



# St. John's Parish, Tralee

## 4<sup>th</sup> March 2018

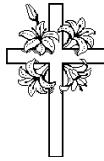
### Third Sunday of Lent

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:

- ✚ Edward (Eddie) O'Brien, O'Rahilly's Villas
- ✚ Margaret (Peggy) Carroll née O'Connor, Balloonagh Estate.
- ✚ Elizabeth Griffin, Marian Park
- ✚ Brendan Brosnan, Our Lady of Fatima Home and Late of Alderwood Road.
- ✚ Eileen Fitzgerald, née Cooke, Clahane, Ballyard  
*who died recently and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.*



#### JOURNEYING TOGETHER AS FAMILY.

##### Tralee Pastoral Area Lent 2018.

- \* **"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)

#### RECENT BAPTISM

*With great joy we welcome:*

- Lily Walsh
- Aoife Coffey
- Brody Christopher Daly
- Daniel Brosnan
- Alana Gajowniczek

*into our Christian community.*



**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'. Continues Wednesday March 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm to 9.30pm. All welcome.

**The Pillars of an Active Spiritual Life:** Fr. Sean Sheehy, each Wed. thru March, 7.00pm-9.00pm.

**Becoming a Caring Presence in Today's World:** Noticing and Nurturing Important Feelings in Our Body, Presented by John Keane, European Director of the BioSpiritual Institute, April 27<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>

**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.

**WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**, has been rescheduled for Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm. You are warmly invited to this service of prayer and reflection at 7.30pm in the Chapel of the Bon Secours Hospital, Strand Street, Tralee. This year's service has been prepared by the women of Suriname, a small country on the north-eastern Atlantic coast of South America on the theme "All God's Creation is Very Good". This is an interdenominational Christian service and everyone is welcome. Fáilte roimh gach duine.

**GAELSCOIL MHC EASMAINN TRÁLÍ** 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

**MERCY MOUNTHAWK** are celebrating the theme of 'Family' in a special way March 5<sup>th</sup>—9<sup>th</sup> under the slogan of 'Family First Forget Fones'. encouraging families to use the week to turn off the Wi Fi etc. and cook and share a meal together.

**Family Table Quiz;** All families are invited to take part in the Parents Council Family Table Quiz which will take place in the Centenary Hall on Thursday March 8<sup>th</sup> at 7.30.

More information of the events during the week can be found on [www.mercymouthhawk.ie](http://www.mercymouthhawk.ie)

**KERRY HOSPICE:** The County AGM will take place on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 8.30pm in the Palliative Care Unit, KUH, Tralee. New members welcome

**THE BILL KIRBY MEMORIAL WALK:** in aid of the Palliative Care Unit at UKH, held on St. Stephen's Day raised €10,230. Thanks to all who participated and contributed.

**DEAFHEAR.IE** Outreach Clinic on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> of March 2018 from 10.30am – 12.30pm at Clogher Esta, Hawley Park. FREE service of support and advice, cleaning and basic maintenance of hearing aids and information on entitlements. For information call Jerry Kelleher on 087-3747327. Consultations are private and confidential.

**DIOCESAN COLLECTION FOR EMIGRANT SERVICES:** will be taken up at all Masses next weekend (March 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup>) as a joint offertory collection.

#### ST. PATRICK'S DAY MASSES:

**St John's Church:** Friday March 16<sup>th</sup> 6.10pm  
Saturday March 17<sup>th</sup> 8.30am (in Irish), 10am.

**Immaculate Conception, Rathass:** Friday 7pm  
Saturday 12.30pm

**St. Brendan's Church, Curraheen:** Friday 8pm  
Saturday 10am

Vigil Masses for Sunday will be celebrated at the usual times in all churches on Saturday evening.

**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

**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.

**PIONEERS:** The monthly meeting of St. John's Pioneer Centre will be held in the Parish Centre on Thursday March 8<sup>th</sup> at 8pm.

**ANAM CARA** Kerry, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> of March from 19:30 to 21:00 in Recovery Haven 5 Haig's Terrace, Killierisk, Tralee, Co. Kerry. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not.

**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 Harsken 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.

**KERRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA:** Led by Fr. Noel Spring. 11<sup>th</sup>—18<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:norady@premiertravel.ie) or telephone 021 4277700, or Maureen Harty on 066 7131328.

#### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

*It is foolhardy to try to decipher the ways of God. None of us has the power, the strength or the wisdom to truly make sense of the direction God calls us to take. Even when we try we fail to go one better than God. When we walk away from Him he calls us back somehow and sometimes so unexpectedly. Trust in God. He will never let you down.....*  
**Margaret Theresa Naughton**