

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.

Holyday 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

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

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NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

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

with The Sacred Heart Church, Killea, The Cathedral and Ss Joseph and Benildus.

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

All are welcome.

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St. John's Safeguarding Children Reps:

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.

Sunday 10.00a.m. (Polish)

Weekday Masses: 10.00a.m.

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 or contact 087-2530992

Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Come and sit quietly before God in the Blessed

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:-

6.15 Vigil - Saturday 14th December

The forgotten souls

9.00am - Sunday 15th December

Louise Carroll

12 Noon - Sunday 15th December

May & Dick Manning

Shared Masses:

Coffee Morning - each Wednesday morning after the 10.00 m. Mass. Michael, Annie O'Neill, son Nicholas and grandparents Nicholas & Margaret Jacob. Bosco Quinn and his father John. All are welcome.

Confessions: - every Saturday

evening from 5.45, before the Vigil Mass. The Confessions will be held by Fr. Paul, Fr. Tom, Fr. Charles & Bridget Lowe and son Fergus

The Rosary is recited each weekday morning prior to the 10.00am Mass. Deceased members of the Legion of Mary Larry & Stacia Ennis and family

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St Vincent de Paul

Envelopes €205.00

Offeratory €527.00

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St. John's Charismatic Prayer Group.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE: We meet every Monday evening at 7.45p.m. in the Upper Sacristy with a Penitential Service in preparation for Christmas will take place on Monday 16th December, 2019 at 7.30pm in St. Joseph & St. Benildus Church, Newtown Road.

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Carols for Our Times - 8pm to 9pm with The Island of Ireland Peace Choir at The Edmund Rice Chapel, Barrack Street, Waterford on Friday 20 December 2019. All Are Welcome!



CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER

The Annual Christmas Day Dinner for those in need, under the auspices of the Knights of St. Columbanus, will take place as usual at 12.30pm on Christmas Day at St. Joseph's School, Parnell Street. The function has now been running without a break for well over 70 years. Anyone, and particularly those who are far from home, who would not otherwise enjoy a Christmas dinner on that day will be very welcome - just turn up at 12.30pm. The dinner is of course completely free and all women attending.

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Shared Masses: **PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE:** June 2nd for seven nights. Half board. Led by Vincent and Leslie Kenny. Spiritual Director Fr Shane O'Neill. Most of the souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace on 13th.

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Notice Board

Just a thought...

Last Weeks Church Collections

Prayer for Today Another Day €0.00
Thank you for the gift of another day. €0.00
I leave this day in your hands. I do not fear as you are beside me to give me victory
The 2nd Basket Collection for the upkeep of the church buildings takes place at all Masses on the third weekend of each month.

Enjoy a magical evening of song and festive carols with performances by De La Salle Senior School.

Gardening the Soul

Where I come from, in Dingle on the southwest coast of Ireland, we never say that someone has died, but that they are gone on the way of truth – imithe ar slí no firinne. This is not to deny death, but to see it as part of the natural cycle of life. All living and growing things are part of a cycle of endings and beginnings, planting and harvesting. Our fear of death is a resistance to that natural order and flow of life. We forget our place in a bigger picture and view death as an unnatural event, which robs us of our joy in living. Dr. Elisabeth Kubler-Ross speaks of death as a natural transition into beauty and harmony. She believes that death is really a birthday, that death is merely a doorway into a love-filled tomorrow. We walk to the door when the time is right, and it will be open for us into peace beyond our understanding.

Sr. Stanislaus Kennedy



SAINTS OF THE WEEK...

Wed 18 – St. Flannan – lived in the seventh century and was the son of a ling of Thomond. He entered Molua's monastery at Killaloe and became abbot there. He is remembered as a great preacher.

Fri 20 – St. Fachanan – although little is known with certainty about Fachanan, a strong tradition from early times links him with Kilfenora and records that he founded a church or monastery there in the sixth century. He is venerated as the patron of the Diocese of Kilfenora, now part of Galway.

Sat 21 - St Peter Canisius – 1521 – 97, was born in Holland. He intended to become a lawyer but joined the Jesuits. Through courtesy and learning he promoted the Catholic revival after the Council of Trent. His greatest work was a catechism of 211 questions and answers, published in 1555.



Questions People Ask

Q. Why is the third Sunday of Advent called Gaudete Sunday?

A. Gaudete is the Latin word for rejoice. The penitential of purple time of Advent gives way to joy because the birthday of the Lord is so near. The key reading for this Sunday is Paul's letter to the Philippians. Paul was locked up in prison when he wrote this letter, but his inner joy was intense because of his conviction that the Lord was very

near. We allow far too many events and concerns to distract our minds from God. Advent is a challenge to simplify and refocus. One will find that this is the way to peace and joy.



It's good to laugh...

A middle-eastern diplomat visiting the US for the first time was being wined and dined by the State Department. The Grand Emir wasn't used to the salt in American food and kept sending his manservant Abdul to fetch him a glass of water. Time and again, Abdul would scamper off and return with a glass of water. Finally, he returned empty handed. "Abdul, you son of a lazy camel, where is my water???" demanded the sheik.

"A thousand pardons O illustrious one," stammered the wretched Abdul, "but a man is sitting on the well."



PRIEST'S COLLECTION

The Christmas Collection for the priests of the diocese is being taken up at all Masses over Christmas. Please give as generously as you can. Envelopes are available at the back of the Church. Thank you.

God's Love

A farmer placed a weathercock inscribed with the word's 'God's Love' on top of his barn. One day a passer-by, noticing the weathercock, stopped to look and with a smirk on his face asked the farmer standing at the door of the barn, "Do you think that God's love can change so lightly like the van you've got up there?" Smiling, the farmer shook his head and replied "No my friend! That is meant to show that whatever way the wind blows, "God is love".

Quote for the Week (176)

The best portion of a good man's life, are his little, nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and love (Wordsworth)

Quip for the Week

True happiness may be sought, thought or caught – but never bought.

...thought for the week

You can tell more about a person by what he says about others than you can about what others say about him.



3rd Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday

The Signs of the Season

The signs of the season are all around us these days – displays in the shops, decoration in homes, music on tele and radio etc etc.

In the Gospel today, Jesus urges the disciples of John the Baptist to look for signs as well – signs that Jesus is truly the one sent by God. Such signs include dramatic transformations in people – physical disabilities healed, Good News proclaimed to the poor.

In today's first reading we hear Isaiah talk about God's people and in desert lands where the chosen people live, signs herald the approach of God, coming to save the people, to turn their sadness and mourning into joy.

Wishing each other a Happy Christmas is supposed to reflect that joy and while many feel happy or carefree at this time of the year – many bear burdens – which can be heavier to bear during the holidays.

We, as people of faith, need to look beyond the joy urged on us by the media. We can be signs of Christ present to those searching for God. Be sensitive, listening generously to others in need, assistance to those who are burdened, we become part of the transforming power of God's reign, breaking into our world.

St John's Church Waterford



Newsletter

December 15th 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: 4th Sunday of Advent

Is 7:10-14.

Ps 23:1-6, R/ cf vv 7, 10.

Rm 1:1-7.

Mt 1:18-24.

Please take this Newsletter home.