



St. John's Parish, Tralee

23rd September 2018

Twenty-Fifth 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:

- ✦ **Emmet Kennelly**, Staughton's Row.
- ✦ **James (Jamsie) O'Gorman**, Cloonbeg and New Jersey USA. Requiem Mass on Saturday September 29th at 12 noon in St. John's Church, followed by burial of ashes in Old Rath Cemetery.
- ✦ **Betty O'Brien** (nee Culloty) of the Spa and formerly of Gortatlea, *who died recently and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.*



RECENT BAPTISMS:

With great joy we welcome:

Charlotte Sophia Silva
Niall Corner

into our Christian community.



BLESSING OF SCHOOLBAGS—

this Sunday September 23rd at:
10am in The Church of the Immaculate Conception, Rathass.
11am in St Brendan's Church, Curraheen
12 noon in St John's Church.

FIRST COMMUNION DATES FOR 2019:

Saturday May 4th: C.B.S. Primary, 10.30am St. John's Church.

Blennerville N.S. 11am, St. Brendan's Church Curraheen.

Saturday May 11th: Gaelscoil Mhic Easmainn. 10.30am St. John's Church

Saturday May 18th: Presentation Primary. 10.30am St. John's Church:

Derryquay N.S. 11am St. Brendan's Church, Curraheen:

Caherleaheen N.S. 11am Church of the Immaculate Conception:

Saturday May 25th:
Moyderwell Primary, 10.30am St. John's Church

MERCY DAY: and the opening of the school year will be celebrated by pupils, staff, parents and friends of Moyderwell Primary School at the 10am Mass in St. John's Church on Monday next September 24th.

AREA MASS: Castelcountess in the Side Chapel St. John's Church. Wednesday September 26th at 7pm.

EVER FELT DRAWN TO OR CURIOUS ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH? Do you know someone who is drawn to or curious about the Catholic faith? Perhaps you are married to a Catholic but do not share their faith, or you may have been baptised but never got the chance to receive Communion or to be confirmed? If so, RCIA might be just what you are looking for. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults [RCIA] is a parish process of invitation and welcome for those who would like to explore being members of our faith community. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Parish Centre during office hours.

SEASON OF CREATION: The Season of Creation is the time from September 1st to October 4th when Christian churches around the world focus on prayer and action to protect the natural world or creation, and could be described as the Churches' Eco Time. Join us in celebrating the Season of Creation across the Diocese of Kerry. Our theme for 2018 is: **'Be part of the solution to plastic pollution'**. You can find out more at www.dioceseofkerry.ie.

ARDFERT RETREAT CENTRE (066 7134276)

What does God want me to do with my life? Fr. Sean Sheehy, Wednesday. September 26th, 7.30pm-9.00pm.

Parental Grief Retreat: Caroline Ni Dhuinn, Emmaus Ministry for Grieveing Parents USA, Saturday, September 29th, 9.00am-6.00pm. www.emfgp.org to register or call 7125129.

Celebrate your Faith with videos-Thomas Merton, Dietrich Bonhoeffer & others. Elizabeth Gilmartin, Mondays 7.30-9.00pm starts 15th October.

Jesus & the Gospels (Denis McBride) Programme: Elizabeth Gilmartin, Tuesdays 2.30-4.00pm starts 16th October.

LEGION OF MARY: Meetings are held in St. John's Parish Centre at 2.30pm each Monday. Please join us. All welcome

THE LATIN SUNDAY MASS: in Tralee will be held in Immaculate Conception Church, Rathass at 12.30 PM on Sunday 30th September. The celebrant will be Fr. Sean Sheehy. Mass Booklets and missalettes will be available in the Church. All are welcome.

CHANGE OF DATE FOR DIOCESAN WORKSHOP FOR CHOIRS: Due to unforeseen circumstances, Ms. Veronia McCarron has had to postpone the choir workshop previously planned for October 2nd. She will now present the workshop on Tuesday, October 16th 2018 in the John Paul II Pastoral Centre, Killarney at 7.00pm. The focus will be on choral direction, vocal technique and conducting and is aimed at choir members and choir directors. Contact Tomás Kenny on 086 3683778 or email tomaskenny@dioceseofkerry.ie for more information. The cost of the workshop is €10.00 per choir member.

KINGDOM GOSPEL CHOIR: will resume rehearsals on Friday, September 28th at 8pm in the John Paul II Pastoral Centre, Rock Road, Killarney. New members are very welcome. Contact Caoimhe on 087 0669858

LECTIO DIVINA – HOLY READING There will be six weeks of Lectio Divina, - a method of prayerful meditation on Scripture, Wednesday 11am to 12.15pm, starting 17th October. Facilitator Anne Alcock. Venue and contact details to follow.

ST MICHAEL'S WELL LIXNAW: ANNUAL MASSES Friday 28th September. First Mass at 12 noon and second Mass 7.30pm.

NATIONAL REFLECTION DAY ON LAUDATO SÍ: Saturday 29th September. Ranehan Hall, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth. 10am – 4.30pm. Light lunch provided. Voluntary contribution of €10 welcome on the day. RSVP to anna.keegan@iecon.ie. Organised by the Laudato Sí Working Group of the Council for Catechetics with the support of Trócaire.

FILM SHOWING: in Kerry Life and Family Centre (in lane behind the Imperial Hotel, Denny Street) at 7.30pm on Monday September 24th. Admission Free.

ROSARY ON THE COAST FOR LIFE AND FAITH: Sunday October 7th at 2.30pm. For more information or to sign up a location contact us by phone at 087 27865532 or visit www.coastalrosaryireland.ie, or email us at: coastalrosaryireland@gmail.com

ADULT LITERACY CLASSES: free & confidential help with reading, writing and spelling. Learn at your own pace with an understanding tutor. Phone Maeve at Kerry ETB for a chat on 086 7969624

THE JOY OF LOVE IN MARRIAGE: A Marriage Enrichment Weekend offers married couples (of all age ranges) private time to rekindle the joy of their love. The next Weekend (residential) will be from 16th -18th November 2018 at The Lake Hotel, Killarney. For info. and to book, visit www.marriage-encounter.ie or call 086-6095168 or 064-6644319

CORK AUTISM CONFERENCE 2018 - Re-Thinking Autism - A Positive and Integrative Approach, Sunday September 30th, Rochestown Park Hotel, Douglas, Cork. Conference provides a unique forum for Parents, Families, Caregivers, Adults with ASD, Employers, Educators, Professionals, Agencies, Advocates and anyone with an interest in autism and Aspergers Syndrome. All are welcome. More info here: www.bookwhen.com/corkautism or call 089 239 8900

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL: Please don't hesitate to contact us. 24 Hour Emergency Mobile 087 7848825 or Office 066 7128021

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

I guess we all get caught up at times with the things that are of little or no importance.

We can all lose track of the values we have grown up with or the ideals we have inherited. In a world that celebrates beauty and power and celebrity we can become eager to become the best, the richest, the greatest. Instead of striving for perfection perhaps it might be more useful to strive for acceptance of the imperfect self?

Margaret Theresa Naughton.