

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 Minister's 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 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 - Mairead Griffin (nee Kelly) late of Walsh Home, College Street.

6.15 Vigil - Saturday 11th January

Margaret Murphy

12 Noon - Sunday 12th January

Liam Kehoe and his mother Bridget

SHARED MASSES:

Bridie & Sean Ryan and children Paddy & Maura, Margaret Connolly

Hannah & Michael Power sons Tom & Willie & Daughter Mary O'Brien

Michael & Bridget O'Donovan & daughter Greta Fitzgerald

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

**Notice Board****Last Weeks Church Collections**

Envelopes	€285.00
Offertory	€470.00

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

**Happy Birthday's...**

A BIG Happy Birthday from all in St. John's to Sadie whose birthday was on Thursday last January 9th and to Nell whose birthday is tomorrow Jan. 13th. Both girls are very active in St. John's and we wish them continued good health and happiness into the future..



Bereavement Support is available in Waterford, Dungarvan, Cappoquin and Clonmel, provided by Family Ministry, St. John's Pastoral Centre, John's Hill, Waterford. The Bereavement Support Workers are trained in the skills and

confidentiality. Phone Number for Family Ministry Bereavement Support: 051 858772

Week of Prayer of Christian Unity

Ecumenical Service

Cathedral of the Most Holy Trinity

Barronstrand Street

Sunday 9th January at 7.30pm

Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan will preside

Rev. Dr. Christine O'Dowd-Smythe will give the address
All are welcome.

Third Age - Senior Help Line

'Do you need someone to talk to?' A confidential listening service for older people, open each day and evening 365 day a year. **Locall 1850 440 444**

**Baptism**

We welcome into our Christian Community of St. John's - Jason Michael Wallace - who was baptised in this church on Saturday last January 4th and congratulate parents Vincent and Tracey and godparents Sarah and Carl on this joyous occasion.

**My Little Box**

Is an invitation to those who come to St. John's to take one of the boxes now at the back of the church and donate any small coins etc as another means of fundraising and bringing in some extra money towards the remaining debt of the church.

**Are you struggling with anxiety or depression???**

Finding life difficult?

Feeling isolated? Need support?

GROW is here to help you.

GROW meetings provide help and support to anyone experiencing mental health difficulties.

For Waterford Group: Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm in St. Bridget's Centre, Lower Yellow Road, Waterford.

Just a thought...



Prayer – Just for Today

Prayer – is the key of the morning
And the bolt of the evening.
As food is necessary for the body
Prayer is necessary for the soul.
No act of mine is done without prayer
I am not a man of learning
But humbly claim to be a man of prayer.

Mahatma Gandhi

Gardening the Soul

People sometimes confuse solitude with loneliness, but they are quite different. Loneliness is a painful experience that we feel when we are cut off or excluded; solitude is an experience of being empty, free, serene and at peace, and yet alone.

Sometimes we need solitude so that we can confront our loneliness, and confront too the real cause of our loneliness. Perhaps we are lonely because there is something wrong in our lives; if that is the case, confronting our loneliness can help us to see that and may lead us to seek the appropriate help.

Or it may be that we are lonely simply because we have never rested with ourselves in solitude. To cope with our loneliness, it may be that rather than running out to find company we need to give ourselves up to the kind of solitude that allows us to deepen our sense of wonder.

Sr. Stan Kennedy

It's good to laugh...

At school, little Johnny's classmate tells him that most adults are hiding at least one dark secret, so it's very easy to blackmail them by saying "I know the whole truth."

Little Johnny decides to go home and try it out. Johnny's mother greets him at home, and he tells her, "I know the whole truth." His mother quickly hands him €20 and says, "Just don't tell your father."

The boy waits for his father to get home from work and greets him with: "I know the whole

truth." The father promptly hands him €40 and says, "Please don't say a word to your mother."

Very pleased, the boy is on his way to school the next day when he sees the postman at his front door. The boy greets him by saying: "I know the whole truth." The postman drops the mail, opens his arms, and says, "Then come give your Daddy a big hug!" Tony



Saints of the week....

Mon 13 – St. Hilary – c. 315 – c367, was elected bishop of Poitiers and distinguished himself by his stand against Arianism. In exile (356-59) by order of the emperor, he used his time to write. His major works include *De Trinitate*, a study of the Trinity.

Wed 15 – St. Ita – was born in Co.

Waterford of noble and Christian parents. Early on she set her mind on serving Christ in religious life. She founded a monastery in Killeedy, Co. Limerick, which attracted a great variety of young people. She was given the title 'foster-mother of the saints of Ireland'. She died in 570.

Thurs 16 – St. Fursa - was born in Ireland and became one of the great monastic missionaries abroad. He went first with his brothers Foillan and Ultan to live the monastic life in East Anglia. But as great numbers continued to visit him there he left Foillan as abbot and sought refuge in France around 644. A patron gave him a hermitage at Lagny on the Marne. He died around 650 and was buried in Péronne, a great centre of devotion to him.

Friday 17 – St Anthony – died around 356, 'Father of monasticism,' lived a life of solitude but also attracted many others to form communities of hermits.

Quip for the Week

What this world needs is the peace that passes all misunderstanding.



...thought for the week

If a window of opportunity appears, don't pull down the shade.

Please take this Newsletter home.



The Baptism of The Lord

St John's Church Waterford



The Baptism of The Lord

The Baptism of the Lord is the third manifestation of Christ in so many weeks. The first of course was the Nativity when the Word was made flesh and made his dwelling among us. The second was last Sunday at Epiphany when all nations saw his understated glory. Today's feast day takes place as everything goes back to normal. Unlike the other two, this manifestation takes place in the middle of the world where everyone can see. The bank of the Jordan heaved with people. Christ moves in unnoticed. After all they were all there to see John, not his cousin. The Christ is here and no one except the very few even notice.

Christ's presence in our world is no different. Christmas is now a distant memory. It seems the Incarnation can be put back in the box with the crib for another year. Today reminds us that this is far from how it is. The presence of the Lord is as real now as it was when we sang Silent Night. It was always difficult to see the Lord, even when he walked among us in the flesh. Not everyone can see, not everyone wants to see. But those of us who have come to know the Lord can see and we know that he walks beside us. The decorations are gone, the living presence of Christ can never be put away. We have heard the voice. Like John our call is to point out the Lamb of God to a world that longs for him.

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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:
2nd Sun. in Ordinary Time
Is 49:3, 5-6.
Ps 39:2, 4, 7-10, R/ vv 8,9.
1 Cor 1:1-3.
Jn 1:29-34.