



St. John's Parish, Tralee

20th May 2018

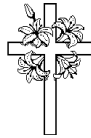
Pentecost Sunday

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:

- ✚ **Pat Joe Kearney**, Manor West and Formerly of Cloghers Ardferf.
- ✚ **Kevin Horan**, Fountain Court and formerly of St. John's Park.
- ✚ **Robert McEvoy**, Balloonagh Estate and formerly of Hawley Park
- ✚ **Monica O'Sullivan** née Fitzgerald, Castledemesne and formerly of Ballybunion.
- ✚ **Pedro Guardiano**. Phillipines.
who died recently and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.



STATEMENT FROM BISHOP RAY: A Word of Thanks and Encouragement. *The right to life of the unborn child*

I thank the people and parishes of our diocese for the positive response I received to my Pastoral Message released two weeks ago. I am full of admiration for all who are involved in campaigning for the right to life of the unborn child. Also thanks to everyone for debating and discussing the issue gently, respectfully and sensitively.

In recent weeks my thoughts have returned again and again to what "Doctors for Life" are saying. I believe it contains the key to this Referendum: *"In every case I am dealing with two patients, the pregnant woman and the unborn child. Both are my patients. I cannot be involved in the death of one of them. Termination of pregnancy is not health care."*

If the Referendum is passed the government's proposed legislation is extreme. I believe it will introduce a system similar to Britain where many claim that 90% of babies aborted are healthy babies.

I am voting 'NO' next Friday. I encourage, you to do the same. Please pray that the people of our country will choose to vote 'NO', thus honouring and defending the life of every unborn child.

I conclude with the words of Pope Francis: *"no alleged right to one's own body can justify a decision to terminate the life of an innocent child growing in the mother's womb"*.

Bishop Ray Browne. Diocese of Kerry. Pentecost Sunday 2018

Further copies of this statement are available at the door of the Church.

FUNDRAISING CONCERT with Mike Denver and featuring Lisa McHugh at the Square, Brosna on Friday July 13th. Opens at 6pm, concert begins at 7pm. All proceeds in aid of Brosna Church restoration fund. Tickets €25 on sale from St. John's Parish Centre.

CAKE SALE in aid of Derryquay National School on Sunday next May 27th after the 11am Mass in The Community rooms in Curraheen Church.

RING OF KERRY CYCLE: Do you know anyone interested in cycling the Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle? Kerry Diocesan Youth Service is asking people to join #teamKDYS. Please contact ringofkerry@kdys.ie or 086 8411297

ALL IRELAND ROSARY RALLY, Knock Shrine, Saturday June 2nd. Bus from Castleisland at 7am. Contact For more information contact Joan on 066 7147494, 087 7509157 or Tom on 066 7141541 or 086 8380406.

IRISH WHEELCHAIR ASSOCIATION are holding their National Bag Pack in your local Tesco store on Friday 6th & Saturday 7th July. Can you volunteer just 2 hours? Register to volunteer at www.iwa.ie/tesco or call 046 9072539.

AUTISM: "Let me grow my own way". A conference hosted by Studio 3 Kerry at the Rose Hotel, Dan Spring Road. Cost €90 or €30 for family, carers or individuals with autism. Phone 066 7128872 for further information.

IRISH CANCER SOCIETY TRALEE BRANCH: would like to thank those who contributed so very generously to the recent Daffodil Day Collection and to the volunteers to gave their time so generously. The total collected in Tralee was €19,196.

RECENT BAPTISM

With great joy we welcome:
Clíodhna Denise O'Keeffe
into our Christian community.



PRAYER FOR LIFE:

HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE: with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in **ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, this Saturday May 19th from 7-8pm.**

'A DAY OF PRAYER FOR LIFE' IN CURRAHEEN CHURCH this Sunday, May 20th from 12 noon to 6pm with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Rosary at 3pm and Evening Prayer at 5.30pm. Welcome to join us for any part of the day.

DIOCESAN COLLECTION: The annual collection for Education of Clergy will be taken up at all Masses this 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.

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

AREA MASSES: Communities interested in organising an Area Mass for their neighbourhood are asked to contact their local priest through the Parish Centre (066 7122522) to make the necessary arrangements. The following area Masses have already been scheduled:

- Kerins Park:** Tuesday May 22nd at 7pm.
- Racecourse Lawn:** Monday May 28th at 7.30pm.
- Oakpark Demesne:** Wed. May 30th at 7.30pm
- Ashgrove:** Friday June 15th at 7pm.
- O'Rahilly Villas:** Friday July 6th at 7.30pm
- Ballinorig:** Monday July 9th at 7.30pm.

THE WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES: Information will be available in the next few weeks about tickets for Pope Francis's Mass this summer and about transport from Tralee. Details will be announced in our parish newsletter in due course.

DIOCESE OF KERRY CHOIR FOR PAPAL MASS: Members of parish choirs 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

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.

FIRST COMMUNIONS: **Saturday May 26th:** at 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 Moyderwell Primary and Blennerville N.S. 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.

NINE DAYS OF PRAYER, NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART. Thursday May 31st to Friday June 8th at 6.10pm each evening in St. John's Church. Novena Prayers and reflection at Mass each evening. Service of Reconciliation with Confessions (no Mass) on the Sunday evening. Blessing of Sacred Heart images and consecration of homes on Friday 8th June. All welcome.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Give ear to The Lord your God as he is the source of your salvation! It is he who is your advocate, your guide and your constant companion. The Lord will feed you when you are hungry and give you plenty to drink when you are thirsty. It is he who sends you help, support and guidance at the strangest of times and in the most amazing of ways. Stop, reflect and give thanks for all that is good in your life this day.....

Margaret Theresa Naughton