



St. John's Parish, Tralee 3rd March 2024 Third 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. Vitalis Barasa

Office hours for the coming week:

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- ✦ **Michael Moriarty**, Racecourse Road.
- ✦ **Maura O'Connor**, nee O'Connor, Lohercannon.
- ✦ **Geronimo Deriada** - Philippines.
- ✦ **Eamon Hickey**, Knockmoyle.
- ✦ **Joe Enright, Derrymore** East and New York.
- ✦ **Bridget Coffey**, Mary Street and Mitchel's Crescent.
who died recently and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time

PLEASE PRAY FOR



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:

The next meeting will take place on Monday next, 4th March at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre.

MEDITATION IN MOVEMENT: will take place again for three weeks on Wednesdays 6th, 13th and 20th March in the Main Hall of the Parish Centre from 11am to 12noon led by Sr Mary Hoare PBVM. All are welcome and no experience is necessary.



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

Evening of Reflection and Meeting will take place on Wednesday 6th March at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre – we hope all Ministers will attend this gathering.



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 morning 5th March from 10.30am to 11.45am. All are welcome – we will begin with tea/coffee.



DIOCESAN YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO TAIZÉ, FRANCE:

The diocese will be taking a group of young adults on pilgrimage from Sunday, June 23rd to Sunday June 30th. Contact Tomás Kenny for more information on 086 3683778 or email tomaskenny@dioceseofkerry.ie.



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



SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES:

St John's actively promotes safeguarding of children, vulnerable adults and indeed all people in our parish. Our Safeguarding Representatives are Máire Jones, Phil Leen and Breda O'Connor. The person who co-ordinates safeguarding in the diocese is Jacklyn McCarthy who is also the person to whom concerns may be reported on 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 or www.churchservices.tv/tralee



IRISH CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE STATEMENT ON THE FAMILY AND CARE REFERENDUMS

Upon his arrival in Ireland for the World Meeting of Families on 25th August 2018, Pope Francis met at Dublin Castle with representatives of civil, cultural and religious life, including the Taoiseach and members of the Government. Pope Francis said he was visiting Ireland to help families "reaffirm their commitment to loving fidelity, mutual assistance and reverence for God's gift of life in all its forms, but also to testify to the unique role played by the family in the education of its members, and the development of sound and flourishing social fabric". He added, "Families are the glue of society, their welfare cannot be taken for granted, but must be promoted and protected by every appropriate means".



Copies of the Bishops statement on the two important referendums on family and care which are taking place on 8 March 2024 are available in the Church and can also be found on their website: <https://www.catholicbishops.ie/>



MOVING FORWARD IN HOPE: PARISH OPEN MEETING

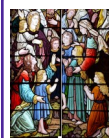
Thank you to all who attended the meeting last Wednesday evening and we would like to share with all parishioners some of the contributions made at the meeting as a way of moving forward as a parish and as a diocese:

- To expand the roles of members of the PPC, the Liturgy group.
- Introduce new ministries – such as catechists to offer sacramental preparation in the parish; ministers who would lead Service of the Word when there is no Mass; assist with Baptism and Funeral liturgies; visitation of the sick with Holy Communion.
- Training required for all who take on ministries.
- Change of mind-set to allow space for laity to take on specific roles.
- Free clergy from administrative roles.
- Outreach to young people and to young parents.
- Reducing the number of Masses would free the priests to assist in other parishes; amalgamate parishes; share resources and personnel across parishes.
- We need to realistically look at the cohort of people involved in parish ministries – age profile.
- We need to reimagine the possibilities for involvement of laity in parishes.
- Forge greater connections between all parish groups and ministries.
- There will be a strain on parish financial resources in the future – some churches will have to be closed.
- Priests need to be visible in the wider community as well as in the Catholic parish community.
- Easter and Christmas liturgies could be shared across the wider pastoral area.

This will form part of our parish submission to the Diocese for this project.

RECENT BAPTISMS:

With great joy we welcome:
Martha Rose Reilly
Eva Marie Conway-Kelly
Cian Keohane
Cillian Keohane
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.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



CONFIRMATIONS:

Congratulations to all the young people who received their Confirmation this week. Many thanks to all those who helped prepare them for this special moment. May God bless them and their families.