

## Our Parish...

  
St John's Parish - is part of the St. Lawrence 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 Sacristry 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 Sacristry 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 command 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:-

#### 6.15 Vigil - Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November

Remembrance Mass for all priests and lay people, who served in St. John's over the years.

#### 9.00am - Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November

Herbert(Buddy)Power

#### 12 Noon - Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November

Theresa & James Partridge

### SHARED MASSES:

Fr. Michael Brazil, Parents and family

Daniel Hearne

Thomas & Catherine Simpson

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

## Notice Board



### Last Weeks Church Collections

Envelopes €365.00

Offertory €553.00

*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.*



### RED WEDNESDAY

From the Monday 25th of November to the 1st of December we are asking all the faithful to pray and remember persecuted Christians and also to wear RED ( tie, scarf, jumper etc. etc.), especially for all the Martyrs that have fallen here in Ireland and abroad, because they simply believed in Jesus Christ and professed their faith. We Humbly ask you participation in Prayers for that week and in particular on Wednesday 27th of November - **RED WEDNESDAY.**

### CHRISTMAS CARD SALE

The sisters of Mary Morningstar would like to invite you to support their Christmas Card sale, at The Friary, Lady Lane, Monday to Friday, 2.30 pm -5.30 pm. You are all very welcome and be sure of our prayer

### Theology in the Public Square Lecture Series

#### 'On Faith and Mystery: A New Sense of the Sacred for Today?'

Mark Patrick Hederman OSB  
Wednesday 20th November  
Main Auditorium at 6:30 pm

**Admission: FREE - All Welcome**

### ADVENT REFLECTION

"Connecting to the Invisible Force of God's presence within each one of us and within all creation".

Thursday 28th November

St. John's Pastoral Centre, John's Hill, Waterford  
@ 7.30 p.m.

Facilitator: Antoinette Dilworth rsj.

### FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

A Blessed day of thanksgiving, prayer, praise, scripture, teaching and healing with guest Eddie Stones will take place at the Woodlands Hotel, Dunmore Road on Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> from 10.00am to 6.00pm. Mass will be celebrated by Bishops Alphonsus Cullinan.

### TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

The Traditional Latin Mass Has Moved to Faithlegg After a 50 year absence the Traditional Latin Mass with Gregorian Chant will return to St Nicholas Church, Faithlegg at 11AM on Sunday 24th November. Teas and Coffees afterwards in the Reading Room at Cheekpoint.

*All are welcome.*

### Just a thought...



#### Prayer - Just for Today Pain

*Lord, hear my voice of pain. I unite my pain with your pain. May this benefit me and others.*



## Gardening the Soul

When my great friend and mentor, Bishop Birch, died suddenly in 1981, I experienced a devastating shock and an immense sense of loss such as I had never experienced before. It took me a long time to discover that God was leading me into another dimension of my life, into knowing God in a new way. When I fell ill myself in 1990, I experienced a great sense of powerlessness. And yet that suffering, in a mysterious way was an occasion for an encounter with God that was both terrifying and supremely wonderful, for God showed himself to me as the God of love. None of us wants to experience suffering, but it comes our way, and when it does it has its own way of breathing new life. If we can stay with it and find our true selves in it, we will discover that we can grow through it to our full stature.

*Sr. Stanislaus Kennedy*



## The Quotable Spirit - Belief & Doubt.

My heart leaps when I behold a rainbow in the sky:

So was it when my life began;  
So it is now I am a man;  
So be it when I shall grow old,  
Or let me die!

The child is father of the Man;  
And I could wish my days to be,  
Bound each to each by natural piety.

*William Wordsworth*

## Questions People Ask

### Q. Why should we pray for the souls in Purgatory?

A. Just as one part of the physical body can help another by soothing a suffering or sharing a burden; as parts of the Mystical Body of Christ we can help one another in spiritual ways. Membership of the Mystical Body extends beyond the grave. For our beloved departed who are being purified until they reflect the total brightness of the beatific vision, our ways of spiritual assistance are prayer, especially participation in the Mass, works of generosity and offering our sufferings in union with the redemptive suffering of Jesus.

## Love of God and Neighbour

The gospels bring us right to the heart of what a Christian life involves: love of God and of neighbour. Jesus tells us that having life both now and in the future is the fruit of living in the spirit of love. With media today, we are brought face to face with suffering, poverty and hunger so vast that is can engender a feeling of helplessness and hopelessness.

**Please take this Newsletter home.**

The gospels challenge us about how we react when we come face to face with a person in need. Bring to mind the people who have been an inspiration to you by the care and attention they have given to others.

### Remembering The Souls in Purgatory

"It cannot be doubted that the prayers of the Church, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and alms distributed for the departed, relieve the Holy Souls and move God to treat them with more clemency. It is the universal practice of the Church, a practice that she observes as having received it from her forefathers - that is to say, the Holy Apostles". *Saint Augustine*



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

Said the elder priest, "I know you were reaching out to the young people when you had bucket seats put in to replace the first four pews. It worked. We got the front of the church filled first." The young priest nodded and the old one continued, "And you told me a little bit more beat to the music would bring young people back to the church, so I supported you when you brought in that rock 'n roll gospel choir." "So" asked the young priest, "what's the problem?" "Well" said the elder priest, "I'm afraid you've gone too far with the drive-thru confessional and the flashing neon light which reads: - **'Toot 'n tell or Go to Hell.'**

### Quote for the Week

The presence of an idea is like that of a loved one. We imagine that we shall never forget it, and that the beloved can never become indifferent to us; but out of sight, out of mind! The finest thought runs the risk of being irretrievably forgotten if it is not written down. *(Schopenhauer)*

### Quip for the Week

*So live your life that your autograph will be wanted, not your fingerprints.*

### ...thought for the week

*A friend is one to whom one pours out all the content of one's heart - chaff and grain together, knowing that the gentlest hands will take and sift it, keep what is worth keeping, and with the breath of kindness blow the rest away.*



## 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Trust in God

To those, who in their enthusiasm and first fervor had thought that Jesus was to bring an end to suffering, war and hate, Luke brings the reminder, to them and to us, that it's not so.

Yet we should never get dismayed or lose heart. Jesus had told his followers what to expect, but he also said that they would never meet tribulation alone as he himself would help in their defence.

Get a toothache - take a Dispirin. Get a headache - take a Panadol. We seek instant relief from pain with tablets. Our prayer is often the same. We pray for relief, for a cure. Jesus, in today's Gospel, implies that there is another valid prayer - the prayer for fortitude, to live out the pain, the prayer for strength and support to face the betrayals.

The antidote to fear is trust, trust in God and in his love and care for us. Jesus tells how far that care goes, 'not a hair of your head will be lost'. That's the safety-net that cushions us against the threats and betrayals of life.

Our response now, if we are to be ready then, is perseverance and endurance. You cannot save time you can only use it wisely and well. As Paul put it 'go on quietly working'. The gift of endurance will bring us to eternal life. It is a gift worth praying for.

## St John's Church Waterford



## Newsletter

November 17th 2019  
World Day of the Poor

### 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:  
**(Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe)**

2 Sm 5:1-3. Ps 121:1-5.  
Col 1:12-20. Lk 23:35-43.