

## 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

### Priests:

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### St. John's Safeguarding Children Reps:

Deirdre Barry - 087-6441932



### 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 house-bound 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

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.

**The Cathedral and Ss Joseph and Benildus:** every Saturday evening from 5.45 before the Vigil Mass.  
Email: [stjohnsparish.waterford@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsparish.waterford@gmail.com)

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



All are welcome.

Office (Deirdre) 051 874271  
Sacristy is recited every week.

**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.

Saturday Vigil 6.15p.m.

**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.

**Weekday Masses:** All are welcome.  
No Mass on Saturday mornings.

### 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

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

## 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 30<sup>th</sup> November  
The McCormack Family

9.00am - Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December

John & Nellie Toomey and Arthur & Elizabeth Kavanagh  
12 Noon - Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December  
Catherine & Harry Halligan

### SHARED MASSES:

Philip Hearne , Mary Law, Jimmy Grimes

*May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*  
**Coffee Morning** each Wednesday

morning after the 10.00.m. Mass.

**Notice Board** All are welcome.  
**Confessions: - every Saturday**

**LAST WEEK'S CHURCH COLLECTIONS**

**Mass** €340.00

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

### Communion to the Sick

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**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.**  
There will be a short talk at all Masses on the weekend of 30th November/1st December by a

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

## HEALING AND REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

2019 For those who have lost a loved one to suicide

Christ Church Cathedral  
Cathedral Square, Waterford  
Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> December 2019 at 4pm



## ADVENT CHILDREN'S MASS

The annual Advent Children's Mass will take place on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December at the 6.15 Vigil Mass. Lighting of the Christmas tree and bringing of gifts for less fortunate children. Children from St. Declan's NS and Waterpark NS will participate.

*All are welcome to attend.*  
**In Loving Memory...**  
**SISTERS OF MARY MORNINGSTAR**

Would like to invite you to support their craft sale, on the 14<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> December, which takes place in the Lady Chapel. You will find Christmas cards, cakes, roses, hand painted candles, CD, book, chutney, cheese curd, etc. Our monastic craft helps to support us in our crafts, you are wished recently- intentions included in our prayers or wish to support us in our crafts, you are most welcome to visit us. Be sure that we pray for you. Thank you for your support and generosity..



### CHRISTMAS IN BENILDUS 4

**Shared Masses:** The annual spiritual concert of music, poetry and readings on a Christmas theme will take place in St. Joseph & St. Benildus Church on Wednesday the 18th December, doors open at 7.00pm, concert begins at 7.30pm. Tickets €20 available from the parish office.

*May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*  
Some special guests, such as Vanessa Whelan, Valerie Leahy, Dominic McGorian, the ever present Parish choir, Gerry Kane together with Jamie Rock Baritone (nephew of famed Irish singer Sinéad O'Connor), String Quartet from Germany, Cahal Masterson international concert pianist from Northern Ireland and very special guest, Michael Murphy, RTE news reporter and journalist.



### Notice Board

Masses in St. John's on the first Sunday of each month.

**LATIN MASS** Basket Collection €.00

The next Traditional Latin Mass will take place on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December Feat of the Immaculate Conception at 11am in St. Nicholas Church. The church buildings takes place at all Masses on the third weekend of each month. All are most welcome



Enjoy a magical evening of song and festive with performances by De La Salle Senior ch

## Just a thought...



### Prayer - Just for Today Anxiety

Lord, I am anxious about my future.

But your love will support me. Do not disappoint me.



### Gardening the Soul

Last year during a retreat I was giving (on the theme of hope) to a group of priests, I asked if they would spend some time looking for a symbol that meant hope to them? They came up with an extraordinary variety of symbols; symbols of light, symbols of nature, and the earth, something they themselves had created. What was interesting was that they explained why they had chosen particular things, they nearly all associated their symbol with a memory, and so their symbols about the future were symbols that carried meaning about the past. They were remembering moments of joy, and hope came back to them after long absences *Sr. Stanislaus*



### Saints of the Week....

**Tue 3 - St. Francis Xavier** - 1506-52, one of the first weven Jesuits, was sent to India by St. Ignatius. He converted many in Goa and later in Japan. He died as he attempted to enter China. A patron of the missions.

**Wed 4 - St. John Damascene** - 675 - 749, was a Syrian Christian theologian. He became a priest in the monastery of St. Sabas near Jerusalem and was a leading figure in the defence of icons in the iconoclastic controversy.

**Fri 6 - St. Nicholas**, was a fourth-century Bishop of Myra in modern day Turkey of whom little is known. He is patron of Russian, of sailors, of pawnbrokers and of children.

**Sat 7 - St. Ambrose**, 340 -397, became governor of the Roman province whose seat was in Milan. In 374, the laity insisted on his becoming bishop though he was still not baptised. He defended orthodoxy in brilliant preaching and through his writing. Patron of Milan, bee-keepers, and domestic animals.

### Questions People Ask

**Q. What is the meaning of the Advent Wreath which has become so popular in recent years?**

A - The wreath is circular to express the circle of life, beginning with God as creator and ending with God as our final destiny. The circle also represents Christ who came in the past, comes every day through grace and will come again in final glory. Evergreen leaves

show the unfading love of God and our constant hope. The four outer candles are for the weeks of preparation before lighting the white candle at the centre for the birth of the Saviour.



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

A man is driving down a motorway at 55km per hour. He looks out the window and sees a chicken running alongside his car. He speeds up to 65 and the chicken is keeping pace with him. He notices that the chicken appears to have multiple legs but before he can confirm it, the chicken takes a hard left down a dirt road. Intrigued, he turns around and goes down the dirt road and finds a chicken farm. He looks on in amazement as all the chickens are zooming around the compound. He sees the chicken standing still and sure enough it has three legs. Stunned, he gets out of the car and sees a man throwing feed for the chickens. He calls out to the farmer who comes over to the fence. The man asks "What's with all the three legged chickens?" The farmer replies: "Oh yeah, well my son, my wife and I like to eat chicken, especially the leg, so we breed these to have three legs. One for my wife, one for my son and one for me." The man, still amazed asks: "Well, how do they taste?" The farmer replies sadly: "I don't know. I haven't caught one yet." *Thanks Tony*



### The Quotable Spirit - Angels.

I beheld a Virgin of extreme beauty wrapped in a white mantle and delicate tunic... with her beautiful golden hair falling loosely down her shoulders....

She stood with uplifted hands, her eyes fixed on heaven, rapt, as it were, in an ecstasy of contemplation, in a rapture of divine sweetness/ And while she stood in prayer, I beheld her child move in her womb and ... she brought forth her son with Whom such ineffable light and splendour radiated that the sun could not be compared to it.... And then I heard the wonderful singing of many angels. *Book of Questions.*



### Quote for the Week (174)

Life is action and passion, therefore it is required of a man that he should share the action and passion of his time at peril of being judged not to have lived.

#### Quip for the Week

*A plain fact is that human beings are happy when they are striving for something worthwhile.*

#### ...thought for the week

*A problem is a chance for you to do your best.*

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## First Sunday of Advent

## St John's Church Waterford



### A Thought for Advent

As this is the time of year when our Sundays are busiest, we should ask ourselves - How We Spend Sunday's?

Do we give God enough time on Sunday?

Some people may legitimately protest:

"But I'm working three jobs to feed my family!"

Where am I supposed to fit the Sabbath?"

For those who are this tightly scheduled, maybe it becomes an hour before the kids wake up or after they go to bed. Maybe it's an hour in the evening without the television or computer. In such times we remember we are God's beloved and no matter what life throws at us, nothing else is as fundamentally important.

Modelling a sense of Sabbath is especially important for parents. What do we want our children to remember? The mornings when the family snuggled in pyjamas, built blanket caves, held tickling contests and cooked something delicious? Or the fact that Mom and Dad dourly trooped off to work like robots?



## Newsletter

**December 1st 2019**

### Next Sunday's readings:

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

Is 35:1-6,10.

Ps 145:6-10,

R/ cf Is 35:4.

Jas 5:7-10. Mt 11:2-11