



St. John's Parish, Tralee

10th February 2019

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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:

- ✦ **Maurice (Mossie) O'Connor**, Lohercannon
- ✦ **Kathleen O'Brien** née O'Brien, Spa Road.
- ✦ **Agnes McGing** née Foley, West Sussex, England and Kerry
- ✦ **Sr. Josephine O'Shea**, London and formerly of Kells, Co. Kerry

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



CAPITAL FUND ENVELOPES: New boxes of envelopes for the coming year are available for collection at the Parish Centre. If possible please bring in the top of the old box with the number on it. Contributing weekly by means of our envelope system is of great benefit to the parish and we invite interested parishioners to contact the Parish Centre to receive a box of envelopes or get further information.

BOOKLET ON ST. JOHN'S CHURCH: entitled: 'Church of St. John the Baptist, Tralee - A Visitors Guide' is available at €5 at the Parish Centre. This forty-page colour illustrated booklet outlines the history of St. John's from the mid-nineteenth century to the present, including detailed descriptions of the architecture, stonework, stained glass, mosaic and sculpture in the church.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

St. John's Church:
every Friday from 10.30am to 6.10pm
St. Brendan's Church, Curraheen:
every Monday from 10am to 12 noon.

EMERGENCY CALLS: for weekends (Friday evening, Saturday & Sunday, will be covered by the priests of the Pastoral Area (St. John's, St. Brendan's, Spa/Fenit). The priest on duty can be contacted on 087 2069656.

ARDFERT RETREAT CENTRE (066 7134276)

Christian Spiritual Development Course -The Beatitudes: Fr. Sean Sheehy - Wednesdays - 7.00pm to 8.30pm.

Life in the Spirit: Moss & Janice Carrig - Tuesdays - starts Feb. 19th - 7.30pm to 9.00pm.

Gathering for all diocesan readers and parish personnel: Bishop (Emeritus) Bill Murphy, Thurs. 21st Feb. 7.30pm.

PIONEERS: The next meeting of St. John's Pioneer Centre will take place in the Parish Centre on Thursday February 15th at 8pm.

PIONEERS: who have completed 25, 50, 60 or more years membership of the Pioneer Association will be presented with pins and certificates at the 6.10pm Vigil Mass in St. John's Church on Saturday March 2nd. If you qualify please give your name and payment for pin and certificate into St. John's Parish Centre as soon as possible. Closing date Wednesday February 20th.

LECTIO DIVINA: A way of praying and meditating with Scripture. 6 WEDNESDAYS - Starting Ash Wednesday 6th March, 11 am -12.15 pm in Franciscan Friary Chapel, Killarney. Contact Facilitator: Anne Alcock 087-6176193. Places limited.

PRAYING WITH THE GOSPELS THROUGH LENT: Would you like to pray more deeply with the Gospels during Lent? You are warmly invited to a morning with Fr. Seamus O'Connell, Professor of Sacred Scripture, Maynooth, and Kerry, in St. Brendan's Pastoral Centre, Upper Rock Street, Tralee on Saturday 23rd February (10am -12.30). Registration at 10am, starting at 10.15am sharp. Please phone St. Brendan's 066- 7125932 to register. Suggested offering of €5. Organised by the St. Brendan's Parish weekly Lectio Divina group. Everyone is welcome.

MASS: in honour of St. Padre Pio will be celebrated in Our Lady and St. Brendan's Church at 6.30pm on Tuesday, February 12th

KERRY LIFE AND FAMILY: are holding a Rosary of Reparation in the Square, Tralee on Wednesday February 13th at 12.30pm. All welcome.

FRIENDS OF CUAN MHUIRE: A centre of Hope, Welcome and Support for: individuals, concerned families, those who have completed the recovery programme and those in need of help as a result of addiction. Come and see. Enjoy a coffee or tea. A listening ear could calm your fear. 21A Strand Street. Open Monday to Saturday from 10am to 5pm. Phone 087 366 5003.

DAYS OF RECOLLECTION: Saturday 23rd February 2019. The theme this month is: *The Beatitudes*, at St. Benedict's Priory, The Mount, Cobh, Co. Cork. Begins at 9am with Holy Mass and Adoration. First talk at 11.00am. Day ends with tea at 3.30. Lunch provided. Donations welcome to cover costs. To book your place or to arrange to stay in our retreat house at any time, please contact: Mother Prioress: 021 4811 354 cobhtyburnconvent@gmail.com

TRALEE BRANCH OF IRISH GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND: are holding a night of music and dancing on Saturday February 16th in Meadowlands Hotel. Tickets €15 available at door, 8.30 pm till late. Music by Nitelife. All welcome. Your support is very much appreciated.

SOUTH KERRY BRANCH PARKINSON'S ASSOCIATION: meets monthly in the Pastoral Centre, Church of the Resurrection, Park Road, Killarney. Meeting this Monday evening 11th February 7.00pm - 9.30pm. Everyone welcome.

ANAM CARA KERRY: the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Bereavement Information Evening on Tuesday 12th February at 7:20pm in the Meadowlands Hotel. This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents. As Anam Cara will need to confirm numbers for teas, coffees, etc, please RSVP to info@anamcara.ie before Monday 11th February or call the Information Line on 085 2888 888.

OXFAM IRELAND Charity Shop are looking for volunteers. Please contact Eileen or call in store if you a few hours to help us. Phone: 0667127655

LIVING WITH TYPE 2 DIABETES? Let us help. Book a place on our FREE HSE Diabetes course (running once a week for 6 weeks for 2 ½ hours each week). The course is run by HSE Community Dietitians. Visit www.hse.ie/xpert or call 087 673 4035 to book a place on an upcoming course in Tralee.

KERRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA: Led by Fr. Noel Spring. May 10th—17th 2019. Enquiries to Premier Travel 021 4277700, email norady@premiertravel.ie or Maureen Harty on 066 7131328

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE: Group Leader Maura O'Keefe Harksen accompanied by Fr. Francis Nolan. September 10th 2019—7 nights in guesthouse close to St. James' Church. Flights ex Cork airport. For information contact 066 7127143 or 087 1517696.

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

MASS LEAFLETS: In the interest of keeping the Church tidy we would ask you to take the Mass leaflet home with you or place it at the end of the seat after Mass.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

Even though at times we appear to labour in vain, when nothing goes right for us or when life simply cannot get any worse, try not to lose heart or hope. The Lord blesses each of his people and therefore try to remember that in the midst of the darkness light always comes, that even sorrow or disappointment can bring new hope and understanding.

Margaret Theresa Naughton.

RECENT BAPTISMS:

With great joy we welcome:

Heidi Marguerite Dunne
Rosie Hurley

into our Christian community.



RECENT WEDDING

Congratulations to:

Damien O'Sullivan and Ciara O'Callaghan

who married in St. John's parish recently.

We pray that God will bless your marriage.



WORLD DAY OF THE SICK AND THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES:

Mass, with Anointing of the Sick and a Blessing for their carers will be celebrated in St. John's Church this Monday February 11th at 3.00pm. Refreshments will be served in the Parish Centre after Mass. All welcome.

DIOCESAN COLLECTION FOR LOURDES HELPERS:

Volunteer helpers will speak at all Masses this weekend (February 9th/10th) and will welcome donations after Mass. This collection supports volunteer carers and nursing staff who provide full time assistance to 50 or so assisted pilgrims each year. The Carers are responsible for the physical, emotional and social needs of the assisted pilgrims for the entire week and are on duty from 6am till 11pm daily.

FAREWELL PARTY IN HONOUR OF FR. PIOTR DELIMAT:

A Farewell Party in his honour will be held in St. John's Parish Centre on Thursday 7th March at 7.30pm. A presentation will be made to Fr. Piotr on the night. If you would like to contribute please put your donation in the envelope available at the back of the Church and return it to the Parish Office. We also hope that you will be able to join us for the function. For catering purposes, we would be grateful if you would let the Parish Centre know if you are attending.