



# St. John's Parish, Tralee

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

### Third 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:

- ✠ **Eileen Moriarty** née Breen, Tonevane
- ✠ **Paddy O'Looney**, Liscahane Ardferf.
- ✠ **William (Buster) Hobbert**, Mountain Close, Balloonagh Estate.
- ✠ **Michael Charles Quilligan**, Ahern's Road, Caherleaheen.
- ✠ **Mary Murphy** née Collins, Ballyseedy and formerly of the Imperial Hotel, Denny Street.
- ✠ **Joan Lehane-Hewitt**, Upper Rock Street.
- ✠ **James Byrne**, Argyll Scotland.
- ✠ **Maura Corr** née O'Connor, Middleton, Co. Cork and late of Upper Castle Street.
- ✠ **Kathleen Fitzgerald** née O'Connor, Árd Na Lí, Oakpark.
- ✠ **Catherine Maguire**, New York and formerly of Rock Street.
- ✠ **Patrick Coffey**, Cobh Street Cork and formerly of Tralee. Arriving to St. John's Church on Monday for Mass at 10am followed by burial in Aghadoe Cemetery.
- ✠ **Eileen Lynch**, Ballyseedy Cottages.



*who died recently and for all those whose*

#### 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 THIS 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.

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

#### ARDFERT RETREAT CENTRE

Telephone: 066 7134276

**The Pillars of an Active Spiritual Life:** Course by Fr. Seán Sheehy, starts January 17<sup>th</sup>, continues Jan through March, Every Wednesday. 7.00pm-9.00pm.

**The Practice of Lectio Divina:** Fr. Brendan Clifford OP, Thurs. Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>, 7.00pm-9.30pm.

**Self Care Day :** Offering wellness skills that can be readily incorporated into ones life to nourish our physical and emotional well being. Facilitated by Anna O'Donoghue and Betty Garnett, Sat. 20<sup>th</sup> Jan., 9.45am-4.00pm. Contact 087 2498061 or 08724980618

**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.

#### CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS ENVELOPES:

(Christmas Dues) are being 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.

**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.

#### EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:

**St. John's Church:** every Friday from 10.30am to 6.10pm

**St. Brendan's Church, Curraheen:** every Monday from 10am to 12 noon.

#### CURRAHEEN CHRISTMAS VARIETY

**CONCERT:** raised €3,752. Thanks to everyone who took part and supported it. The Curraheen Community Room Extension Fund now stands at €4,680 with €428 raised through a quiz and an anonymous donation of €500 for which we are also very grateful. Míle buíochas.

**CURRAHEEN CHURCH CAROL SERVICE:** will take place this Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm. All are welcome.

#### 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

**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 this 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/lixnav-turkey-trot/>

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

**NA GAEL'S** first ever Christmas event takes place on Sunday the 17<sup>th</sup> December. From 5pm on you can enjoy our very own mini Christmas market with lots of home baked goodies for sale. There'll be spot prizes galore and if you'd like to have your photo taken with Santa, he'll be in the clubhouse from 5.30 to 6.30pm. If you are a budding young artist aged between 6 and 12 years, bring along a drawing/sketch/painting of a Christmas scene and be in with the chance of a prize!! Don't miss this festive, fun filled family evening....Ho! Ho! Ho!

**BAKE SALE:** Tralee International Resource Centre in association with the Syrian & Iraqi Programmed Refugee Families are holding a bake sale On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December from 10:30am-1:00pm in aid of the Irish Red Cross, Migration Crisis Appeal In the Community Room in Aras an Phobail, St. Patrick's Bungalows, Boherbee. Come enjoy Syrian and Iraqi treats handmade by the Programmed Refugee Families who are living in Tralee.

**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.

**LEGION OF MARY:** Meetings are held in St. John's Parish Centre at 2.30pm each Monday. Please join us. All welcome.

**SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL:** Please don't hesitate to contact us. 24 Hour Emergency Mobile 087 7848825 or Office 066 7128021

**MASS LEAFLETS:** In the interest of keeping the Church tidy we would ask you to take the Mass leaflet home with you or place it at the end of the seat after Mass.

#### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK.

*Try to be a voice that cries in the wilderness and chaos of life for those who may feel they do not have a voice. Use the talents and gifts you have to not only praise God but also to support and empower his people to live good and worthy lives. Be the voice of rationality when it is difficult to do so. Try to be the impartial one when it would be easier to go with the crowd. Be the one who knows that it is always right to do the right thing.....* **Margaret Theresa Naughton**