

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.

Our Parish...

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

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

Confession - takes place during the 10.00a.m. Mass on Saturdays & after 10 Mass on First Fridays. Please leave name(s) into Sacristy or ring 086 1087003.

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

All are welcome.

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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.

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 - Eugene Rellis late of Mary Street and Hennessy's Road

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:-

6.15 Vigil - Saturday 7th December

(Annual Children's Giving Mass)

9.00am - Sunday 8th December

Catherine (Kitty) Power

12 Noon - Sunday 8th December

Mavis & Joseph McCormack

SHARED MASSES:

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

Larry & Maureen Doolan and family. All are welcome.

Confessions - every Saturday

evening from 5.45, before the Vigil for their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

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
CHRISTMAS STARS CONCERT
TUESDAY 10th DECEMBER 7.30PM

Enjoy a magical evening of song and festive carols with all four Masses in St. John's Senior Presentation, Primary School Choir, St. Ursula's School Choir, St. John of God's School Choir, Newtown Chamber choir & Special Guests will take place in St. John's Church on Tuesday 10th December at 7.30pm. We meet every Monday evening at 7.45p.m. in the Upper Sacristy with a time of prayer and worship available on line at: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/wlrchristmasappeal/511222>

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SISTERS OF MARY MORNINGSTAR

Would like to invite you to support their craft sale, on the 14th / 15th of December, which takes place in the Friary, Lady Lane. You will find Christmas cards, frames, rosaries, hand painted candles, CD, booklets, chutneys, lemon curd, etc. Our monastic craft helps to supply for our daily needs. If you wish to have your 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 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 for over 70 years. Anyone, and particularly those who are far from home, who would welcome the so enjoy a Christmas dinner with us, whose very name is just a name, is most welcome. The dinner is of course completely free to men and women attending. Remember in Your Prayers those who died recently -

CHRISTMAS IN BENILDUS 4

Anniversaries this week:- 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 every morning Monday to Friday.

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Monday 9th December

This year, we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Monday 9th Dec. The normal weekday Mass will be celebrated on the day at 10.00am - Vigil Mass on Sunday 8th December at 6.15pm.

Last Weeks Church Collections

Envelopes €0.00
PENITENTIAL SERVICE €0.00
Offer for Penitential Service in preparation for 2nd Basket Collection €0.00
Christmas will take place on Monday 16th December, 2019 at 7.30pm in St. Joseph & St. Benildus Church, Newtown Road. The church will be open for the upkeper Masses on the third weekend of each month.

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

Just a thought...



Prayer – Just for Today Golden Years

Lord, as my span of life grows shorter, may my faults grow less.

You have been with me since birth.
Continue to be with me in my golden years.



Gardening the Soul

Most people will have some experience of depression, whether brought on by distress, pain or loss or caused by an inner darkness. Depression is like taking a lonely walk down a long, long corridor, to a door at the end that turns out to be closed. As we approach that last, locked door, we need to be reminded that all along the corridor are other doors. These doors are people who are with us in our distress. Depression speaks in absolutes, telling us there is no way out, no relief from the hurt, and that feeling can paralyse us. Yet we know also that this isn't true that there are ways out – professional help is available if needed and those who love us can also help, reaching out to us in love. Sometimes we are just too depressed to look for the ways out. But no one needs to walk alone. That is a thought that we must hold onto on the darkest days. *Sr. Stanislaus Kennedy*



Saints of the Week....

Mon 9 – The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We celebrate Mary who, from the first instant of her existence in the womb of her mother Anne, was by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, Saviour of the human race, preserved free from all stain of original sin.

Wed 11 – St. Damasus 1, born around 304 and died on this day in 384, elected pope in 366. He insisted on the apostolic foundations of the Roman See and was active in opposing fourth-century heresies. He commissioned St. Jerome to prepare the Vulgate version of the Bible.

Thurs 12 – Our Lady of Guadalupe is patron of the Americas. This memorial recalls the apparitions in December 1531 to Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin on Tepeyac hill, near Mexico City. Also today we commemorate the feast-day of **St. Finnian** who studied in Carlow and in Wales. He eventually settled in Clonard, Co. Meath around 520 where he established a famous school. His pupils who included Canice, Colum Cille and Brendan, were the initiators of the great monastic expansion in Ireland. He died in

549 and is remembered as the tutor of the saints of Ireland.

Friday 13 – St. Lucy. Desiring to remain consecrated to Christ alone, was martyred in 304 in Sicily during the persecution of Diocletian.

Sat 14 – St. John of the Cross, 1542 – 1591, a Carmelite who, despite opposition and imprisonment, worked for spreading the reform of the Carmelites. He was a man of prayer, an outstanding poet, a spiritual writer declared doctor of the Church.



Questions People Ask

Q. What is a Jesse Tree?

A. The name comes from Jesse, the father of King David, of whose line Jesus is born. The ancestral line of Jesus is shown by decorating a tree each day of Advent with various quotations or symbols to represent the events and people who went before Jesus. For instance, a little boat might represent Noah's Ark, a basket for Moses, two flat stones for the commandments, a sling for the young David, a harp for the psalms or a carpenter's tool for Joseph. Children have great fun making these artefacts while learning their biblical history.



It's good to laugh...

A young man was in love with two women and could not decide which of them to marry. Finally he went to a marriage counsellor. When asked to describe his two loves, he noted that one was a great poet and the other made delicious pancakes.

"Oh," said the counsellor, "I see what the problem is. You can't decide whether to marry for batter or verse."

Thanks Tony



Quote for the Week (175)

All through the ages the most worthy characters have been those who were dynamically enthusiastic over some definite aim and end. The young man who is afraid to manifest enthusiasm lest his dignity suffer is not likely to have much dignity to lose by and by. Enthusiasm is the propelling force that is necessary for climbing the ladder to success.

Quip for the Week

Some pursue happiness – others create it!

...thought for the week

Every one of us has in him a continent of undiscovered character. Blessed is he who acts the Columbus to his own soul.



2nd Sunday of Advent

Have you heard about God's dream for the world?

That phrase – God's dream for the world – is a favourite expression of a colleague of mine to describe how he interprets Scripture passages like those from Isaiah and St. Paul in today's liturgy. My friend says that God's dream for the world is a vision of all of creation – reconciled, at peace, full of justice and harmony intended for it by our Creator.

Isaiah's "peaceable kingdom" a scene favoured by artists, where the lion and the lamb play together – is an expression of what God envisions for all of us: the beautiful earth, healed of the ravages of greed and pollution: humanity living by God's wisdom, understanding, justice. St. Paul encourages the Gentile Christians of the Church at Rome to see themselves united with Paul's Jewish brothers and sisters in praising God.

Accomplishing this dream of God means a real and radical change of heart, true conversion. And such change doesn't come easy, as we know. Just look around at our world – or better yet, look inside our own hearts. We need the prophetic "wake-up call" of John the Baptist in today's Gospel to summon us to conversion. We need to welcome God's grace and power, present in Jesus Christ, in order to become part of God's dream for the world.

St John's Church Waterford



Second Sunday of Advent

NEWSLETTER

December 8th 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: 3rd 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 (Gaudete Sunday)

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