



# St. John's Parish, Tralee

15<sup>th</sup> April 2018

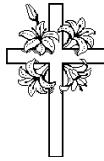
Third Sunday of Easter

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:

✠ Patrick McKenna, Meadowlands Estate and formerly of Rae, Kilflynn. *who died recently and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.*



### RECENT BAPTISMS

With great joy we welcome:

Sophie Murphy  
Tadhg Heaslip  
Guste Sergiyeva  
Tori Hannah Fitzgerald  
Melanie Wanní Kankaamge  
Benjamin Connaughton - Paric



*into our Christian community.*

### RECENT WEDDING

Congratulations to:

Steve Donegan and Susan Boyle

*who married in St. John's parish recently.  
We pray that God will bless your marriage.*



**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 Tazé, France on Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup> returning to Ireland on Sunday, July 8<sup>th</sup>. Tazé is a place of pilgrimage with a special welcome for young people. Accommodation in dormitories in Tazé. 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.

**LEGION OF MARY (ACIES)** Consecration to Our Blessed Lady. Wednesday April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in St. John's Parish Centre.

**PARISH CANTOR WORKSHOP:** on leading the congregation in song and music for the Easter Season. Facilitated by Ailish O' Connor and Tomás Kenny in St. John's Parish Centre at 7.30pm on Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. Cost is €10 per person. Contact Tomás Kenny, on 086 3683778 or tomaskenny@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 welcomed to St. John's Church at the 6.10pm Vigil Mass on Tuesday April 17<sup>th</sup> and will remain for viewing and prayer until after the 10am Mass on Friday April 20<sup>th</sup>.**

**St. John's Church will be open until 9pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.**

**Guided explanation and prayer on Wednesday and Thursday at 11.15am, 1.15pm and 2.15pm.  
Petition Box available**

*We welcome all families in a spirit of openness and acceptance to come aside, rest awhile and pray before the icon.*

### ARDFERT RETREAT CENTRE: 066 7134276.

**Protection of Life:** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Monday 11.00am-2.00pm.

**Lectio Divina:** Fr. Brendan Clifford OP, Thurs. April 26<sup>th</sup>, 7.00pm-8.30pm.

**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, Fri. 27<sup>th</sup> - Sun. 29<sup>th</sup> April. Book Now!

**GATHERING OF RETURNED VOLUNTEERS AND LAY/RELIGIOUS MISSIONARIES:** Join us for our next gathering which takes place on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm in the John Paul II Pastoral Centre, Rock Rd, Killarney. All are welcome. For more info email jim.farrell@amri.ie or phone/text 083 8422468

**'OUT OF WONDER':** A Day of Reflection with Nellie McLaughlin RSM, contemplating the evolving story of the universe – God's creative energy – as context for our lives, hopes, dreams and actions. Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April from 10am to 4pm (Registration from 9.30am) at Our Lady and St. Brendan's Pastoral Centre, Upper Rock St. Cost: €20 or (€15 concession) includes tea/coffee. Please bring a packed lunch. Booking essential. Contact Sylvia Thompson at sylviajms11@gmail.com or phone 085 863 2623 or Ann Fagan 064 6632381. Organised by the Kerry Christian Meditation Groups (John Main Tradition).

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



**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/Tickets](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)

**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).

**NATIONAL GATHERING OF COUPLES FOR CHRIST:** next 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.

**BLENNERVILLE PLAYSCHOOL:** Food Demonstration in association with Croi Restaurant. This fun-filled event is family-friendly, please bring the children along for the Cupcake Decorating Workshop in the adjacent playschool. Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 1pm in St. Brendans National School, Blennerville. Tickets available from the preschool cost only €10 for a couple or €15 for a family of four. Please contact Laura or Fiona on 086-3466115

**TRALEE COMMUNITY RESPONDERS:** Linked to the National Ambulance Service we respond to Chest Pains, Stroke, Choking or Cardiac Arrest within a 5 Km radius of Tralee. If interested in volunteering, visit [www.traleeresponders.com](http://www.traleeresponders.com) or email [traleeresponders@gmail.com](mailto:traleeresponders@gmail.com)

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

*Christ is our friend, our companion and our advocate. He is always with us walking by our side in good days and bad. He smiles when we smile and he wipes our tears away when we cry. He is an omnipresent friend whose kindness, compassion and mercy is reflected through the actions of those who love and care for us. Friendship can be such an unappreciated gift*