassion.....

Margaret Theresa Naughton.