



# St. John's Parish, Tralee

## 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017

### Feast of The Holy Family

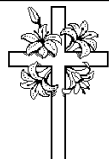
Parish Centre Opening Hours: Monday - Saturday 9.15am - 1pm & 2pm - 4.45pm.  
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**SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS IN THE DIOCESE OF KERRY:**  
DESIGNATED LIASON PERSON: 087 6362780

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- ✠ **Paul Lucey**, Liosdara
- ✠ **Paddy Scanlan**, Sandy Lane, Banna and formerly of Tralee and Listowel.
- ✠ **David Moriarty**, The Kerries West.
- ✠ **Declan Casey**, née Mangan, Liosbeg, Oakpark.
- ✠ **John Moynihan**, Racecourse Road.
- ✠ **Thomas (Tom) Enright**, Midleton, Co. Cork and Tralee.
- ✠ **Jeremiah (Jer) Church**, Leedale, Caherslee
- ✠ **Hanna Carroll**, née Sugrue, St. John's Park. Reposing at the Gleasure Funeral Home on Sunday from 3pm to 5 pm followed by removal to St. John's Church. Funeral Mass on Monday at 12 noon. Burial afterwards in Rath Cemetery.

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



**WEEKDAY MASSES:** in St. John's Church until Friday, January 5<sup>th</sup> will be at 10am and 6.10pm.

#### 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.

**ST JOHN'S PARISH CENTRE** will be closed on Monday January 1<sup>st</sup> for the Bank Holiday and on Saturday January 6<sup>th</sup> for the Feast of the Epiphany.

**FIRST FRIDAY:** January 5<sup>th</sup> is the first Friday of the month. **CONFESSIONS** – Thursday 4.30pm – 5.30pm.

**DIOCESAN COLLECTION FOR THE NEEDS OF THE HOLY LAND** will be taken up at all Masses next weekend (January 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>) as a joint Offertory collection.

**ANNUAL PUBLIC TALK:** "Exploring Family Life" presented by Dr. Patricia Kieran lecturer in Mary Immaculate College, Limerick. Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January at 8pm in The Gleneagle, Killarney as part of the Diocese of Kerry's preparation towards the World Meeting of Families taking place next summer. Attendance is free and all are welcome.

#### 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

**NEW GOSPEL CHOIR:** The Kingdom Gospel Choir is starting up on Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup> 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** Due to the adverse weather conditions on St. Stephen's Day it has been decided to give people a second opportunity to walk on New Year's Day, departing from The Brogue Inn at 11.30am. Everyone is welcome and donations and sponsorship cards accepted on the day. More information from Michael Fox O'Connor 087 9833075.

**ANAM CARA** Kerry, an organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its next monthly Parent Evening on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> of January from 7.30pm-9:00pm in Recovery Haven, 5 Haig's Terrace, Killierisk. Anam Cara Kerry offers a safe and comfortable setting where you can 'drop the mask' and be yourself among people who understand. This event is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether this was recent or not.

**THE HOPE FOUNDATION WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING:** in aid of the Street Children Of Calcutta in the Meadowlands Hotel on Saturday January 6<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 12 noon.

**SLIMMING WORLD:** Commencing Saturday January 6<sup>th</sup> at St. John's Parish Centre at 10am. Contact Lauren on 086 0528303 for further details.

**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

**ACCORD:** Offers an affordable professional counselling service with qualified counsellors in a confidential, caring and safe environment. The Centre offers one-to-one counselling, couple counselling, separation support, psychosexual counselling, fertility awareness and natural family planning service. 'If you can't talk to each other, try talking to us'. Contact ACCORD Tralee at 066-7122280.

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

#### RECENT BAPTISMS

*With great joy we welcome:*

- Thea Margaret Dowling**
- Patrick David Costello**
- William Joseph Spahn**
- Axel James Thornhill**
- Brian Dunka**



*into our Christian community.*

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 6<sup>th</sup> The Epiphany of the Lord** is a Holyday of Obligation.

#### TIMES OF MASSES:

**St. John's Church:** Vigil Friday at 6.10pm  
Saturday: 8.30am (as Gaeilge), 10.00am,  
**Immaculate Conception Church,**  
Vigil Friday at 7.00 pm, Saturday at 12.30pm.  
**St Brendan's Church Curraheen;**  
Vigil Friday at 8.00 pm.  
Usual Saturday evening vigils in all churches.

#### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

*No matter what happens in life try not to lose faith in the God who has created you. He is your best friend, your shield, your shepherd and pastor. He is the one who walks by your side even when you think he has abandoned you. He never forgets the son or daughter who needs his help. He will hold your hand always even when you stray from his ways. Try to hold on a little tighter in 2018.....*

Margaret Theresa Naughton

*The Priests of the Parish wish you, your families and your friends a Happy New Year*