



# St. John's Parish, Tralee

## 25<sup>th</sup> February 2018

### Second Sunday of Lent

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:

- ✠ **Breda (Bridget Maureen) Walsh**, Old Golf Links Road, Oakpark.
- ✠ **Dora Counihan** née Brosnan, O'Rahilly's Villas.
- ✠ **Sr. Baptist Kirby**, Our Lady of Fatima Nursing Home, Oakpark and formerly of Duagh. *who died recently and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.*



#### JOURNEYING TOGETHER AS FAMILY. Tralee Pastoral Area Lent 2018.

- \* **"Family and Faith"** Dr. Patricia Kieran: Monday February 26<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm
- \* **"Journeying Through Marriage"** Welcome to married couples and those widowed or separated. Monday March 5<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. Mass with special blessing for all families. Celebrant: Fr. Francis Nolan. Speaker: Francis White.
- \* **"Youth and Faith"** Jonny Somerville Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March from 2.30pm – 3.30pm
- \* **"Hidden Pearls — Revealing the gifts of people with disabilities in family and community"**. Maria Garvey, Monday March 26<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.dioceseofkerry.ie).



**THE WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES:** takes place in Dublin from August 21<sup>st</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>. To get tickets for the World meeting of families visit [www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/) Tickets.

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

#### FAMILY PRAYER

God, our Father,  
We are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son, one family, in the Spirit of your love. Bless us with the joy of love.

Make us patient and kind, gentle and generous, welcoming to those in need. Help us to live your forgiveness and peace.

Protect all families with your loving care, Especially those for whom we now pray:

[We pause and remember family members and others by name].

Increase our faith, strengthen our hope, keep us safe in your love,

Make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share.

This we ask, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

**WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**, Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 7.30pm in the Chapel of the Bon Secours Hospital, Strand Street. This year's service has been prepared by the women of Suriname on the theme "All God's Creation is Very Good". This is an inter-denominational Christian service and everyone is welcome

#### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

With God on our side who can be against us? Such a sobering thought really when we take a moment or two to reflect on the enormity of such a statement. This means that even in times of trouble we have a friend walking by our side. It ensures that when our tears fall there is someone there to wipe them away. Above all, it means that when we are attacked by others for fighting the good fight of Christianity, that even when it feels like the war is about to be lost, that God is there to help us cross the winning line.....

**Margaret Theresa Naughton**

#### RECENT BAPTISM

With great joy we welcome:  
**William Morgan**  
into our Christian community.



#### RECENT WEDDING

Congratulations to  
**Gavin O'Sullivan and Niamh Curley**  
who married in St. John's parish recently.  
We pray that God will bless their marriage.



**FIRST FRIDAY:** March 2<sup>nd</sup> is the first Friday of the month. CONFESSIONS in St. John's Church – Thursday 4.30pm – 5.30pm.

**MANY THANKS:** The recent collection for the Lourdes Helpers amounted to €4024. Your generosity is much appreciated.

**WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES NATIONAL COLLECTION:** will take place this weekend, February 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>, as a joint Offertory Collection. The World Meeting of Families taking place in Dublin this August promises to be an occasion that will reflect on the faith experience of families from many parts of the world as well as on the challenges and celebrations which characterise the ups and downs of day-to-day family life. Pope Francis hopes to come to Ireland for it. Hosting this national and international event is both a privilege and a responsibility. It requires an enormous amount of planning and funding. Please give generously to help fund this promotion of family life.

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

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

**ARDFERT RETREAT CENTRE** Tel: 066 7134276.

**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, Wed. 28<sup>th</sup> Feb., March 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm to 9.30pm. All welcome.

**Ardfert Historical Lecture Series:** An evening of storytelling about old Ardfert By Anne Kearney, Thurs. 1<sup>st</sup> March 8.00pm.

**DIOCESAN YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO TAIZÉ** in France from Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup> to Sunday, July 8<sup>th</sup>. There are 15 places available. For more information please contact Tomás Kenny on 086 3683778 or [tomaskenny@dioceseofkerry.ie](mailto:tomaskenny@dioceseofkerry.ie) Also see diocesan website for additional information.

**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](http://www.chooselife2018.ie).

**RALLY TO SAVE THE 8<sup>TH</sup>** 2pm, Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, Parnell Square, Dublin. For information on buses phone 087 6590551.

**KERRY RIGHT TO LIFE:** Medical Information Evening: "Abortion is it healthcare?" 6pm Sunday February 25<sup>th</sup> at the Rose Hotel. Guest speakers Professor Patricia Casey, psychiatrist and Dr. John Monaghan, obstetrician gynaecologist. Chaired by Dr. Andrew O'Regan, GP, university lecturer.

**GAELSCOIL MHC EASMAINN:** Tráilí now enrolling new pupils for Sept. 2018. If considering an All Irish Education for your child tá fáilte romhat go dtí ár Lá Oscailte/Open Day Wednesday March 7<sup>th</sup> from 11.00am-12.00 noon or 6.30-7.30pm where you and your child can meet us, and see Gaelscoil Mhic Easmainn ag obair. For further info. please phone 066 7121394

**MOYDERWELL MERCY PRIMARY SCHOOL** is currently enrolling for 2018/2019 school year. Open Invitation to attend an Audio Visual Presentation and view our school facilities - Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> March at 7.00 p.m. in the School Assembly Hall.

**PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE:** 14<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> June from Shannon to Split Airport, from €719 per person, half board. Further information from Group Leader Maura Harksen 066 7127143. Spiritual Director Fr. Francis Nolan 066 7122522. Information Night in St. John's Parish Centre on Tuesday March 6<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm.

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

**ACCORD:** Would you be interested in doing some voluntary work with Accord in St. John's Parish Centre? For more information please contact Accord at 066 7122280 or Fr. Francis Nolan at 066 7122522