



St. John's Parish, Tralee

25th March 2018

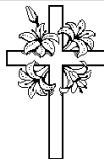
Palm Sunday

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:

- ✚ **Stephen Murphy**, Manor Drive.
- ✚ **Eibhilín Ward** née Ní Chléirigh, Surrey, England and late of Cloonbeg Terrace.
- ✚ **Ena (Catherine) McCarthy**, Elm Court and Ballyard House.



who died recently and for all those whose

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.

ST. JOHN'S PARISH FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

Copies of the 2017 Financial Statements have been distributed to homes in the Parish. Copies are available at the door of the Church or in the Parish Centre.

EASTER OFFERINGS: (Envelopes & Collection) The Easter Offerings Envelopes are being distributed to homes in the Parish. These offerings are for the support of the priests of the Parish. We thank you for returning these envelopes to the Parish Office or placing them in the Collection Plate. Those who do not receive an envelope will have a chance to support the Parish Clergy at the Second Collection taken up after Communion at the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Masses.

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, WASHING OF FEET ON HOLY THURSDAY:

If you would like to volunteer for the Washing of the Feet on Holy Thursday at 8pm in St. Brendan's Church, Curraheen, please contact Ann on 087 6177486 or any member of the Liturgy Group.

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 this Monday (March 26th) at noon.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:

St John's Church: There will be no Adoration this Friday, Good Friday.

St. Brendan's Church, Curraheen: every Monday from 10am to 12 noon.

ST. JOHN'S PARISH CENTRE will be closed on Friday next, Good Friday.

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.

THE CHRISM MASS: will take place on Tuesday evening March 27th at 7.00pm. There will be refreshments after the Mass in St. Brendan's College refectory. Everyone is welcome.

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

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

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

CORK MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND: The Cork International Hotel, 13th to 15th April. Marriage Encounter is a Weekend getaway experience for all married couples who want to rediscover the joy of Marriage. 086 8334382-086 6095168 - www.marriageencounter.ie

KERRY RIGHT TO LIFE: invites you to hear John Waters and guests speak about 'The Crisis of Democracy in Ireland' this Sunday, 25th March, at 6pm in Ballygarry House Hotel .

ANNUAL KERRY HOSPICE WALK will take place on Good Friday 30th March, Starting at 10am outside the Grand Hotel, Denny St. Tea & scones afterwards in hotel. All are welcome.

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 or see the noticeboard.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE: 14th to 21st 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.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The Lord has given each of us the gift of a disciples tongue. But what does this mean? It means that it is a gift given with a degree of caution and expectation. It means that it is something to be used wisely and not as freely as you might think! Such a gift asks in return that it is used to praise and not condemn; to advocate and not to blame; to support and not to chastise; to offer a kind word and not a flurry of harsh criticism. Think before you speak and you will never stray too far from the path of righteousness.....Margaret Theresa Naughton

RECENT BAPTISMS

With great joy we welcome:

- Isaiah Parker – O'Grady**
- Oran Keane – Brennan**
- Olivia Okanume**
- Ethan Flynn**



into our Christian community.

RECENT WEDDINGS

Congratulations to:

- Sean Farrell and Sinead Houlihan**
- Thomas Roche and Martha McMahon**
- Patrick Raymond and Collette Breslin**

who married in St. John's parish recently.

We pray that God will bless your marriage.



CONFESSIONS AFTER ALL MASSES this weekend, March 24th/25th, in St. John's, Curraheen and Immaculate Conception Churches. Confessions in St John's Church Holy Saturday from 12 to 5pm.

HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES: Leaflets with the times of the Ceremonies have been distributed to homes in the Parish. Copies are available at the door of the Church or in the Parish Centre

MORNING PRAYER: on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday will be in St. John's Parish Centre at 10am.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: with Tralee Youth Ministry Group on Good Friday at 7.30pm in St. John's Church.

DAWN MASS: Will be celebrated in Annagh Cemetery on Easter Sunday Morning at 6am to celebrate the Resurrection. In the event of inclement weather Mass will be celebrated in St. Brendan's Church, Curraheen. All are welcome.

CONGRATULATIONS: to the pupils from the primary schools of the parish who received their Confirmation this week. A special word of thanks to all who helped prepare the children for this very special event.



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 Mon. afternoon, April 9th to Wed. morning April 11th.

Holy Cross Church, Kenmare, Wed. afternoon, April 11th to Fri. morning April 13th

St. Mary's Cathedral from Fri. afternoon April 13th to Tues. Morning April 17th.



DUBLIN, IRELAND
WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES
22-26 AUGUST 2018

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

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,

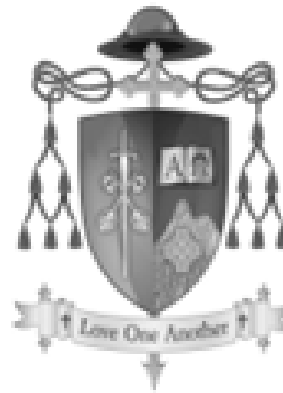
Especially those for whom we now pray:

[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.



Statement of Bishop Ray Browne on The visit of Pope Francis to Dublin , 25-26th August 2018.

On behalf of the diocese of Kerry I welcome confirmation that Pope Francis is to visit Ireland in August to participate in the World Meeting of Families. This month five years ago Pope Francis was elected. In those five years he has shown great vision and courage challenging the world by his teaching on environmental issues, world poverty, war and civil strife, the plight of migrants and many other issues. He is universally recognised as a courageous, challenging and effective moral leader. He has called on all Christians to be missionary disciples. Two key words he has repeatedly used are Joy and Mercy.

The World Meeting of Families aims to put the spotlight on and promote 'the Family' in every culture and economic circumstance on every Continent. It calls on all people of good will to promote, protect and support family life, to work for a world where every human being in every family has the means to live real family life: couples, children of all ages, grandparents, great-grandparents, single people, persons parenting on their own, the multitude of family members and situations. In "The Joy of Love" Pope Francis has written a most challenging and inspiring document on family life worldwide in our time.

I ask that all of us in the diocese reflect on the teachings of Pope Francis and the purpose of the World Meeting of Families. Why not have a look at the document? It is easily accessed on the internet. Details regarding local arrangements for attending the World Meeting of Families will be announced over the next six weeks or so.

Pope Francis regularly makes the request, "Pray for me". Over the next few months please pray for Pope Francis, for family life worldwide and for the success of the World Meeting of Families.

Bishop Ray Browne