



St. John's Parish, Tralee

6th May 2018

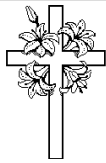
Sixth Sunday of Easter

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:

- ✠ **Gerard McCarthy**, Boherbee and Fairview, Dublin
- ✠ **Maureen Sheehan** née O'Sullivan, Dooneen, Castleisland.
- ✠ **Olive Friel** née Lyne, Gurrane.
- ✠ **Robert O'Dowd**, Lee Drive, Ballinorig.



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

RECENT BAPTISMS

With great joy we welcome:
Ciara Kelly and Mike Sheehy
into our Christian community.



FIRST COMMUNIONS:

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 Presentation Primary School 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.

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.

MONDAY MAY 7th is a Bank Holiday. Masses in St. John's Church will be at 10am and 6.10pm. The Parish Centre will be closed.

FAMILY MASS IN CURRAHEEN on Sunday May 27th at 11am with participation of pupils from Derryquay and Blennerville National Schools who recently received their First Communion



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.

At the invitation of Bishop Ray Browne, speakers from the Pro-Life movement will speak at all Masses in St. John's Parish this weekend, May 5th and 6th.

IN CURRAHEEN CHURCH on Sunday May 20th from 12 noon to 6pm **'A DAY OF PRAYER FOR LIFE'** with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Evening Prayer at 6pm. Welcome to join us for any part of the day.

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: Phone 066 7134276.

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

Adoration Diocesan Committee Annual Retreat Day: Thursday 31st May, 9.30am— 4.00pm.

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.

24 Hour ADORATION for Life and Ireland's decision in the Referendum—in the Church of the Resurrection Killarney commencing after 7.30pm evening vigil Mass on Saturday May 12th until 6pm on Sunday May 13th.

SEATS STILL AVAILABLE - PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE: 14th to 21st June from Shannon to Split Airport, from €719 per person. Please contact group leader, Maura Harksen 066 7127143 as soon as possible if you wish to travel.

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

REFERENDUM INFORMATION EVENING: Sunday 13th May at 7pm in the Killarney Heights Hotel. Speakers include Barrister Ben O'Flionn, Declan Ganley and Dr. Siobhan Crowley All are welcome to attend this event which is supported by Kerry Right To Life

PIONEERS: The monthly meeting of St. John's Pioneer Centre will be held on Thursday May 10th at 8pm in St. John's Parish Centre.

SILENCE IS GOLDEN: "From Birth to Death". Four women from Tralee have come together to make a short film on domestic violence. Tralee premier of the film in the Ballyroe Heights Hotel on Friday May 11th at 8pm followed by Lippy Sing. Tickets €15 from Miriam on 087 3678020 or Easons Tralee.

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

MITCHELS BOHERBEE CALENDAR: Celebrating local life and community As we are nearing completion of the Community Regeneration project we would like to celebrate women, local achievements, and community spirit in our calendar. If you would like to contribute or know someone else who would like to contribute Paula can be contacted on 087 7697243 or e-mail infomitchelsboherbee@gmail.com.

ANAM CARA, Parent Evening on Tuesday 8th of May 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,



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

PASTORAL MESSAGE BY BISHOP RAY BROWNE ON THE RIGHT TO LIFE OF THE UNBORN CHILD:

"So great is the value of human life, and so inalienable the right to life of an innocent child growing in the mother's womb, that no alleged right to one's own body can justify a decision to terminate that life ..." (Pope Francis, 'The Joy of Love' 83)

Every child is a gift from God. People of all faiths and none share the conviction that the unborn child has a right to life. There are many very difficult pregnancy situations. Our response is "Love them Both – Mother and Child".

There is much that is honourable in the fact that for 35 years our Constitution has acknowledged the "right to life of the unborn child". How heart-breaking and sad if our country votes to replace it with the phrase "Provision may be made in law for the regulation of termination of pregnancy"!

Let us be Pro Life in the Referendum. Let all our words be sensitive and kind. Please pray that the people of our country will choose to speak out in defence of life, the life of every innocent child growing in their mother's womb.

Copies of Bishop Ray's full statement are available at the door of the Church.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Imagine God doesn't have any favourites! That must mean that He sees us in a way that runs contrary to how the world sees us or perhaps even how we see ourselves! In a world that celebrates beauty and wealth it is quite reassuring to know that God's standards are different to ours. It is gratifying to know that even if we aren't wealthy or successful in human terms, that in divine terms we have beauty and riches in abundance.....

Margaret Theresa Naughton