



# St. John's Parish, Tralee

17<sup>th</sup> June 2018

11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

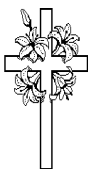
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**SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS IN THE DIOCESE OF KERRY:**  
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### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- ✚ **Ailbe Lonergan**, Balloonagh Estate and formerly of Kevin Barry's Villas.
- ✚ **Robert Murphy**, Ballyseedy, Tralee.

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



### RECENT WEDDING

Congratulations to:

**James O'Connell and Marie O'Callaghan**

*who married in St. John's parish recently.*

*We pray that God will bless your marriage.*



**OPEN AIR MASS:** As part of Féile na mBlath at The Park Festival the 12 noon Mass this Sunday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, will be celebrated in the Town Park. Some seating will be available.

**MOYDERWELL MERCY PRIMARY SCHOOL END OF YEAR MASS:** will be celebrated on Tuesday next, June 19<sup>th</sup> at 10am in St. John's Church.

**AREA MASSES:** 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. The following area Masses have already been scheduled:

**Ballybeggan at Poll an Aifrinn**, Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 7.30pm.

**St. John's Park**: Thursday June 21<sup>st</sup> at 7.30pm.

**Knockmoyle**: Monday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm.

**Derrymore East and West** Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> at The Killeen at 7.30pm.

**Old Ballyrickard**: Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 7.30pm

**Caherweesheen**. Thursday July 5<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm.

**O'Rahilly Villas**: Friday, July 6<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm

**Ballinorig**: Monday, July 9<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm.

**ANNUAL MASS AT RATH CEMETERY** will be celebrated on Wednesday July 11<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. There will be no 6.10pm Mass in St. John's Church that evening. It would be appreciated if families attend to their own graves prior to the Mass. All welcome.

**ANNAGH CEMETERY MASS:** will be celebrated on Friday August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7.30pm. This is also the Area Mass for Annagh.

**WELCOME TO:** Brother Jesse Maingot OP a deacon. Who will be gaining experience in pastoral work in the Parish during his stay.



**BUSES TO THE WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES CLOSING MASS:** St. John's Parish will be running buses the Closing Mass on Sunday August 26<sup>th</sup> in the Phoenix Park at 3pm with Pope Francis. The bus costing €50 per adult or €100 for two adults and one child (or one adult and two children) can be booked at St. John's Parish Centre. St. John's will also register you for your free ticket to the Mass. The Mass may involve a 3 to 5km walk EACH WAY and guidance will be given re bringing seating / umbrellas / food. People needing special assistance can be with their family in a corral or in a designated area with a carer (copy of medical certificate required at booking).

Bus departure time to be decided.

Please give your name and payment to the Parish Centre as soon as possible.

For those who will be organising their own transport, free tickets for the Mass tickets will be available online from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June from [www.worldmeeting2018.ie](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie)

**TAX RELIEF ON CHARITABLE DONATIONS:** In the changes to tax relief on donations to charities effective from 01/01/2013, St. John's Parish can successfully benefit from a tax rebate on contributions of €250 or more per annum. For instance, for the year 2016, the parish received a total of €30,967 from the scheme. The Parish Finance Council wishes to thank all parishioners who continuously and so generously contribute to the parish. Thanks also to all those who participate in the tax rebate scheme and have kindly returned the tax rebate scheme certificate for 2017. A gentle reminder to anyone who may have over-looked doing so. If you are not already participating in the scheme and think you might be eligible, please contact Catherine Dwyer at the Parish Centre for further details.

**PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE:** St. Joseph's Young Priests Society annual pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Saturday June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Bus Leaving Our Lady and St. Brendan's Church, at 7.00am. Further details and bookings please contact Our Lady and St. Brendan's Pastoral Centre, (066) 7125932 or St. John's Parish Centre, (066) 7122522.

**GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION** of the Dedication of St. Bernard's Church, Abbeydorney, will take place on Friday June 22<sup>nd</sup> with Bishop Ray Browne concelebrating mass at 7.30 p.m. Commemorative Book will be on sale on the night. Refreshments afterwards. All are welcome.

**MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION WORKSHOP** with Dr. Gabor Maté called: *Health and Healing with Mind-Body Unity*, Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018, UCC, Cork. Dr. Maté is a World Leading Expert on Mental Health, Addiction, Parenting, ADHD, Trauma & Childhood Development. More info: [www.bookwhen.com/gabormate](http://www.bookwhen.com/gabormate) or 0861719311

**CURRAHEEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL** was founded in 1994 and will celebrate its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary next year, 2019. If you have been a member, or if you know of somebody that has been a member of Curraheen Community Council for any length of time since 1994, we would love to hear from you, as it is our wish to compile a list of past and present members. Please contact Joan (086)305 2710 or Pat (086)194 2824

**FREE DAYTIME EDUCATION FOR ADULTS:** Tralee VTOS are currently accepting applications for September 2018. Tralee VTOS is a free adult education programme offered to people who are over 21 and in receipt of a payment from the Department of Social Protection. Contact 066 7121041 / 086 0278978 for further information.

**AWARE IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY** across four services – Support Line, Support Mail, Support & Self Care Groups and Life Skills Online. No prior qualifications or experience is required, as comprehensive training as well as ongoing support and education is provided by the organisation. Aware provides support, education and information services for people impacted by depression, bipolar disorder and related mood conditions. For more information on each opportunity, please visit: [www.aware.ie/](http://www.aware.ie/) volunteering or phone Emma on 01-2374926.

**CORK AUTISM CONFERENCE 2018** - Re-Thinking Autism - A Positive and Integrative Approach, Sunday September 30<sup>th</sup>, Rochestown Park Hotel, Douglas Cork. Open to Parents, Families, Caregivers, Adults with ASD, Employers, Educators, Professionals, Agencies, Advocates and anyone with an interest in Autism and Aspergers Syndrome. Info from: [www.bookwhen.com/autismcork](http://www.bookwhen.com/autismcork) or call 089 239 8900

### KERRY DIOCESAN COLLECTION FOR THE WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

will be taken up at all masses this weekend, 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> June, as a second collection after Holy Communion.

**Message from Bishop Ray Browne regarding collection towards helping finance the world meeting of families.** The final collection to help finance the World Meeting of Families will be taken up at all Masses on the weekend of Sunday June 17<sup>th</sup>. I thank you for your generous contribution to the previous collections. I ask you to consider being especially generous to this collection. With the visit of Pope Francis and the need to plan to accommodate over half a million at the final Mass (hopefully huge numbers from our diocese will be present), costs are enormous. A figure of twenty million Euro is being mentioned. It is vital that each diocese makes a significant contribution. You can donate via the Masses on that weekend or you might consider putting your contribution in an envelope and marking it WMF 2018 and bringing it with you to church any weekend. This collection deserves a special effort on all our parts. In hosting WMF 2018 Ireland is doing a great service for the whole Church and the world, reminding us all in the words of Pope Saint John Paul: "The future of humanity passes by way of marriage and the family". *Bishop Ray.*

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

*Faith is a funny concept really! We believe in a God we cannot see or in a dream that may not be fulfilled. We trust that our prayers will be answered but oftentimes they aren't! Faith is supposed to help make life easier but what happens when it doesn't! Faith isn't about guaranteed answers or results. Faith does not always make our dreams come true or help to shift the dark clouds overhead. But perhaps it is our faith in a kind, compassionate and merciful God that helps us to carry on when we would rather not. Maybe it is our faith in this same God that helps us to see that little by little, even when it seems totally and utterly impossible, that just like that mustard seed, we have grown a little braver, stronger and more hopeful.....*

**Margaret Theresa Naughton.**