



# St. John's Parish, Tralee

## 10<sup>th</sup> December 2017

### Second 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:

- ✚ **John Bowe**, Ráth Óraigh, Rathass
- ✚ **Brian Foley**, Mitchel's Avenue
- ✚ **John (Johnny) Foley**, Brandon Place
- ✚ **Ellen Mary (Lena) O'Donoghue**, Ballyseedy Cottages.
- ✚ **Teresa Sheehan**, Ballyard and Bayside, Queens, New York.



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

#### CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:

##### St John's Church:

Christmas Eve: 7.00pm (with Liturgy for Children) and 9.00pm (Mass of Christmas Night)  
Christmas Day: 9.00am (Bilingual Mass), 10.30am and 12 Noon



##### St Brendan's Church, Curraheen:

Christmas Eve: 12.00 Midnight  
Christmas Day: 11.00am with Liturgy for children

##### Immaculate Conception, Rathass

Christmas Eve: 7.00pm  
Christmas Day: 10.00am

**CONFESSIONS NEXT WEEKEND:** Saturday/Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> of December after Vigil and Sunday Masses in St. John's, Curraheen and Immaculate Conception Churches.

**CONFESSIONS Saturday December 23<sup>rd</sup>.** from 12.00 noon to 2.00pm and from 4pm to 6pm.  
Confession not available on Christmas Eve.

**ALTAR SERVER PRACTICES:** There will be practices for all altar servers - old and new - this 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. New rotas are available for collection in the sacristy

**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 12<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December, 10am-4pm.

**BLESSING OF CRIB IN RATH CEMETERY:** this Sunday December 10<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. All Welcome.

**MASS:** in honour of St. Padre Pio will be celebrated in Our Lady and St. Brendan's Church at 6.30pm on Tuesday December 12<sup>th</sup>.

**KERRY RIGHT TO LIFE:** Official Launch of the Kerry Right to Life Group takes place on Tuesday December 12<sup>th</sup> 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 this Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December after the 9am, 10.30am and 12 noon Masses.

**CURRAHEEN COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CONCERT** Sunday December 10<sup>th</sup> in Blennerville National School Hall from 6pm to 8pm. Some tickets, €10 per adult, still available at the door on the night. Proceeds to Community Room extension fund.

**GAELSCOIL MHIC EASMAINN:** Christmas School Fair, this Sunday December 10<sup>th</sup> from 2-4.30pm in the school hall. All welcome.

**ST. JOHN'S CHURCH OF IRELAND CHRISTMAS FAIR:** on Sat 16<sup>th</sup> Dec 10 am-4 pm in Teach an tSolais, Ashe St., with homemade Christmas cakes and Preserves, fabulous Raffle prizes, Silent Auction with amazing lots and many other attractions. Come along for a fun family day.

**REMEMBRANCE TREE:** Christmas Remembrance Service to remember those who have died by suicide. Sunday Dec 10<sup>th</sup> 3pm, Town Hall, Princes Quay. You are invited to place a little ornament on the tree in memory of your loved ones.

**CAHERLEAHEEN NATIONAL SCHOOL:** Christmas Coffee Morning: Parents and Community most welcome to enjoy and take home delicious home baking (sweet and savoury), carols, crafts etc. Tues, 19<sup>th</sup> December - 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

**O HOLY NIGHT:** Kerry Choral Union Gala Christmas Concert. Sunday December 10<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> at 8pm. Tickets €20 from Castleisland Parish Office.

**KERRY HOSPICE FLAG DAY:** Saturday December 16<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers needed. Contact 087 2941470.

**ANAM CARA** the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its next monthly Parent Evening on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

**BLENNERVILLE COMMUNITY PLAYSCHOOL:** Mulled wine and mince pie evening, Thursday December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in St. Brendan's National School, Blennerville. Bake Sale and Raffle on the night. Proceeds towards the acquisition of a new premises to secure the future of the playschool.

**BILL KIRBY MEMORIAL 4 MILE WALK** in aid of Palliative Care. Gathering at the Brogue Inn on St. Stephen's Day at 11am and walk commencing at 11.30am. Sponsorship Cards available from Michael Fox O'Connor 087 833075.Refreshments and music provided.

**LIXNAW TURKEY TROT** 5km family fun run/walk takes place on Sunday December 17<sup>th</sup> at 12pm. Proceeds to Tralee Soup Kitchen, Cycle Against Suicide and the Tina McElligott Treatment Fund. Please register online at <https://www.iregister.ie/v2/events/lixnaw-turkey-trot/>

**PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS:** Available from the Parish Centre, 10 for €6 or 65c each.

**OUTSMART STRESS AND ANXIETY:** This free information and skills-based workshop aims to give a fresh insight into stress and anxiety and strategies on how to outsmart them with a focus on relaxation and practical lifestyle tips. 12<sup>th</sup> December at Aras an Phobail, Deans Lane from 2.00pm to 5.15pm. To book a place contact: Lorraine 066 7180190.

**TOWARDS PEACE:** Christmas and New Year is often a time when we are reminded of our deeper selves and deepest hopes, and deepest pain. The vision of *Towards Peace* is to provide a safe supportive space for people who have been affected by abuse in a Church context, and who are seeking to explore the spiritual impact of the abuse. If you have been abused and would like a space to reflect on its impact on your own relationship with God and spirituality, Towards Peace is here for you: [www.towardspeace.ie](http://www.towardspeace.ie) / 01 505 3028.

#### RECENT BAPTISMS

*With great joy we welcome:*

**Heaven O'Brien**  
**Fiadh Rose Higgins**

*into our Christian community.*



**MASS IN POLISH:** this Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Rathass at 12.30pm.

**CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS ENVELOPES:** (Christmas Dues) will shortly be delivered to households along with our Parish Calendar. These offerings pay the salaries of the Parish Clergy who thank parishioners for their support. Envelopes are also available in the churches and the Parish Centre for households who do not receive an envelope delivered to their homes.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:** Please support the SVP Annual Christmas Church Gate Collection which take place this weekend, December 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>. All funds raised will be spent in this community, helping those who need it most with food, heating and education costs. Please don't hesitate to contact us. 24 Hour Emergency Mobile 087 7848825 or Office 066 7128021



**A CHRISTMAS CAROL RECITAL:** by St. John's Choir will take place in St. St. John's Church, Tralee on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December (Christmas Eve) at 8.30pm.

**THE LATIN MASS** (1962 Missal) will be offered in Holy Cross Dominican Church, Tralee at 1.30pm on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> of December. More information from [LatinMassTralee@gmail.com](mailto:LatinMassTralee@gmail.com).

#### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK.

*How futile to judge God by human standards. How utterly ridiculous it is to think that we could ever truly know his ways or understand his actions. When we find ourselves in trouble we can become frustrated with God and question his motives all the more. What human foolishness! Be patient. The hand of God will be revealed just when you are about to give up on the greatest, dearest and most loyal friend of all....*

**Margaret Theresa Naughton**