



St. John's Parish, Tralee

19th August 2018

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

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:

- ✦ **Sean Patrick Moran**, Ballyrickard Court.
- ✦ **John Brendan Stack**, Doon, and formerly of Dublin and Spain.
- ✦ **Philomena Noonan**, Princes's St., Tralee. Memorial Mass on Saturday 25th August in St. John's at 10.00am followed by burial of ashes.
- ✦ **Brendan Houlihan**, Nass, Co. Kildare & formerly of Lixnaw.



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

RECENT BAPTISMS

With great joy we welcome:

**Chloe Cronin, Arya McHugh,
Karter Byrne, Skyler Byrne,
Thomas Cournane & Méabh Quinn**



into our Christian community.

AREA MASS:

Communities 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.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES: An Opening Time of Prayer for World Meeting of Families 2018 will take place across all 26 Dioceses of Ireland on the evening of Tuesday 21st August. In our Diocese, we will celebrate an Opening Mass in St. Mary's Cathedral at 6.15pm. A choir of over 100 people from parishes in all parts of the diocese (who will be part of the great choir in the Phoenix Park) will participate.

GRANDPARENTS PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK: Sunday September 9th. Bus leaving Tralee at 7.30am. Contact O'Sheas of Kerry on 066 7180123 to book your place.

ACCORD TRALEE: in St. John's Parish Centre are seeking volunteers to work for a few hours in the evenings, Monday to Friday. For further information please contact Fr. Francis Nolan in St. John's Parish Centre on 066 7122522 or the Accord Centre on 066 7122280.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE: 12th to 19th September, departing from Shannon. Cost €709 per person sharing. Contact Bridie McCarthy on 087 665 4296 for further details.

CURRAHEEN CHURCH COMMUNITY ROOM

EXTENSION: Pope Francis has sent special greetings to St. John's Parish on this the year of the World Meeting of Families and prays his blessings on the extension room project in Curraheen Church. A letter from the Vatican together with a gift of a special cross has been received from Rome and will be placed in the new room which we expect to have completed in the very near future.

PADRE PIO 50TH ANNIVERSARY PILGRIMAGE: Fr. Pat Crean-Lynch has organised a pilgrimage to Italy from 21st—28th September, which will include two nights in Assisi, three nights in San Giovanni Rotondo and two nights in Rome. For more information or to obtain a booking form contact Fr. Pat on 087 6709491 or Joe Walsh Tours on 01 2410816.

BLENNERVILLE, DERRYMORE, COMMUNITY FIRST

RESPONDERS: are now "live" to assist the National Ambulance Service on emergency callouts. Thanks to our volunteers and all who made this possible. This local CFR group are trained to deal with instances of cardiac arrest, chest pain, stroke or choking. There will be opportunity for fully accredited CFR training in the coming weeks. No prior experience or training required. To register your interest or find out more about the scheme contact 0863085390 or email: BlennervilleDerrymore.cfr@gmail.com

ROGER CASEMENT GATHERING historical lecture entitled 'Giolla Gan Eagla: Fr. William Ferris - fearless stalwart of the War of Independence in Kerry' by Brendan McCarthy in the Meadowlands Hotel, Tralee on Friday 24th August at 7.30pm.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE BLIND NEEDS YOU!

Can you spare a couple of hours and help out at your local Tesco for the NCBI National Tesco Bag Pack on Saturday 25th August 2018? If you and / or your friends and family have time to spare, please get in touch with fundraising@ncbi.ie / 01 882 1970

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

When you eat the Bread of Life you are being gifted with the love, mercy, compassion and forgiveness of a loving God. In return try to live a life worthy of your calling. Try to be mindful of others in how you think, speak and act. Never act with scorn or contempt towards others but instead walk with them with kindness, empathy and love...

Margaret Theresa Naughton.



DUBLIN, IRELAND
WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES
22-26 AUGUST 2018

PASTORAL MESSAGE FROM BISHOP RAY BROWNE

The World Meeting of Families (WMOF 2018), this week.

Over 11,000 people from 116 countries will be coming to Ireland for the five day event of WMOF 2018 beginning this Wednesday. In many cases whole families will be coming. From our diocese 236 people have signed up as volunteers and 130 are rehearsing to be part of the choir at the final Mass.

I urge all of us to join in participation in the WMOF 2018 and in the visit of Pope Francis. Please do so whether you travel to Dublin or Knock or remain at home. Thanks to RTE, (both T.V. and Radio) and to all the social media outlets you can join in from your own home. Look up the programme schedule well in advance. Watch it with other family members.

The WMOF asks us to reflect on 'family'. The visit of the Pope asks us to reflect also on our faith in God, - God who through Jesus Christ has revealed himself to us as at the heart of everything in our world.

Think of 'family' worldwide: rich and poor; in all nations, cultures and faiths; all ages from new born children to those past their hundredth birthdays. As you think of family think of your own family back through recent generations. Remember the joys and sorrows, the births and deaths, the family celebrations, and the healings and recoveries after sad losses. I find myself reflecting on my own family at this time. This month one hundred years ago my father was born. Give thanks for all the life and love in your family through recent generations. Recommit to always giving personal priority to family.

Pope Francis has written five major documents over the past five years (e.g. 'Laudato Si' on the environment, 'the Joy of Love' on love in the family). Why not read one of them in honour of his visit, they are available free online or to purchase. Ponder the truth of the following four quotes from 'the Joy of Love':

The welfare of the family is decisive for the future of the world and that of the Church. (31)

Even so, the home continues to be the place where we learn to appreciate the meaning and beauty of the faith, to pray and to serve our neighbour (287)

Handing on the faith presumes that parents themselves genuinely trust God, seek him and sense

their need for him... (287)

(Regarding families and marriage) we also find it hard to make room for the consciences of the faithful, who very often respond as best they can to the Gospel amid their limitations, and are capable of carrying out their own discernment in complex situations. (37)

With Pope Francis let this be a special week in all our homes. Ponder, pray for, and work for 'family life', and for living 'the Christian life of faith, hope and love'. All are welcome to join us in Killarney Cathedral this Tuesday evening at 6.15pm to celebrate a special Mass to mark the opening of WMOF 2018.

+ Ray Browne: - Feast of the Assumption 2018

FAMILY PRAYER

God, our Father,
We are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son, one family, in the Spirit of your love.
Bless us with the joy of love.

Make us patient and kind, gentle and generous, welcoming to those in need.
Help us to live your forgiveness and peace.
Protect all families with your loving care, Especially those for whom we now pray:
We pause and remember family members and others by name/.

Increase our faith, strengthen our hope, keep us safe in your love,
Make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share.

This we ask, through Christ our Lord,
Amen.

Mary, mother and guide, pray for us.
Saint Joseph, father and protector, pray for us.

Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for us.
Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, pray for us.

BUSES TO THE WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES CLOSING MASS:

Our bus is now full and will leave from the Bus Station, John Joe Sheehy Road at 5.30am on Sunday August 26th.