



St. John's Parish, Tralee

22nd April 2018

Fourth Sunday of Easter—Day of prayer for vocations

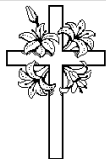
Parish Centre Opening Hours: Monday - Saturday 9.15am - 1pm & 2pm - 4.45pm.
Tel: 066 7122522. Website: www.stjohns.ie E-mail: stjohncastlestreet@eircom.net

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS IN THE DIOCESE OF KERRY:
DESIGNATED LIASON PERSON: 087 6362780

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

✠ **Kathleen Taylor** née Slattery,
Caheranne Village and formerly of
Raemore Kielduff.

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



RECENT BAPTISMS

With great joy we welcome:

Daire Kelliher
Lorik Cenalia – Jozefine
Albi Gaxha – Eriola



Mario, Nelly, Jason, Marcus & Mellissa Mia Tomko
into our Christian community.

RECENT WEDDING

Congratulations to:

Declan Gilbert and Laura Moriarty.

*who married in St. John's parish recently.
We pray that God will bless your marriage.*



FIRST COMMUNIONS:

Saturday April 28th:

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

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

Saturday May 5th:

✠ 10.30am St. John's Church: Presentation Primary.

Saturday May 12th:

✠ 10.30am St. John's Church: Gaelscoil Mhic
Easmainn.

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.

PETER'S PENCE: The Annual Diocesan collection in aid of Peter's Pence will be taken up at all Masses next weekend (April 28th/29th) as a joint Offertory collection. This collection supports the ministry of the Pope in his task of uniting the many different strands of the church and enables the many charitable initiatives promoted by the Holy Father.

DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING COURSE for St. John's Parish. Both new members and those refreshing their skills are welcome to attend. Saturday April 28th 9.30am to 1.30pm in St. John's Parish Centre. If you are interested in attending please give your name to the Parish Centre.

5 WAYS TO PRAY FOR (AND WITH) YOUR FAMILY! As we prepare for Pope Francis' visit to the World Meeting of Families, why not join us as we explore old and new ways of prayer? Wednesday May 9th from 10am – 11.30am in the Parish Centre, Church of the Resurrection, Park Road, Killarney and again on Thursday 10th May from 10.30am – 12noon in St. John's Parish Centre, Tralee. Aileen Murphy and Frances Rowland from the Diocesan Pastoral Team will host a time of prayer and reflection.

YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO TAIZÉ. The Diocese of Kerry will take a group of 15 young pilgrims to Taizé, France on Sunday, July 1st returning to Ireland on Sunday, July 8th. Taizé is a place of pilgrimage with a special welcome for young people. Accommodation in dormitories in Taizé. Meals will also be provided. Cost is €500.00. For more information please contact Tomás Kenny on 086 3683778 or tomaskenny@dioceseofkerry.ie or Application forms are available from the Parish Centre.

PARISH CANTOR WORKSHOP: on leading the congregation in song and music for the Easter Season. Facilitated by Ailish O' Connor and Tomás Kenny in St. John's Parish Centre at 7:30pm on Thursday, April 26th. Cost is €10 per person. Contact Tomás Kenny, on 086 3683778 or tomaskenny@dioceseofkerry.ie.

ARDFERT RETREAT CENTRE: 066 7134276.

Protection of Life: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Monday 11.00am-2.00pm.

Lectio Divina: Fr. Brendan Clifford OP, Thurs. April 26th, 7.00pm-8.30pm.

Becoming a Caring Presence in Today's World: Noticing and Nurturing Important Feelings in Our Body, Presented by John Keane, European Director of the BioSpiritual Institute, Fri. 27th - Sun. 29th April. Book Now!

ANNUAL MAY PROCESSION IN RATH CEMETERY will take place on Sunday May 6th at 3pm.

NATIONAL PIONEER BALL: 5th May 2018, Treacy's Hotel, Carrickmacross. Music by Wildcats. Guest speaker Senator Frances Black. Tickets 087 2392993.

'OUT OF WONDER': A Day of Reflection with Nellie McLaughlin RSM, contemplating the evolving story of the universe – God's creative energy – as context for our lives, hopes, dreams and actions. Saturday 28th April from 10am to 4pm (Registration from 9.30am) at Our Lady and St. Brendan's Pastoral Centre, Upper Rock St. Cost: €20 or (€15 concession) includes tea/coffee. Please bring a packed lunch. Booking essential. Contact Sylvia Thompson at sylviajms11@gmail.com or phone 085 863 2623 or Ann Fagan 064 6632381. Organised by the Kerry Christian Meditation Groups (John Main Tradition).

ACCORD invites applications for:

Certificate in Counselling (Marriage and Relationship), for the academic year 2018/2019. The Certificate, validated by St. Patrick's College Maynooth, is aligned to Level 8, 20 ECTS on the National Framework of Qualifications and is 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.

Marriage Education Facilitators. There are no specific academic requirements. Training will be given to all successful applicants. ACCORD offer a Special Purpose Certificate Award from the Pontifical University St. Patrick's College, Maynooth Faculty of Theology to all who successfully complete this training.

Volunteers who are prepared to give some of their time with ACCORD in St. John's Parish Centre. Contact ACCORD Tralee on 066 7122280.

CHOOSE LIFE 2018: promotes the Church's position on unborn human life and encourages family discussion on this important subject. To access news, videos, testimonies and frequently asked questions visit www.chooselife2018.ie.

SHREDDED PAPER available at St. John's Parish Centre. Suitable for bedding for dogs or for arts and crafts.



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

KERRY STROKE SUPPORT GROUP: monthly meeting takes place on Friday April 27th from 11.15 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Baile Mhuire Day Care Centre Tralee, Owen Daly, from Kennelly's Haven Pharmacy in Tralee will give an input on medicines at this meeting.

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE: DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE PROTECTION OF LIFE & THE 8TH AMENDMENT. Sunday April 29th. Celebrant: Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan. Leaving Tralee Railway Station at 7.30am. Bookings with Diana on 089 2215157 or O'Shea's of Kerry 066 7180123.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE: 14th to 21st June from Shannon to Split Airport, from €719 per person, half board. Further information from Group Leader Maura Harksen 066 7127143. Spiritual Director Fr. Francis Nolan 066 7122522.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: Led by Bishop Ray Browne. Theme: 'Do whatever He tells you'. September 2nd–7th. Flights ex Kerry Airport. Contact Mrs. Janice O'Sullivan, 064 7758219 or email: joskdp@eircom.net.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Love is at the heart of the Christian message. All that we do or at least try to do ought to be done from a place of love – love of our God, love of our family and love of our neighbour. When we begin with love we are helping to build a solid foundation. We are ensuring that God is not rejected in a world that sometimes seems to think it can do without a God, whose message is built on faith, hope and love. When we place love at the epicentre of all that we do we are building on the stone rejected but which later became the cornerstone of a life well-lived.....

Margaret Theresa Naughton