



St. John's Parish, Tralee

13th May 2018

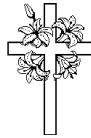
The Ascension of the Lord

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:

- ✠ **Eamonn O'Brien**, O'Rahilly's Villas.
- ✠ **Michael Cotter**, Ennis Road, Limerick and late of Reidy's Terrace, Rock Street.
- ✠ **Fran Morales**, Ballymacelligott.
- ✠ **John (Johnny) Baily**, Donnybrook, Dublin and formerly of Bayview, Ballyard, and Florida.
- ✠ **Martha Brassil**, Caherslee. Funeral Mass on Monday at 11am in Our Lady and St. Brendan's Church, followed by private cremation.
who died recently and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.



RECENT BAPTISMS

With great joy we welcome:

- Carly Sheridan**
- James Joseph Herlihy**
- Lauren Fitzgerald**
- Fiadh O'Connor**
- Chloe O'Connor** *into our Christian community.*



RECENT WEDDING

Congratulations to:

- Conor Hurley and Linda McCarthy**
who married in St. John's parish recently.
We pray that God will bless your marriage.



FIRST COMMUNIONS:

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 Gaelscoil Mhic Easmainn 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.

CHOOSE LIFE 2018.IE 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.

HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE: with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in St. John's Church, Saturday next, May 19th from 7-8pm.

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.

DIOCESAN COLLECTION: The annual collection for Education of Clergy will be taken up at all Masses next weekend, May 19th/20th as a joint Offertory Collection. The fund provides for the education of a future generation of priests whose ministry will continue to be vital in our Diocese.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION IN ST. JOHN'S CHURCH next Friday, May 19th will be from after the 10.00am Mass to 1pm and from 4pm to 6pm.

ALTAR SERVERS ST. JOHN'S CHURCH: Rota for all servers available from St John's Sacristy.

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 5.30pm. Welcome to join us for any part of the day.

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

ARDFERT RETREAT CENTRE: Phone 066 7134276.
Guided Holy Hour and Mass: Monday May 21st from 11am to 2pm. New Feast of Mary Mother of the Church. Celebrant Fr. Seán Sheehy.
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.

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.

DIOCESE OF KERRY CHOIR FOR PAPAL MASS: Members of parish choir are invited to form a special choir for the Papal Mass on Sunday Aug 26th in Phoenix Park, Dublin. 130 places have been allotted to our diocese and in the event of oversubscription, places will be allocated on a lottery basis. Contact Tomás at 086 3683778 or www.dioceseofkerry.ie

24 Hour ADORATION for Life and Ireland's decision in the Referendum—in the Church of the Resurrection Killarney until 6pm Sunday May 13th.

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. Supported by Kerry Right To Life.

MASS: in honour of St. Padre Pio will be celebrated in Our Lady and St. Brendan's Church at 6.30pm on Tuesday, May 15th.

KERRY BIODIVERSITY WEEK: 19th to 27th May. Full list of events on facebook. <https://www.facebook.com/kerrybiodiversityweek2018/>

TURAS OR PILGRIMAGE IN FENIT: Tuesday 15th May, the eve of St. Brendan's Day, at 7pm. Meet at the foot of the steps to the statue of St Brendan at the end of the pier. We walk to the entrance to Fenit Island- birthplace of St Brendan. Further Information: Sylvia Thompson- 085 863 2623

ACCORD invites applications for Certificate in Counselling (Marriage and Relationship), validated by St. Patrick's College Maynooth, aligned to Level 8, 20 ECTS and 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. Contact ACCORD Tralee on 066 7122280.



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 can be found on www.dioceseofkerry.ie

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Go out to the whole world and proclaim the good news of Christ! When it comes to it how many of us actually take heed of this call to service? How many of us have the bravery and the determination to stand up and be counted in a world that is often hostile to the Good News of Christ? How hard it can be to proclaim news that our friends and family sometimes do not want to hear! How challenging to take up the mantle, carry the Christian message and walk on! In these uncertain days try to be a little braver than usual.....
Margaret Theresa Naughton