



St. John's Parish, Tralee

11th February 2018

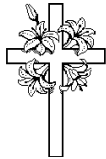
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Centre Opening Hours: Monday - Saturday 9.15am - 1pm & 2pm - 4.45pm.
Tel: 066 7122522. Website: www.stjohns.ie E-mail: stjohncastlestreet@eircom.net

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS IN THE DIOCESE OF KERRY:
DESIGNATED LIASON PERSON: 087 6362780

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- ✚ Ellen Dillane, Clahane, Ballyard
- ✚ Ted Moynihan, Marian Park
- ✚ Thomas Nealon, Killeen, Upper Oakpark Road.
- ✚ Angela Sugrue, Caherslee and Boston
- ✚ Dawn Mason née Rogers, Caherleaheen.
who died recently and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.



RECENT BAPTISMS

With great joy we welcome:

- Seán Breen
- Dominic Ward
- Aoife Helen Drummey

into our Christian community.



JOURNEYING TOGETHER AS FAMILY. Tralee Pastoral Area Lent 2018.

- * **"The Christian Vision of Family"** Bishop Kevin Doran Monday 19th February at 7.30pm
- * **"Family and Faith"** Dr. Patricia Kieran: Monday February 26th at 7.30pm
- * **"Journeying together in Marriage"** Talk and Mass. Monday March 5th at 7.30pm
- * **"Youth and Faith"** Jonny Somerville Tuesday 13th March from 2.30pm – 3.30pm
- * **"Hidden Pearls — Revealing the gifts of people with disabilities in family and community"**. Maria Garvey, Monday March 26th at 7.30pm

All events will be held in St. John's Church, Castle Street, Tralee.

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.

TROCAIRE BOXES are available for collection at the back of the Church or the Parish Centre

PIONEER LENTEN CHALLENGE: Many people abstain from alcohol and take the short-term pledge for the duration of Lent. Contact St. John's Parish Centre or visit www.pioneerassociation.ie and join online.

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.

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 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.

The Amoris programme: A parish conversation in preparation for the World Meeting of Families which helps participants to reflect on and share their experience of family life in the light of Pope Francis' vision in the 'Gospel of Family - A Joy for all the World'. Ardfert Retreat Centre will host 4 sessions during Lent, beginning on Wednesday 21st Feb. 7.30pm to 9.30pm. All welcome.

WORKSHOP FOR PARISH CANTORS: on Thursday, March 1st in St. John's Parish Centre, at 7:30pm. 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 to book a place. Please book by Friday, February 23rd as places are limited.

TRALEE CREDIT UNION: the 12 noon Mass in St. John's Church on Sunday February 18th will be offered for Tralee Credit Union as it celebrates its 50th Anniversary.

PRESENTATION PRIMARY SCHOOL: Starting school next September? Come in and see our school in action. Open Morning, Wednesday 14th February from 9.30am to 10.30am.

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.

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



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

HISTORY LECTURE—BLACK VALLEY: A lecture entitled 'The Black Valley - an archaeological perspective' by Frank Coyne, Archaeologist, will take place in Killarney Library on Tuesday, 13th February 2018 at 7.30pm. See www.kerryhistory.ie

DIABETES: "Living with type 2 Diabetes? Let us help. Book a place on our free X-PERT course (6 weeks, 2 ½ hours). The course is run by HSE Community Dietitians. Visit www.hse.ie/xpert or call 087 673 4035 to book a place on an upcoming course in Tralee."

KERRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA: Led by Fr. Noel Spring. 11th—18th May. 7 nights Fatima or option Fatima 5 nights and 2 nights on the Lisbon Coast. Fully escorted pilgrimage. Early booking essential. Enquiries to Premier Travel, 2 Grand Parade, Daunt's Square Cork. Email: norady@premiertravel.ie or telephone 021 4277700, or phone Maureen Harty on 066 7131328.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

We all have so much to give to each other even in a world where ones worth is often measured by beauty, radiance or status. Certainly beauty is a wonderful thing and so too is it right and proper that people's rank is respected. However, we are so much more than empty and vain vessels. Deep within us all is the beauty of God. Our hearts and souls have been touched and coloured by the God who has created us. Sick, lonely, rich or poor, we are all children of God, each with a multitude of talents that can make the world a much better place....
Margaret Theresa Naughton

ASH WEDNESDAY: is Wednesday next, February 14th the first day of Lent and a Day of Fast and Abstinence. Ashes will be distributed during all Masses in St. John's Church.

Mass Times:- 8.30am, 10am 1.10pm & 6.10pm. **(Please note extra Mass in St. John's at 1.10pm).**

Mass will be celebrated in St. Brendan's Church Curraheen at 9.30am.

BLESSED ASHES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED at all Masses on Ash Wednesday and between Masses from 9am to 1pm in St. John's Church and from 2pm to 4.45pm in the Parish Centre. Ashes will also be available for those unable to come to the church. The blessed Ashes are worn as a sign of faith and repentance. They should not be kept at home or taken for any other purpose.

DIOCESAN COLLECTION FOR LOURDES HELPERS: will be taken up at all Masses this 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 this Sunday February 11th at 3.00pm. Please note Mass will not be celebrated at this time. All welcome.

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.