



St. John's Parish, Tralee
4th February 2018
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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:

- ✠ **Denis Heaslip**, Walsh's Terrace, Strand Street and formerly of O'Rahilly's Villas.
- ✠ **Donnie Ryle**, Urban Terrace, Boherbee.
- ✠ **Michael Lynch**, Railway Terrace.
- ✠ **Elizabeth (Lizzy) Murphy** (née McElligott) Lybes, Duagh, and late of St. John's Park, Tralee and Woodford, Listowel.
- ✠ **Sr. Áine Talbóid**, Holy Rosary Sisters, Dartry, Dublin and late of Tralee, Nigeria and Kenya
- ✠ **Seán O'Connor**, Kevin Barry Villas and London. Mass in St. John's Church on Tuesday at 12 noon followed by burial of ashes
who died recently and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.



JOURNEYING TOGETHER AS A FAMILY.
Tralee Pastoral Area Lenten Programme.

- * **"The Christian Vision of Family"** Bishop Kevin Doran Monday 19th February.
- * **"Family and Faith"** Dr. Patricia Kieran: Monday February 26th.
- * **"Journeying together in Marriage"** Talk and Mass. Monday March 5th.
- * **"Hidden Pearls — Revealing the gifts of people with disabilities in family and community"**. Maria Garvey, Monday March 26th.

All events are at 7.30pm in St. John's Church.

Other events are being hosted in other pastoral areas throughout the diocese during Lent. Details can be found in the Lenten Programme leaflets, on the parish noticeboard or by visiting www.dioceseofkerry.ie.

CAPITAL FUND ENVELOPES: New boxes of envelopes for the coming year are available for collection at the Parish Centre. If possible please bring in the top of the old box with the number on it. Contributing weekly by means of our envelope system is of great benefit to the parish and we invite interested parishioners to contact the Parish Centre to receive a box of envelopes or get further information.

MEET THE NEIGHBOURS: The next meeting with our neighbours from St. John's Ashe Street will take place in Teach an Solais Ashe Street on Monday February 5th at 7.30pm.

CHOOSE LIFE 2018: promotes the Church's position on unborn human life and encourages family discussion on this important subject. To access news, videos, testimonies and frequently asked questions visit www.chooselife2018.ie.

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

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN THE PRIESTHOOD IN THE DIOCESE OF KERRY? A weekend, which includes informal chat, discussion and prayer, has been organised for men discerning priesthood. The 'Come and See' event will take place on 23rd and 24th February in Pallotine College, Thurles. Prior booking essential. For more information contact Diocesan Vocation directors: Fr Michael Moynihan 0876551902 or Fr Liam Comer 0872401246. *"Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men" Matthew 4:19*

ARDFERT RETREAT CENTRE Tel: 066 7134276

The Pillars of an Active Spiritual Life: Fr. Sean Sheehy, continues every Wednesday through March, 7.00pm-9.00pm.

Desert Spirituality: "Taking Time Out - Slowing the Pace": Anne Alcock, Sat, 10th Feb, 10.00am to 4.00pm.

"The Jesus Prayer" by Bishop Brendan Comiskey, Sat. 17th Feb. (Open to All) and Sun. 18th Feb. (this is a Special Day for those in AA/Recovery).

"Ministry in the Church" by Bishop (Emeritus) Bill Murphy, Gathering for All Parish Readers, Eucharistic Ministers & Parish personnel in the Kerry Diocese, Thurs. 22nd Feb. 7.00pm-9.30pm.

WORKSHOP FOR PARISH CANTORS: on Thursday, March 1st in St. John's Parish Centre, at 7:30pm. The purpose of this workshop is to provide training and resources for cantors and those hoping to start this ministry in their parish. There will be a particular focus on Lenten and Easter material. The workshop will be facilitated by Ailish Walsh O' Connor (Director of Music, Castleisland Parish and St. Joseph's Presentation, Castleisland) and Tomás Kenny (Diocesan Pastoral Team). Please contact Tomás Kenny on 086 3683778 or email tomaskenny@dioceseofkerry.ie if you would like to book a place. Please book by Friday, February 23rd as places are limited.

DERRYQUAY NATIONAL SCHOOL: will be distributing St. Brigid's crosses after 8.00 p.m. Mass on Saturday Night and 11.00 a.m. Mass on Sunday in Curraheen Church. Donations will go to the Defibrillator Fund.

ST. JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS SOCIETY: (St. John's Branch) monthly meeting will be held in St. John's Parish Centre, Wednesday 7th February at 8.00pm. All welcome.



THE WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES: takes place in Dublin from August 21st to 26th. To get tickets for the World meeting of families visit www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/Tickets.

Volunteers are also invited to join in the World Meeting of Families Team. Email: volunteer@worldmeeting2018.ie or visit www.worldmeeting2018.ie/volunteers

DEAFHEAR.IE: will be holding an outreach clinic on Friday 9th of February from 10.30am – 12.30pm at Clogher Esta, Hawley Park. Clinics offer support and advice, cleaning and basic maintenance of hearing aids and information on entitlements. For information please call Jerry Kelleher on 087-3747327. Consultations are private and confidential.

ANAM CARA the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Bereavement Information Evening on Tuesday 13th February at 7:30pm in the Meadowlands Hotel, This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents. As Anam Cara will need to confirm numbers for teas, coffees, etc, please RSVP to info@anamcara.ie before Monday 12th February or call the Information Line on 085 2888 888.

DISCUSSION ON WOMEN'S HEALTH: for all ages being held in Manor West Hotel on Thursday February 8th at 7.15pm, this is a free event and guest speakers on the night will include Dr Mary McCaffrey and Dr Louis Keary.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Life can be such drudgery sometimes. We can get so caught up with the myriad of tasks we have to do and the multitude of roles we have to take on that we become muddled and lost. Life can lose its colour and beauty. We barely notice the swiftness with which the years pass by taking with them many broken dreams and lost opportunities. Certainly the mundane and the banal have to be attended to but never lose sight of what really and truly matters.....

Margaret Theresa Naughton

RECENT BAPTISM

With great joy we welcome:
Tom Lunn
into our Christian community.



RECENT WEDDING

Congratulations to:
Dawid Blasczyk and Marzena Grochwina
who married in St. John's parish recently.
We pray that God will bless your marriage.



DIOCESAN COLLECTION FOR LOURDES HELPERS: will be taken up at all Masses next weekend (February 10th/11th) as a joint offertory collection.

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE SICK: Anointing of sick and a blessing for their carers will be celebrated in St. John's Church on Sunday February 11th at 3.00pm. Please note Mass will not be celebrated at this time. All welcome.

PIONEERS: Pioneers who have completed 25, 50, 60 or more years membership of the Pioneer Association will be presented with pins and certificates at the 6.10pm Vigil Mass in St. John's Church on Saturday February 10th.

Monthly Meeting: of St. John's Pioneers will be held on Thursday 8th February at 8pm in the Parish Centre.

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