



St. John's Parish, Tralee

24th December 2017

Fourth 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:

- ✠ **Matt Blennerhassett**, Ballinduganig, Ballyseedy and formerly of London
- ✠ **Seán O'Connor**, London and formerly of Kevin Barry Villas.
- ✠ **Betty Flaherty**, Caheranne and formerly of Baltovin, Ardfert.
- ✠ **Eddie Lacey**, Árd Carraig, Caherslee and formerly of Kevin Barry Villas
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

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

CHRISTMAS DUES COLLECTION: will be taken up at our Christmas Masses through the Second Collection after Communion. These offerings pay the salaries of the Parish Clergy who thank you for your support.

EUCCHARISTIC 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.

ANNUAL PUBLIC TALK: "Exploring Family Life" presented by Dr. Patricia Kieran lecturer in Mary Immaculate College, Limerick in the Department of Learning Society and Religious Education. Tuesday 9th January at 8pm in The Gleneagle, Killarney. This event is part of the Diocese of Kerry's preparation towards the World Meeting of Families taking place next summer. This evening is free and everyone is welcome.

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

CURRAHEEN CHURCH COMMUNITY ROOM EXTENSION FUND: The fund now stands at €5,580 following two more donations over the past week. One for €500 and another for €400. We express our gratitude again to the individuals involved. The proposed plans can be viewed in the porch of the church.

ARDFERT RETREAT CENTRE

Telephone: 066 7134276
The Pillars of an Active Spiritual Life: Course by Fr. Seán Sheehy, starts January 17th, continues Jan through March, Every Wednesday. 7.00pm-9.00pm.
The Practice of Lectio Divina: Fr. Brendan Clifford OP, Thurs. Jan. 18th, 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. 20th Jan., 9.45am-4.00pm. Contact 087 2498061

NEW GOSPEL CHOIR: The Kingdom Gospel Choir is starting up on Friday, January 12th 2018 at 8pm in the John Paul II Pastoral Centre, Rock Road, Killarney. No auditions required to join. Male and female adults of all ages and all musical standards are welcome. For more information contact Caoimhe on 0870669858.

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

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.

AWARE: weekly meetings are held in Tralee: 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

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.

USED POSTAGE STAMPS: can be handed in to the Parish Centre in aid of the Missions.

RECENT BAPTISMS

With great joy we welcome:
Collins Koami Ayavi
Tadhg Smith
into our Christian community.



RECENT WEDDING

Congratulations to:
Darren Dineen and Joanne Coffey
who married in St. John's parish recently.
We pray that God will bless your marriage.



WEEKDAY MASSES: in St. John's from Tuesday, December 26th to Friday, January 5th will be at 10am and 6.10pm.

ST JOHN'S PARISH CENTRE will re-open on Thursday December 28th at 9.15am.

THE WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES takes place in Dublin in August 2018. A limited number of copies of the World Meeting of Families Icon are available at the back of the Church. Families are asked to place the icon on the Christmas dinner table or in another prominent place in their home and to pray together the official prayer for families which is printed on the back of the icon. Early registration at www.worldmeeting2018.ie will ensure a place at all of the main events.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

To think that a saviour has been born for us. As we journey towards and beyond Christmas may we always have time to stop and give thanks to the Lord for being our saviour. The light of the world shines brightly through this person who came to save saint and sinner alike. Just as we are happy to be recipients of his gifts so too we hope that we will always have the openness of heart to share with humility and benevolence what we have to give. Let 2018 be the year for reaching out as far as you can.....
Margaret Theresa Naughton

The Priests of the Parish wish you, your families and your friends God's blessing and peace this Christmas.

