



St. John's Parish, Tralee 8th December 2024 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. Tadhg Fitzgerald.

Office hours for the coming week:

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

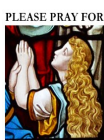
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**SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS IN THE DIOCESE OF KERRY:
DESIGNATED LIAISON PERSON: 087 6362780**

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

✦ **Betty Slattery née Murphy**, Fenit, Oakview & Ballymullen.
✦ **Ann Gleasure**, Tralee
✦ **Tommy Horan**, The Horan Centre, Tralee
✦ **Darren Fitzgerald**, The Parklands and Cois Coille, Tralee
✦ **Billy Locke**, Clash East and Kevin Barry Villas
✦ **Fr Seamus McKenna**, Ballyferriter
✦ **John Moriarty**, Oakridge Drive & Connolly Park, Reposing at his mother's home in Connolly Park Tralee on Monday from 5 to 7 pm. Funeral arriving to St. John's Church on Tuesday for Requiem Mass at 10 am. Interment afterwards in Rath Cemetery. *Who died recently and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.*



RECENT BAPTISMS:

With great joy we welcome:
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Into our Christian community



BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS: Following the generous donation of a first-class relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis to Holy Cross Dominican Church, Tralee from Mons Anthony Figueiredo, who visited recently, monthly mass in honour of Blessed Carlo will be celebrated on the 3rd Monday of each month with blessing of the Relic. The first Mass will be celebrated on Monday 16th December.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. John's Church: Will be in the **Music Room** of St John's sacristy on Friday 13th of December and not in the Side Chapel.



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

USED POSTAGE STAMPS

in aid of the missions may be handed into the Parish Centre.

BLESSING OF THE CRIB

will take place at Rathass Graveyard this Sunday 8th December at 3.00pm. All are welcome.



HOUR OF GRACE: In honour of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception led by Fr. Mark Moriarty, St. John's Church, Monday 9th December 12noon to 1.00pm. All welcome.

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.



LIFE IN THE SPIRIT MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING

Continues on Monday 16th at 7:30pm in St Brendan's Church, Curraheen. Led by Fr. Mark. All welcome.



PILGRIMAGE TO MEDGEGORIE

Group leader: Maura O'Keefe Harcksen
Spiritual Director: Fr. Francis Nolan

10th—17th September 2025
Cork to Dubrovnik—€899

Single supplement €175
Includes breakfast & dinner each day.
Booking by the 20th December with Joe Walsh Tours gives €100 discount.

Ph 016852244
info@joewalstours.ie



Further information contact Maura O'Keefe Harcksen 0871517696 or Fr. Francis Nolan 0872100273

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: Every Saturday from 12 noon to 1.00pm in St. John's Church. In the event of a funeral, confessions will take place in the Parish Centre.

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

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



KERRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA

Led by Fr. Noel Spring.
11th—15th May 2025
Reurn coach included from Kerry to Shannon. Direct flight ex Shannon Airport to Porto. For further information please contact: Barter's Travelnet Cork 0214851700.



THE CHRISTMAS FAIR

for Tralee, Ballymacelligott and Ballyseedy parishes takes place on Saturday 14th December from 10am to 2pm in Teach an tSolais, St John's, Ashe Street. Lots of home baking, Christmas decorations etc will be on offer as well as the very popular silent auction. Everyone welcome.



KERRY SCHOOL OF MUSIC'S ANNUAL

MISTLETOE AND WINE CONCERT takes place in St. John's Church, Castle St. on Sunday, December 15th at 7pm. Tickets in advance from Kerry School of Music office in High St. - 0667125690 or St. John's Parish Centre or at the door on the night. Admission: €20/€15. All welcome.



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.

DONATE ONLINE

If you wish to make a donation to St. John's Parish you can do so through our website at www.stjohns.ie or you can scan this QR Code which will take you to the donations page.



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: Earlier this month, the Parish Pastoral Council and other PPCs received training via Zoom. As part of a Diocesan initiative led by Bishop Ray, we are currently undertaking a mapping exercise of the different groups within our parish. The results will inform how we are situated going forward with lay people needing to take increasing responsibility in parishes. A suggestion box is available in the Parish Centre and we invite you to share your ideas with us. We appreciate your support for St. John's.

INTRODUCTION TO CONTEMPLATIVE MEDITATION:



Using input, story and practice. Roger Harty will lead us in this 4 week introduction to Contemplative Meditation on Thursday evenings, 28th Nov, 5th & 12th December in the Parish Centre 6.45pm to 7.45pm. All are welcome to join, a lovely lead up to a peaceful Christmas.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS are on sale in the Parish Centre.



YOUTH 2000 PRAYER GROUP

for 18 to 35 year olds on Thursdays at 8pm in St. John's Church (Side Chapel). Entry through side door. Please contact Denver on 0894061597 for any queries.



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 15th at 3:30pm at the Town Hall, Princes Quay.



NEWSLETTERS: Please take home the newsletter or leave them on the table at the back of the Church.

