



# St. John's Parish, Tralee

## 8<sup>th</sup> April 2018

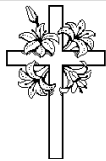
### Second Sunday of Easter—Divine Mercy Sunday

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:

- ✠ **Ann Carthew Gabriel** née Lawlor, Our Lady of Fatima Home, Oakpark and Portsmouth, England.
- ✠ **Joe Murphy**, Cockleshell Road, The Kerries
- ✠ **Joe Power**, Tobar Naofa, Dean's Lane, Tralee and formerly of Cloonafinneela, Kilflynn.
- ✠ **Deirdre (D. D.) Horan** née Sheehy, Beenoskee, Ballyard and formerly of Racecourse Lawn and Cloonmore Terrace. Reposing at the Gleasure Funeral Home on Sunday from 3pm to 5pm followed by removal to St. John's Church. Funeral Mass on Monday at 12 noon followed by burial in Kilmurry Cemetery, Cordal.



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

#### RECENT BAPTISMS

*With great joy we welcome:*

**Ada Ann Locke**  
**Ella O'Sullivan**

**Sean O'Connor** *into our Christian community.*



**BLESSING OF BABIES BAPTISED IN THE PARISH IN 2017:** at the 10.30am Mass in St. Johns Church next Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:** Devotions this Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, in St. John's Church at 2.45pm.

**DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING COURSE** for St. John's Parish. Both new members and those refreshing their skills are welcome to attend. Saturday April 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

**YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO TAIZÉ.** The Diocese of Kerry will take a group of 15 young pilgrims to Taizé, France on Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup> returning to Ireland on Sunday, July 8<sup>th</sup>. Taizé is a place of pilgrimage with a special welcome for young people. Accommodation in dormitories in Taizé. Meals will also be provided. Cost is €500.00. For more information please contact Tomás Kenny on 086 3683778 or tomaskenny@dioceseofkerry.ie or Application forms are available from the Parish Centre.

**PIONEERS:** The monthly meeting of St. John's Pioneer Centre will be held next Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 8pm in the Parish Centre.



#### 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**

**From the afternoon of Tuesday April 17<sup>th</sup> until the morning of Friday April 20<sup>th</sup>.**

It will also visit:

St Mary's Church Listowel from Mon. afternoon, April 9<sup>th</sup> to Wed. morning April 11<sup>th</sup>.  
Holy Cross Church, Kenmare, Wed. afternoon, April 11<sup>th</sup> to Fri. morning April 13<sup>th</sup>  
St. Mary's Cathedral from Fri. afternoon April 13<sup>th</sup> to Tues. Morning April 17<sup>th</sup>.

#### 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

**PARISH CANTOR WORKSHOP:** will take place at 7:30pm on Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup> in St. John's Parish Centre facilitated by Ailish O' Connor and Tomás Kenny. The focus will be on leading the congregation in song and music for the Easter Season. Cost is €10 per person. Contact Tomás Kenny, Diocesan Pastoral Team, on 086 3683778 or tomaskenny@dioceseofkerry.ie.

**ABBEYDORNEY/KILFLYNN PARISH MISSION:** with John Pridmore bestselling author of book 'From Gangland to Promised Land'. Mr. Pridmore, who underwent a major conversion from a life of crime to a full time involvement in a spiritual journey calling others to inner conversion. Mission at 7.30pm - Kilflynn from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April— Abbeydorney from Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April. Each night has a different theme with talks, prayer, music and a lot more.

#### NATIONAL GATHERING OF COUPLES FOR CHRIST:

Saturday April 21<sup>st</sup> 6.10pm Mass in St. John's Church, including the Couples for Christ Choir and 15 couples from the organisation renewing their vows. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Ray Browne.

#### CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS CONFERENCE 2018

organised by the Legion of Mary for 18-40 year olds in the Dominican Retreat Centre in Ennismore, Cork on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April from 9.15 a.m to 5.30 p.m. It includes talks, testimonies, workshop, lunch and Holy Mass. Cost is €20 and includes lunch.

**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).

**CONCERT FOR LIFE:** The Friary, Killarney, Sunday April 15<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm featuring talented musicians and soprano Laura O'Keeffe. After the concert there will be a voluntary collection in aid of Kerry Right to Life.

**ANAM CARA** Kerry, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> of April from 7:30pm to 9pm in Recovery Haven, 5 Haig's Terrace, Killierisk. 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. For more information see [anamcara.ie](http://anamcara.ie) or call our Information Line on 085 2888 888.

**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.



**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.

**BLOOD DONOR CLINIC:** 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> April. The Brandon Hotel, Tralee. 5pm – 8.30pm on Monday. 3pm – 5pm & 7pm – 9pm on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday. Blood Donation is essential to ensure Hospital Patients get the treatment they need. One Donation can save up to 3 Lives. Full details of all clinics and on Giving Blood can be found on [www.giveblood.ie](http://www.giveblood.ie) or by telephoning 021 4807400 or 1850 731 137.

#### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

*How happy are they who believe in the risen Christ! Theirs must certainly be the Kingdom of God! Faith and trust in God is such a wonderful grace. It has to be so reassuring to know that even in the dark and lonely days that the crucified and risen Christ walks by our side. In the highs and the lows of life hang on firmly to the precious gift of faith.....* **Margaret Theresa Naughton**