



## St. John's Parish, Tralee 10<sup>th</sup> December 2023 Second Sunday of Advent

**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. Bernard Healy

### Office hours for the coming week:

Monday to Saturday from 9.15am to 1.00pm and 2.00pm to 4.45pm  
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**SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS IN THE DIOCESE OF KERRY:  
DESIGNATED LIAISON PERSON: 087 6362780**

## CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST MASS TIMES FOR THE COMING WEEK

**St. JOHN'S CHURCH:** Monday to Friday: 8.30am, 10.00am and 6.10pm  
Saturday: 10.00am and 6.10pm  
Sunday: 9.00am (as Gaeilge), 10.30am and 12 noon.

**THE CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:**  
Saturday: 7.00pm, Sunday: 10.00am.

**St. BRENDAN'S, CURRAHEEN:** Saturday: 7.30pm, Sunday: 11.00am.

**CONFESSIONS:** are heard each Saturday, from 12 noon to 1pm in St. John's Church. In the event of a funeral they will be heard in the Parish Centre.

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

See [www.stjohns.ie](http://www.stjohns.ie) or [www.churchservices.tv/tralee](http://www.churchservices.tv/tralee)



### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- ✦ **Des Lambe**, Liosdara, Oakpark.
- ✦ **Brenda O'Connell** née Hartnett Killeen Heights and Ballinorig.
- ✦ **Eamon Horan**, Árd Charraig, Caherslee.
- ✦ **Eileen Foley** née Foley, Kerins Park, and Ballyconry, Lisselton.
- ✦ **Maurice (Mossie) O'Connor**. Racecourse Lawn and Castleisland. Reposing at Gleasure's Funeral Home on Sunday from 3pm to 5pm. Funeral Mass on Monday in Our Lady and St. Brendan's Church at 11am followed by burial in New Rath Cemetery.
- ✦ **Denis O'Callaghan**, Clash Cross and Abbeydorney. Reposing at McElligotts Funeral Home on Sunday from 5pm to 7.30pm. Funeral Mass on Monday at 12 noon in St. John's Church, followed by burial in New Rath Cemetery.



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

### CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:

**St John's Church: Christmas Eve:** 4.00pm (Children's Mass), 6.00pm, 7.30pm and 9.00pm (Mass of Christmas Night).

**Christmas Day:** 9.00am (As Gaeilge), 10.30am and 12 Noon

**St Brendan's Church, Curraheen:**

**Christmas Eve:** 12.00 Midnight **Christmas Day:** 11.00am

**Church of the Immaculate Conception, Rathass:**

**Christmas Eve:** 7.00pm, **Christmas Day:** 10.00am

### CONFESSIONS FOR CHRISTMAS:

**Saturday/Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> December:** after all Vigil and Sunday Masses in each Church.

**Monday Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> to Friday Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>:** after the 8.30am, 10am and 6.10pm Masses in St. John's Church.

**Saturday December 23<sup>rd</sup>:** From 12 noon to 2pm and 4.00pm to 6.00pm in St. John's Church.



### CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

For Loved Ones Lost To Suicide at which you are invited to place a little ornament on the tree in memory of your loved ones, Sunday December 10<sup>th</sup> at 3pm at the Town Hall, Princes Quay.



### FREE CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER

from 1.30pm to 4.30pm at Tralee Community Development Project Upper Rock Street. V92 WR9P. Contact details 086 023 4706.



### ST VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of December.



### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Earlier this year parishioners were asked to nominate people to the Parish Pastoral Council. We wish to thank those who give of their time to help foster pastoral action in our parish. The Parish Pastoral Council is made up of the following members: Chairperson: Elizabeth O'Keeffe, Secretary: Lorna Leen, Deputy Chair: John Griffin, Deputy Secretary: Eileen McNamara. Libisha Treasa Babu, Fr Vitalis Barasa Oroni, Teresita Deriada, Conor Fitzgerald, Fr. Tadgh Fitzgerald, Maureen Fleming, Jackie Gavaghan, Phillip Gostelow, Moira Hannafin, Fr Bernard Healy, Rev. Denis Kelleher, Sr. Karen Kent, Dr. Shane Lehane, Kieran Moriarty, Anne McDonnell, Fr. Mark Moriarty, Celine O'Callaghan, Mike Okunbor, Ann O'Shea Daly, Charlie O'Sullivan, Denver Joseph Saldanha, Alice Sugg, Helen Sugrue, Elma Walsh, Donny Wynne.

### MEDITATION IN MOVEMENT:

the final session of this series will take place on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December from 11am to 12noon in the Parish Centre led by Sr Mary Hoare – all are welcome.

No experience necessary.

### BLESSING OF CRIB IN RATH CEMETERY

This Sunday December 10<sup>th</sup> at 4.30pm



**LECTIO DIVINA:** in St. Joseph's Church, Fenit continues on Monday mornings during Advent, 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of December, following 10am Mass until 11.30am. All are welcome to attend this opportunity to reflect on the Gospel of the following Sunday. We will have a cup of tea/coffee at 10.20am and then begin.

### PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS

in aid of Parish funds are on sale in the Parish Centre.



### RECENT WEDDINGS: Congratulations to:

**Flor Griffin and Grace Fitzmaurice**  
**Anthony Merrigan and Ali Murray**  
who married in St. John's Parish recently.  
We pray that God will bless your marriage.



### ADVENT TRIDUUM:

an opportunity to take a moment to pause in the busy-ness of these weeks of Advent to pray and reflect on the meaning of Advent and our journey to Bethlehem. Reflection and Prayer will be offered each day Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at the 10.00am and 6.10pm Masses by Sr Karen (Parish Pastoral Worker). There will also be a box for your prayers and petitions for Advent.



### MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

In St John's Church are asked to contact the Parish Centre to let us know if they are available, to minister on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day and for which Mass.



### CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS ENVELOPES:

(Christmas Dues) together with our Christmas Newsletter are being delivered to households. These offerings pay the salaries of the Parish Clergy who thank parishioners for their support. Envelopes and the newsletter are also available in the churches and the Parish Centre.



### BILL KIRBY MEMORIAL 4 MILE WALK

in aid of Kerry Hospice. Gathering at the Brogue Inn on St. Stephen's Day at 11am and walk commencing at 11.30am. Sponsorship Cards available from Michael Fox O'Connor 087 9833075. Donations accepted on the day.

### PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

Group Leader: Maura Harksen  
Spiritual Director: Fr. Francis Nolan  
11<sup>th</sup> September 2024 for 7 nights

Return flights from Cork to Dubrovnik 7 nights in Hotel Dubrovnik Breakfast & Dinner each day. Full Religious Programme. €879. per person sharing.

Optional: Travel insurance and single supplement. Joe Walsh guides and representative throughout. For details & bookings contact: Maura O'Keeffe Harksen (Tralee) on 087 151 7696 or 066 7127143

