



## St. John's Parish, Tralee 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024 Second Sunday in Lent

**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. Mark Moriarty

**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:  
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## 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.

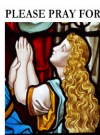
**ALL MASSES FROM ST. JOHN'S CHURCH WILL BE LIVE-STREAMED**

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



### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- ✦ **Mary O'Donnell**, née Barton, Hillview Drive, Caherslee.
  - ✦ **Kerry Keane**, Knockawaddra, and Koncknagoshel.
  - ✦ **Patrick Noel O'Grady**, Upper Clonmore and Acton, London.
  - ✦ **Bernie Roche**, Connolly Park and Urban Terrace.
  - ✦ **Jim Brosnan**, St. Brendan's Park.
  - ✦ **John Walker**, Cahermoneen.
  - ✦ **Martin Stack**, Lissardboula, Farmers Bridge and Ardahan, Ardfert.
- who died recently and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time*



### MOVING FORWARD IN HOPE: OPEN PARISH MEETING WEDNESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY AT 7:00PM IN THE PARISH CENTRE

In January Bishop Ray gave us his Pastoral Letter inviting us into a period of reflection and discussion on the way forward for our parishes and diocese. He sees our parishes as places where the people live out their faith in four ways: through community spirit; our compassion for people in need; our prayer, liturgy and sacraments and in handing on the faith to the next generation.

With this in mind he invites us to come together to reflect on and discuss the following questions:

1. When the number of priests in full time ministry in our parish is reduced or when they are asked to take responsibility for neighbouring parish communities: what aspects of the life of our parish could you take responsibility for going forward? Are there people among us here who could take on leadership roles in the future?
2. Where do we see opportunities for cooperation with neighbouring parishes in our area? In what areas of parish life do you see scope for sharing of resources and personnel going forward? How are you willing to be involved in these changes to the way we currently operate as an individual parish?
3. Given the changes that will come for our priests in the near future what ministries and presence would you most desire from them, where possible?

At the meeting we will engage in prayerful reflection, listening to one another, and dialogue around these three questions and the responses from the meeting will be forwarded to the diocese to assist Bishop Ray for future planning.

### RECENT BAPTISMS: With great joy we welcome:

**Rylee Grace Conway Knightly  
Croia Lynch  
Thomas Mangan**  
*into our Christian Community.*



### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

continues on Sundays during the 10.30am Mass in St. John's Church for children of school going age who have not yet received their First Holy Communion.

### CONFIRMATION DATES

**Caherleaheen N.S.:**  
Wednesday February 28<sup>th</sup>  
at 11.00am in the Church  
of the Immaculate Conception, Rathass.



**Presentation Primary School:** Wednesday  
February 28<sup>th</sup> at 2.00pm in St. John's Church.

**Moyderwell Mercy Primary School:** Thursday  
February 29<sup>th</sup> at 11.00am in St. John's Church.

**Gaelscoil Mhic Easmainn:** Thursday February 29<sup>th</sup>  
at 2.00pm in St John's Church.

**CBS Primary School:** Friday March 1<sup>st</sup> at 11.00am in  
St. John's Church.

**Blennerville and Derryquay National Schools:**  
Friday March 1<sup>st</sup> at 2.00pm in St. John's Church.



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS.** Each  
Wednesday during Lent in St. John's  
Church at 5.40pm



**RELIGIOUS GOODS** for Confirmations, First  
Communions, Baptism, Wedding candles,  
rosary beads, statues, medals, Bibles,  
booklets, etc., as well as Mass Cards are  
available to purchase in St. John's Parish  
Centre during normal opening times.



### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ST. BRENDAN'S CHURCH CURRAHEEN.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**  
Volunteers are needed to  
become Ministers of the Holy Communion.  
**OFFERTORY COLLECTORS:** we are also  
looking for volunteers to help taking up the  
basket Offertory collection.  
Please leave your name and contact details  
with the Parish Centre.



### ENCOUNTERS IN FAITH:

an exploration of encounters  
between Jesus and a wide variety of  
people in the Gospels as they  
come to belief led by Sr Karen  
continues in the Parish Centre on Tuesday  
mornings 27<sup>th</sup> February and 5<sup>th</sup> March from  
10.30am to 11.45am.  
All are welcome – we will begin with tea/coffee.



### DIOCESAN YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO TAIZÉ, FRANCE:

Interested in coming to Taizé  
this June? The diocese will be taking a group of  
young adults on this amazing pilgrimage from  
Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday June 30<sup>th</sup>. Please  
contact Tomás Kenny for more information on 086  
3683778 or email Tomás at  
tomaskenny@dioceseofkerry.ie.



### REMEMBERING THOSE IN AREAS OF WAR AND CONFLICT.

On Saturday Feb 24<sup>th</sup> we are remembering that it is two years since the commencement of the war in Ukraine. As it enters its third year, we continue to pray for the people of Ukraine and for those in all parts of the world experiencing conflict.

### Reflection on a World Where Hope Seems Dim

Dear God, the world seems so dark and foreboding. Where are the signs of hope? What are you calling us to do? Wars, uprisings, displacements, hunger, poverty, and disease continue to claim victims by the millions around the world each year. Our ears do not want to hear their stories and our eyes do not want to see their plight because the suffering and destruction is so massive and cruel. In our hearts and minds there is a desire to help somehow, but the crisis seem so overwhelming that we shake our heads in dismay and we wonder what the point is for us even to attempt to be witnesses for healing and hope in this hellish morass.

We ask God to open our eyes that we may see glimpses of truth you have for us. Help us to follow the path of Jesus, the Suffering Servant. Give us the courage to be willing to walk alongside the victims of injustice here at home as well as abroad. Help us to seek ways to light candles of hope, however small, through our words, our deeds, and our prayers, to encourage our sisters and brothers to hold onto the faith in spite of the pain and suffering they are facing. And help those of us who are among the fortunate ones, who have enough bread to eat, good health, and who live in relative peace, to open our heart to learn from our sisters and brothers who are living lives of grace and forgiveness in the difficult circumstances which surround them. O God, help us to light one candle rather than to curse the darkness. We pray this in the name of Jesus, who knows what being a light in this dark world is all about.

- Adapted from Larry Kehler, Mennonite Central Committee, Canada, 2009