



St. John's Parish, Tralee

2nd January 2022

Second Sunday after Christmas

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

EMERGENCY CALLS: Friday, 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. Priest on duty this weekend: Fr. Tadhg Fitzgerald

PARISH CENTRE OFFICE HOURS:

Monday to Saturday from 9.15am to 1.00pm and 2.00pm to 4.45pm

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- ✚ **Michael Conway**, Cahill's Park.
 - ✚ **Matthew Camplisson**, Cherry Court, and Belfast.
 - ✚ **Paddy Bredin**, Our Lady of Fatima Home.
 - ✚ **Maura Coss**, née O'Sullivan, Connolly Park, and Old Marian Park.
- who died recently and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.*



RECENT BAPTISM:

With great joy we welcome:
Nicolas Branecy
into our Christian community



RECENT WEDDINGS: Congratulations to:

Brian Sherlock and Leanne Cronin
Luke Mulligan and Frida Dema
Eamon Harrington and Ann Marie Conway
who married in St. John's Parish recently.
We pray that God will bless your marriage.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
ST JOHN'S CHURCH:

Fridays 10.30am to 6.10pm.
ST BRENDAN'S CHURCH, CURRAHEEN:
Mondays from 11am to 12 noon



DIOCESAN COLLECTION FOR THE NEEDS OF THE HOLY LAND is being taken up this weekend (January 1st/2nd).

Envelopes are available at the back of the church, or you may use your own envelope marked "Holy Land". These can be returned to the collection boxes at the back of the church or can be put in the Parish Centre Letterbox at any time.



Sorry! We're
CLOSED
Bank Holiday Monday
Normal business resumes
Tuesday.

ST JOHN'S PARISH CENTRE:

Will be closed on Bank Holiday
Monday January 3rd. Re-opens at
9.15am on Tuesday January 4th



CONFESSIONS will be heard on Saturday, from 12 noon to 1pm in St. John's Parish Centre.

THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY
is celebrated on January 6th.



MASS TIMES

ST JOHN'S CHURCH:
Vigil Wednesday: 6.10pm
Thursday: 8.30am (as Gaeilge) 10am, 6.10pm.
THE CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, RATHASS:
Vigil, Wednesday: 7pm, **Thursday:** 10am.
ST. BRENDAN'S CHURCH, CURRAHEEN:
Vigil Wednesday: 7.30pm.

This feast commemorates the visit of the wise men to worship the baby Jesus. Tradition tells us that their names were Caspar, Melchior and Balthassar. The men were astrologers who were looking for the star that would lead them to the promised Messiah. This was prophesied in the Book of Micah. According to the Gospel narratives, the wise men brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh with them. These gifts were very meaningful. Gold was a precious and expensive gift, and showed how important Jesus was. Frankincense is a sweet perfume which was often burned in the temple to worship God. It was a sign that Jesus should be worshipped. Myrrh was used to keep things fresh, and it was used by the women to anoint Jesus' body when he died. By bringing it as a gift to Jesus, the wise men foretold his suffering and death.

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

MASS TIMES IN ST. JOHN'S CHURCH FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday to Wednesday: 10am and 6.10pm

Thursday: 8.30am 10am and 6.10pm

Friday and Saturday: 10am and 6.10pm

Sunday: 9am, 10.30am and 12 noon.

THE CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, RATHASS:

Wednesday: 7pm, **Thursday:** 10am, **Saturday:** 7pm, **Sunday** 10am

ST. BRENDAN'S CHURCH, CURRAHEEN, Wednesday: 7.30pm, **Saturday:** 7.30pm, **Sunday:** 11am

We request you to follow these guidelines

- Ushers will guide you to your seat.
- We ask everyone to move slowly and follow the guidance of the ushers at all times
- Please follow the guidance of the ushers when receiving Holy Communion and maintain a safe distance from other members of the congregation.
- Use hand sanitisers entering and leaving the church.
- It is recommended to wear a face covering while attending Mass.
- Holy Communion should only be received in the hand.
- When exiting the Church we would ask you to take care to move slowly and keep a safe distance.

ALL MASSES FROM ST. JOHN'S CHURCH WILL BE LIVE-STREAMED

See www.stjohns.ie or www.churchservices.tv/tralee



DIOCESAN MISSION 2022
from January 16th to 19th.

Each day, you are invited to join in the Mission talk, Prayer, Mass, Reflection, Prayer Petition and Family Time. Speakers include: Oisín McConville, Kate Liffey, Fr Sean McDonagh and Miriam Kerins Hussey. Register for the upcoming Mission, *Moving Forward in Hope*, on www.dioceseofkerry.ie



USED POSTAGE STAMPS

in aid of the missions may be handed into St. John's Parish Centre.



SYNODAL PATHWAY - Our time to reflect, discuss and listen. As part of our Diocese's participation in the 2023 Synod of Bishops, we will be offering opportunities for discussion and listening in the Spring. Before that happens, you are invited to visit www.dioceseofkerry.ie/synodQ/ to learn more about the questions that Pope Francis is asking us to reflect on.



GODLY PLAY - Our Godly Play team led by Vicky and Aoife have enjoyed a very successful term - Sunday mornings 10.15am - 11.15am in St. John's Children's Room. Godly Play group will resume mid January. If anybody interested to become a Godly Play leader please get in touch (086 -0200771), full training will be provided.

actionaid CONFIRMATION 2022

Congratulations to the many Confirmation Candidates who have already completed their acts of service - to date over €1000 has been raised for Actionaid Ireland and much work has been done contributing to the life of our Parish. Our Confirmation Programme begins mid January and we look forward to engaging with the parent Leaders for some training early January.



FIRST RECONCILIATION/FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022 - A big thank you to our Parent Animators who have assisted with the Do this in Memory Masses. Our next Mass will be at the end of January and we will be meeting with Parent

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PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE
Spiritual Director: Fr. Francis Nolan
21st - 28th September 2022

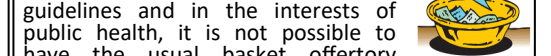
Return flights from Cork to Dubrovnik. 7 nights in Pansion Darko—Breakfast & Dinner €765. per person sharing. For details & bookings contact: Maura O'Keeffe Harcksen (Tralee) Tel: 066 7127143 or 087 1517696

DONATE ONLINE to St. John's

Parish through our website or you can scan this QR Code which will take you to the donations page.



CHURCH OFFERTORY COLLECTION: In accordance with current COVID-19 guidelines and in the interests of public health, it is not possible to have the usual basket offertory collection at weekend Masses. If you wish to support the Parish financially, please do so in the collection boxes provided at the Church entrances. We wish to thank you for your ongoing generosity and making such a huge effort to support the Parish since the onset of COVID. *Mile Buiochas.*



We wish you, your families and your friends a Happy New Year