



St. John's Parish, Tralee

29th April 2018

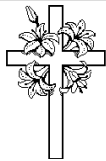
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Parish Centre Opening Hours: Monday - Saturday 9.15am - 1pm & 2pm - 4.45pm.
Tel: 066 7122522. Website: www.stjohns.ie E-mail: stjohnscastlestreet@eircom.net

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS IN THE DIOCESE OF KERRY:
DESIGNATED LIASON PERSON: 087 6362780

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- ✠ **Margaret O'Donnell**, née Higgins, The Kerries.
- ✠ **Paul O'Mahony**, Clash Road and Castlewood Park, Killerisk.
- ✠ **Michael Daly**, Balloonagh, Estate.
- ✠ **Niall Ryle**, Knockanish West, The Spa and formerly of Strand Street.



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



RESOURCES FROM THE IRISH BISHOPS on the upcoming referendum can be found on www.chooselife2018.ie with a weekly online newsletter and features.

From the Irish Bishops: **"We believe that human life is sacred from conception until natural death and that Article 40.3.3 (8th Amendment) reflects the appropriate balance of rights. We ask God's blessing and guidance on each member of our society in responding to the significant responsibility that we have to defend this right for the present generation and for the generations to come".**

Let us support the dignity due to every unborn child, and support every woman, couple, and family in a crisis pregnancy. Visit www.irishbishops.ie for the statement "Our Common Humanity", reaffirming their support for the equal right to life of the unborn.



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

RECENT BAPTISMS

With great joy we welcome:

- Emmanuel Martin**
- Max Davrisz Ignatowski**
- Donnacha Henry Leahy**
- Alicja Babij**
- Owen Dermot O'Sullivan**
- Georgia Belle O'Sullivan**



into our Christian community.

RECENT WEDDING

Congratulations to:

Kelvin Stone and Rachel O'Hara

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



FIRST COMMUNIONS:

Saturday May 5th:

✠ 10.30am St. John's Church: Presentation Primary.

Saturday May 12th:

✠ 10.30am St. John's Church: Gaelscoil Mhic Easmainn.

Saturday May 19th:

✠ 10.30am St. John's Church: Moyderwell Primary.
✠ 11am, St. Brendan's Church Curraheen.: Blennerville N.S.

Saturday May 26th:

✠ 10.30am St. John's Church. C.B.S. Primary School.

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

FIRST COMMUNION PARKING: We invite families for First Communion to park in the car park near the Church as the avenue and space in front of St. John's is a 'No Parking' area for safety and emergency reasons.

CONGRATULATIONS: to the pupils from Derryquay and Caherlaheen National Schools who received their First Holy Communion this weekend. A special word of thanks to all who helped prepare the children for this very special event.

FIRST FRIDAY: Next Friday, May 4th is the first Friday of the month. CONFESSIONS – Thursday 4.30pm – 5.30pm.

SATURDAY MORNING MASSES IN ST. JOHN'S CHURCH FOR THE MONTH OF MAY will be at 10.30am which will be First Communion Masses. There will be no 10am Mass.

PETER'S PENCE: The Annual Diocesan collection in aid of Peter's Pence will be taken up at all Masses this weekend (April 28th/29th) as a joint Offertory collection. This collection supports the ministry of the Pope in his task of uniting the many different strands of the church and enables the many charitable initiatives promoted by the Holy Father.

5 WAYS TO PRAY FOR (AND WITH) YOUR FAMILY!

As we prepare for Pope Francis' visit to the World Meeting of Families, why not join us as we explore old and new ways of prayer? Wednesday May 9th from 10am – 11.30am in the Parish Centre, Church of the Resurrection, Park Road, Killarney and again on Thursday 10th May from 10.30am – 12noon in St. John's Parish Centre, Tralee. Aileen Murphy and Frances Rowland from the Diocesan Pastoral Team will host a time of prayer and reflection.

ARDFERT RETREAT CENTRE: Self Care Day : "Tools to manage life's every day stressors", Facilitated by Anna O' Donoghue & Batty Garnett , Sat 26th May, 9.45am-4.00pm. Contact Anna 0879447105.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA ROSARY PROCESSION: Sunday May 6th at 2.15pm from Our Lady and St. Brendan's Church, Upper Rock Street to Dominican Holy Cross Church, Day Place.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA 5th - 13th May, Dominican, Holy Cross Church, Day Place. Preacher: Fr Pat Desmond OP. There will be 2 sessions daily at 11.00am and 7.30pm each day except on Sundays which will be at 3.00pm. Each day there will be a Rosary 15 minutes before each session and there will be confessions after each session (except on Sundays). On the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima (13th May) we will have the celebration of The Anointing of the Sick during the celebration of the Eucharist.

ANNUAL MAY PROCESSION IN RATH CEMETERY will take place on Sunday May 6th at 3pm.

NATIONAL PIONEER BALL: 5th May 2018, Treacy's Hotel, Carrickmacross. Music by Wildcats. Guest speaker Senator Frances Black. Tickets 087 2392993.

ACCORD invites applications for:

Certificate in Counselling (Marriage and Relationship), for the academic year 2018/2019. The Certificate, validated by St. Patrick's College Maynooth, is aligned to Level 8, 20 ECTS on the National Framework of Qualifications and is aimed at qualified, experienced counsellors/ psychotherapists who have: a Degree/Diploma in Counselling/Psychotherapy, Completed a minimum of 200 client hours and have a current supervised caseload and knowledge/experience of the Person Centred Approach.

Marriage Education Facilitators. There are no specific academic requirements. Training will be given to all successful applicants. ACCORD offer a Special Purpose Certificate Award from the Pontifical University St. Patrick's College, Maynooth Faculty of Theology to all who successfully complete this training.

Volunteers who are prepared to give some of their time with ACCORD in St. John's Parish Centre. Contact ACCORD Tralee on 066 7122280.

KERRY CAMINO: The annual 3 day walk of the Dingle Way from Tralee To Dingle takes place on the May Bank Holiday Weekend - Friday 4th (St. Johns Church, Tralee to Camp,) Saturday 5th (Camp to Annascaul) and Sunday 6th May (Annascaul to the Church of St. James, Dingle.) Visit www.kerrycamino.com for more information or if interested in participating in some or all of the walk.

SMARTER SLEEPING WORKSHOP: 4th May, from 9.15am to 12.45pm at Aras an Phobail, Deans Lane. To book your free place call 066 7180190

CAKE SALE: and Coffee Morning 11-4pm. Thursday May 10th in aid of our residents activities/outings. Tralee Community Nursing Unit, Teile Carrig, Killerisk Road, Tralee. Telephone: 066-7199273

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: Open Public Meeting on Monday April 30th, at 8.30pm in the Presentation, Prefabs, Upper Castle Street.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE: 14th to 21st 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.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

As a child of the truth try to have a faith that is alive and active. But what exactly does this mean? A faith that is alive and active is built entirely on love. It is also motivated by the hope that what we do can make the world a little bit better for those who struggle and worry. A faith that is real and heartfelt pushes us to go the extra mile for others even when it would be easier to give up and hand the fight to someone else. Is your faith something alive and active?

Margaret Theresa Naughton