

## Our Parish...

  
**Pastoral Area - together with**  
**The Sacred Heart Church, Killea, The**  
**Cathedral and Ss Joseph and Benildus**

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**MASS TIMES:****Weekend Masses**

Saturday Vigil 6.15p.m.

Sunday 9.00a.m. & 12 noon

Sunday 10.00a.m. (Polish)

**Weekday Masses:** 10.00a.m.

No Mass on Saturday mornings.

The 10.00a.m. mass each Friday is offered for the Holy Souls.

**Holiday Masses:**

Vigil Mass at 6.15p.m. - evening before 10.00a.m. Mass only on the day.

**Cry Chapel (Jim Grant Rooms)** - for parents with young children. You are very welcome!

**BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL**

Come and sit quietly before God in the Blessed Sacrament, in our Blessed Sacrament Chapel, open Mon to Fri from 10.30am to 11.30am.

**YOUR PRAYERS**

  
 You are asked to remember in your prayers, those members of our Christian Community of St. John's who are ill at home or in hospital at this time, that the Lord may make them comfortable in their illness towards a speedy recovery and help their loved ones to care for them.

## Services in St John's

**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

are available to bring Holy Communion to the sick and housebound after the 6.15 p.m. Mass every Saturday, and after the 10.00 a.m. Mass on the First Friday of every month.

**COMMUNION TO THE SICK**

We, the Ministers of the Eucharist in St. John's church are available to bring Holy Communion to the sick or housebound after 6.15 Mass on Saturdays & after 10 Mass on First Fridays. Please leave name(s) into Sacristy or ring 086 1087003.

**Morning Prayer** - takes place during the 10.00a.m. Mass on Fridays.

**NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP**

The novena is held every Monday morning during the 10.00a.m. Mass.

**Confessions:** - every Saturday evening from 5.45, before the Vigil Mass.

**Coffee Morning** - each Wednesday morning after the 10.00.m. Mass.

**All are welcome.**



 **The Rosary** - is recited each weekday morning prior to the 10.00am Mass.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

The monthly collection for St. Vincent de Paul is being taken up at all Masses in St. John's on the first Sunday of each month.

**ST. JOHN'S CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP.**

We meet every Monday evening at 7.45p.m. in the Upper Sacristy with a time of prayer and worship.

**All are welcome.**

**LEGION OF MARY**

The Legion of Mary meet at no 23 Virginia Crescent, Good Shepherd Convent, Hennessy's Road each Monday morning at 11.15am. For more information visit our website: [www.legionofmaryw.com](http://www.legionofmaryw.com) or contact 087-2530992

## In Loving Memory...



To you O Lord we commend the souls of our brothers and sisters whose anniversaries or month's mind occur at this time.

**Remember in Your Prayers those who died recently -**

**Anniversaries this week:-**

*There will be no Anniversary Masses this weekend as The Novena for the Faithful Departed in St. John's Church runs from Monday 4th November and ends Tuesday 12th November.*

**Shared Masses:**

Daniel Hearne, Thomas & Catherine Simpson

Carol Fleming, John Palmer

James, Margaret & Christopher Walsh

Jackie Duggan & Mai and Paul Duggan,

Mary-Ellen Duggan, Mick Walsh, Peter Maddigan

*May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

## Notice Board

**Last Weeks Church Collections**

Envelopes	€345.00
Offertory	€650.00

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Basket Collection for the upkeep of the church buildings takes place at all Masses on the third weekend of each month.

**BAPTISM**

We welcome into our Christian Community of St. John's - Amelia Rae Anna Connolly - who was baptised in this church recently and congratulate parents Ian and Leona also godparents Dargan and Miriam, on this joyous occasion. We also welcome to our Christian Community of St. John's - Sony Connor Molloy Purcell - who was also baptised in this church last weekend, and congratulate parents Ciarán and Ciara and godparents Dean and Niamh on this special occasion.

**THE HAIL HOLY QUEEN CONFERENCE**

On Saturday 23rd November, at 9.30am, the Hail Holy Queen Conference will take place in the Firgrove Hotel, in Mitchelstown, Co Cork. There is a great line up of speakers: Bishop Phonsie Cullinan, James Mahon, Fr. Colm Mannion OP, Fr. Marius O Reilly, Kathy Sinnott, Méabh Carlin. Confessions and Mass will be part of this wonderful day. This is a Donation only event.

**HOLY SOULS MASS**

The annual Holy Souls Mass for all those interred in St. Mary's Cemetery, Ballygunner will be celebrated in St. Mary's Church on Thursday 21st November at 11.00am.



 Intercessory prayers and rosary to Br. Rice Monday to Friday 11:30a.m. and Hour of Prayer every Friday 3pm-4pm and Sunday 3pm-4pm in the Edmund Rice Chapel Barrack Street. All are welcome.

**EVENING OF REMEMBRANCE**

St. John's Pastoral Centre,  
 John's Hill, Waterford.  
 Thursday, 14th November, 7.30 p.m.  
 A sacred space to honour family,  
 friends and all who have died  
 You are invited to a time of prayerful  
 reflection during this special month  
 The evening will include Scripture  
 reading, personal prayer, silence and  
 music. Facilitator: Ann O'Farrell  
 All are welcome

**WORLD REMEMBRANCE DAY FOR ROAD TRAFFIC VICTIMS**

Date: Sunday, 17th November 2019  
 Venue: Granville Hotel, Waterford

Time: 14:30pm  
 Admission is free.   
**All are welcome.**

Families are invited to bring a framed photograph of their loved ones to the service. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Fiona by text or phone on: 087 6123969 or by email: [fkavanagh@rsa.ie](mailto:fkavanagh@rsa.ie)

## Just a thought...



### Prayer – Just for Today Uncertainty

Lord, as I face an uncertain future, I am in need of your mercy and ask for healing in mind and body.

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### Gardening the Soul

At a seminar on leadership recently, with leaders in social, economic and spiritual fields from different parts of the world, I listened to an address given by a world-renowned expert. As time went by, though his words were resonant, I felt I was hearing nothing new. I took my courage into my hands and said so. There was a deafening silence and then he said calmly, 'Yes, that is exactly it. You know all these basic eternal concepts already because they are eternal truths. What is important is that we can claim and proclaim them.' To get in touch with these eternal truths within us we need to simplify and empty our minds and transform our inner spiritual nourishment into the strength we need. The road to spiritual growth is different for everyone, but it is essential for everyone. It does not matter how we get on the path to the eternal truths that are waiting for us, as long as we make the journey.

Sr. Stanislaus Kennedy

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### SAINTS OF THE WEEK....

**Mon 11 – St. Martin of Tours** – 316-97, Bishop of Tours, apostle of rural Gaul and founder of monasteries.

**Tues 12 – St. Josaphat** – 1580-1623, Bishop of Polotz, worked for the reunion of Ukrainian Catholics.

**Thurs 14 – St Laurence O'Toole** – born in Kildare in 1123, he became the first native archbishop of Dublin.

**Fri 15 – St Albert the Great** – c. 1206-80. Dominican Theologian. He was called the 'Universal Doctor' for his vast range of his interests. Patron saint of scientists.

**Sat 16 – St. Margaret, St. Gertrude.** St Margaret (1045-93) was wife of the King of Scotland and helped in the reform of the Church.

St. Gertrude (1256-1302), a Benedictine nun cultivated devotion to the Sacred Heart from a very early age.



### Questions People Ask

**Q. What is blasphemy against the Holy Spirit? The Gospel (Matt 12:31) says that this sin will not be forgiven in either this world or the next.**

**A.** Blasphemy means uttering words of hatred, rejection or defiance of God. Blasphemy against the Holy Spirit means the deliberate defiance of God's grace and the refusal to accept God's love and forgiveness. God still desires to embrace the sinner with forgiveness but this has to be accepted by the person. The sin cannot be forgiven if the sinner defies God and refuses to accept forgiveness.

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### It's good to laugh...

An Italian, a Scotsman, and a Chinese fellow are hired at a construction site. The foreman points to a huge pile of sand and says to the Italian guy, "You're in charge of sweeping." To the Scotsman he says "You're in charge of shovelling." And to the Chinese guy "You're in charge of supplies." The foreman then shrugs his beefy shoulders and says "Now I have to leave for a little while and while I'm gone I expect you guys to make a fair dent in that pile of sand." However, when he returns he sees that the pile of sand is untouched. He says to the Italian "why didn't you sweep any of it?" The Italian replies in a heavy accent "I no getta broom. You tella da Chinesea guy he inna charge ofa supplies, but hea disappearra, and I coulda no finda him!". Then the foreman turns to the Scotsman and asks, "Didn't I tell you to shovel that sand?" The Scotsman replies in his heavy brogue, "Aye ye did laddie, but I couldna get meself a shovel. Ye left the Chinee in charge of supplies, but I couldna find him!" The foreman is really angry now and storms off towards the pile of sand, looking for the Chinese guy. Just then the Chinese guy springs out from the pile of sand and yells, "Supplies!"

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### Quip for the Week

*Some people get up and go.  
Others get up and goof.*

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### ...thought for the week

He who is carried on another's back does not appreciate how far off the town is.

*African Proverb*



## 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



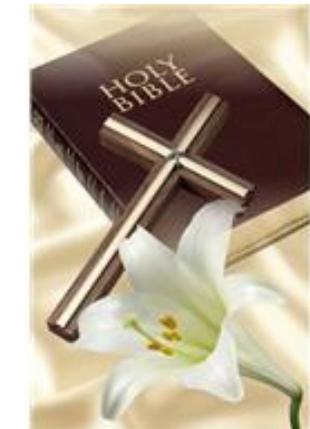
Part of my ministry is to answer questions on our weekly local radio show. I usually try first to put the answer in the simplest terms, from what I already know. Then I usually do some research, to be sure I'm giving the person an accurate response.

But I'm not sure how I'd react if I had to tackle the case Jesus receives in today's Gospel. It's a complicated, multi-part question about a woman who was widowed seven times, the Old Testament's law about a brother-in-law stepping in to marry his deceased brother's widow, and what will happen to all those spouses in heaven! Fortunately, the answer is an easy one: It's all about resurrection.

The question was a loaded one. It was asked of Jesus by the Sadducees, who did not believe in the resurrection, so their agenda was to promote their erroneous point of view. Jesus' clever reply cuts through all their complications, and even quotes Moses to respond.

Fortunately, we don't have to go through such complications to ground our faith in the resurrection, and the promise of eternal life with Christ. We need only to make our act of faith in him who died and rose for us. As Christians, the new life Jesus gives is the ultimate answer to all our questions.

## St John's Church Waterford



## NEWSLETTER

November 10th 2019

### Mission Statement

With Christ's teaching as our example and guided by the Holy Spirit, our aim is to represent an open and friendly parish providing a service to the community of St. John's and reaching out to everyone in developing the parish as a community of faith.

### Next Sunday's readings:

33rd Sunday in Ord. Time  
Mal 3:19-20.  
Ps 95:5-9.  
2 Th 3:7-12.  
Lk 21:5-19

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