



St. John's Parish, Tralee

18th March 2018

Fifth 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:

- ✚ **Michael Johnny O'Leary**, Reidy's Terrace, Rock Street and formerly of Kevin Barry Villas.
- ✚ **Tom O'Brien**, South Terrace, Basin View and formerly of Tonevane and Lohercannon.
- ✚ **Gerard Crowley**, Fenit.
- ✚ **Fr. John (Jack) Heffernan**, Our Lady of Fatima Home, Oakpark, and late of Main Street, Castleisland, and Paisley, Scotland. Reposing in the Chapel of Our Lady of Fatima Home, on Sunday evening from 6pm to 7pm followed by removal to Castleisland Parish Church. Requiem Mass on Monday at 11am. Burial afterwards in Kilbanivane Cemetery, Castleisland.
- ✚ **Thomas Bernard (Bernie) O'Connor**, Lartigue Village Listowel.

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

RECENT BAPTISMS

With great joy we welcome:

Ceoladh O'Sullivan

Jennifer Alison Twomey

into our Christian community.



RECENT WEDDINGS

Congratulations to:

Jeremiah Griffin and Anna Marie O'Connor

John O'Loughlin and Mary Purcell

who married in St. John's parish recently.

We pray that God will bless your marriage.



CONFIRMATIONS: will take place in St. John's Church in the coming week.

Thursday March 22nd 11am: Presentation, Gaelscoil Mhic Easmainn, Caherleaheen, Blennerville and Derryquay schools.

Friday March 23rd 11am: Moyderwell, C.B.S

Video recording or photography is not allowed during the actual ceremony. We wish every grace and blessing on those receiving their Confirmation and on those who helped prepare them.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: St John's Church: Adoration on Friday March 23rd will be from 2pm - 6.10pm due to Confirmations in the morning.

MONDAY March 19th is a Bank Holiday. Masses in St. John's Church will be at 10am and 6.10pm. The Parish Centre will be closed.

JOURNEYING TOGETHER AS FAMILY.

"Hidden Pearls — Revealing the gifts of people with disabilities in family and community". Maria Garvey

Monday March 26th 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.



THE ICON OF THE HOLY FAMILY:

Since last August the Icon of the Holy Family has been brought around various dioceses to encourage reflection and prayer as part of the preparation towards the World Meeting of Families in Dublin this August.

The Icon will be visiting St. John's Church

on the afternoon of Tuesday April 17th until the morning of Friday April 20th.

It will also visit:

St Mary's Church Listowel from Monday afternoon, April 9th to Wednesday morning April 11th.

Holy Cross Church, Kenmare, Wednesday afternoon, April 11th to Friday morning April 13th

St. Mary's Cathedral from Friday afternoon April 13th to Tuesday Morning April 17th.

MEETING OF MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARISTIC ST JOHNS CHURCH: will take place on Tuesday, 20th March at 7.30pm in St. John's Church to assign duties for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday and also to organise the procession on Palm Sunday.

ALTAR SERVERS FOR EASTER CEREMONIES IN ST. JOHN'S CHURCH: sign-up sheet is available in the sacristy for servers who wish to serve at the Easter Ceremonies. All serving must be able to attend rehearsals on the day.

Servers are needed for:

Holy Thursday (29th March) 6.10pm Mass (Rehearsal at 5.10pm)

Good Friday (30th March) 3.00pm Ceremony (Rehearsal at 2.00pm)

Holy Saturday (31st March) 9.00pm Mass (Rehearsal at 11am for 1 hour)

Please note - no 6.10pm Mass on Holy Saturday.

CURRAHEEN CHURCH CLOTH OF SUFFERING: A Cloth of Suffering will be created during the coming week and placed on the Cross on Good Friday. You are invited to place a piece of cloth, provided in the church in a basket in front of the altar, to represent your sufferings. Pieces of cloth will be in the church until Mon March 26th at noon.

DAWN MASS: Will be celebrated in Annagh Cemetery on Easter Sunday Morning at 6am to celebrate the Resurrection. All are welcome.

DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING COURSE for St. John's Parish. Both new members and those refreshing their skills are welcome to attend. Saturday April 28th 9.30am to 1.30pm in St. John's Parish Centre. If you are interested in attending please give your name to the Parish Centre.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PERMANENT DEACON? Bishop Ray Browne invites applicants interested in formation to become Permanent Deacons in the Diocese of Kerry. At present, five Deacons are in ministry in various parishes of the diocese and one man is in formation and due to be ordained as Deacon later this year. The diaconate is open to married men aged between 30 and 60 years of age and to unmarried men aged between 35 and 60 years of age. Deacons are self-supporting and continue in their family lives and secular employment. The programme of preparation and subsequent ministry are part-time. Initial contact should be made before the end of April so that the application process can be completed in June. The course of preparation begins in September 2018. It is probable that a course will not commence again in the province until 2021. For further information please contact your Parish Priest or the Diocesan Director for the Permanent Diaconate, Fr Nicholas Flynn- Tel: 064 6631168 diosec@dioceseofkerry.ie or visit www.catholicbishops.ie/diaconate

ROSARY AND PRAYER: for the life of the unborn and the faith in Ireland: Abbey Carpark (original site of the priory of the Dominicans in Tralee) this Sunday, March 18th at 2.30pm.

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.

BOOK LAUNCH in St Brendan's Pastoral Centre: Fr Pdraig Walsh, PP, will launch a new book on the Bible— **"For It IS Written"** - authored by Michael Culloty, after the 6.30pm Vigil Mass on Saturday night March 24th at 7:30pm, in the Pastoral Centre. All are welcome.

CORK MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND: The Cork International Hotel, 13th to 15th April. Telephone: 086 8334382 or 086 6095168 or visit www.marriageencounter.ie

KERRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: Led by Bishop Ray Browne. 2nd—7th September. Direct flights ex Kerry Airport. Further information from Mrs Janice O'Sullivan at 064 775 8219 or email joskdp@eircom.net

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE: 14th to 21st June from Shannon to Split Airport, from €719 per person, half board. Further information from Group Leader Maura Harsen 066 7127143. Spiritual Director Fr. Francis Nolan 066 7122522.

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 Maureen Harty on 066 7131328.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Try to get to know the Lord a little better this Lenten time. Spend some time reflecting upon who God is and how much He does for you. Try to reach out and invite Him into every little thing that you do. Be patient, be kind and show mercy to those who need your kind presence and when you do so paradoxically you are truly learning to know who God is. You are being held in the most secure hand of all.....Margaret Theresa Naughton