

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 - Sr. Marie Brendan Donohue Late The Good Shepherds, Virginia Crescent

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:-

6.15 Vigil - Saturday 25th January

Sue, Joe & Bernard Phelan

9.00am - Sunday 26th January

James Reale

12 Noon - Sunday 26th January

Paul Egan, sons Paul & David, Daughter in law Martina, The Burke & Egan Families & Larry Fitzgerald

SHARED MASSES:

Renee Lumley
Abie Henderson
Frank Walsh
Monica Walsh
Mary Daly
Rose Hayes
Patrick Kenneally
Gus McCarthy

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

Notice Board**LAST WEEKS CHURCH COLLECTIONS**

Envelopes	€435.00
Offertory	€433.00
2 nd Basket Collection	€395.00

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

**LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR**

- at St. Joseph's Home Ferrybank always like to hear from people who would like to help in our work of Caring for the Elderly.
If you can spare an hour of your time please contact Sr. Roseline 833 006

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

GAM-ANON

IS SOMEONE ELSE'S GAMBLING AFFECTING YOUR LIFE?

Gam-Anon is a fellowship of men and women who have been affected by the gambling problem of a loved one.

Meeting every Thursday night at St. Brigid's Centre, Lower Yellow Road, Waterford at 7:30pm.

Contact **086 1245811** for more details. Come join with us.



MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE PILGRIMAGES
APRIL - OCT 2020: 7 Night Stay and Airport Shuttle service from Dubrovnik or Split for €266 per person sharing. Book any flight - any time and we provide guaranteed airport shuttle service. Call us for further info and book the dates that suit you. Tel. 01 4434510 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com.

FINBAR WRIGHT – SONGS YOU LOVE

Finbar Wright, Ireland's best-loved popular entertainer and award-winning recording artist, returns to the Church of St. Joseph & St. Benildus, Waterford, on Sunday February 2nd, 2020 at 8.00pm for another concert packed with great humour and passionate music. Celebrating his greatest hits and all of your favourite music, Finbar will be joined by an impressive line-up of fine musicians in sparkling performances to delight all music lovers.

Tickets €25 available from the parish office (051-878977) or the Theatre Royal Box office (051-874402)



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

Direct my thoughts and bless them
Direct my work and bless it.
Direct the things I say and give them blessing too.
Direct and bless everything I think and speak and do.
So that from this one day - Just this one day.
I have the gift of grace
That comes from your presence.



Gardening the Soul

Being people of courage and hope does not mean not feeling afraid; rather, courage is the willingness to stay open to our fear and our rawness without running away. None of us is courageous all the time. With fear we embark on most journeys. Courage appears when we are willing to sit on the edge of our pain and look at it face to face.
Sr. Stan Kennedy



He that has light within his own clear breast May sit in the centre, and enjoy bright day: But he that hides a dark soul Himself his own dungeon.
John Milton



Quote for the Week

Rumour is a pipe
Blown by surmises, jealousies, conjectures,
And of so easy and so plain a stop
That the blunt monster with uncounted heads,
The still-discordant wavering multitude,
Can play upon it. William Shakespeare.



The Quotable Spirit - Immortality

It is not possible that we should remember that we existed before our body, for our body can bear no trace of such existence, neither can eternity be defined in terms of time or have any relation to time. But notwithstanding, we feel and we know that we are eternal.



It's good to laugh.....

Things my Mother taught me...
My mother taught me humour.. 'When that lawnmower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me.'

My mother taught me adulthood... 'If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up.'

My mother taught me about genetics... 'You are just like your father.'



My mother taught me about my roots...'Do you think you were born in a field.'
My mother taught me wisdom of age... 'When you get to my age you will understand.'
My mother taught me anticipation... 'Just wait till your father gets home.'
My mother taught me justice...'One day you will have kids, and I hope they will turn out just like YOU.. then you'll see what it's like.'



Questions People Ask!

Q. I prefer to bypass the saints and go straight to God in my prayers. Am I missing anything?

A. We venerate the saints for many reasons. We see the greatness of God's grace manifested in their holy lives. They show us what human nature is capable of with the help of God's grace. When on earth they helped people and they still continue to add their prayers to ours. They do not take us away from God but accompany us on our pilgrimage to God. Many people feel more inspired and stronger in their company.



Saints of the week...

Mon 27 - St. Angela Merici, 1474 - 1540 - founder of the Ursulines, devoted herself to Christian education based on love.

Tues 28 - St. Thomas Aquinas - was born in Italy in 1224 and died in 1274. Thomas taught that Christian revelation and human knowledge are aspects of a single truth and cannot be in conflict with one another.

Thurs 30 - St Aidan - renowned for his generosity and kindness.

Bl. Margaret Ball - was imprisoned for teaching Catholicism.

Bl. Francis Taylor - for his Catholic faith he was imprisoned and died there.

Fri - 31 - St. John Bosco, St John Bosco - founded the Salesians to educate boys for life.

Sat 1 Feb - St. Brigid - renowned for her hospitality and care of the sick.



...thought for the week

Everyone's eyes ought to be windows, but in too many cases they are shutters instead.



Quip for the Week

A lot of men, including some politicians, are too busy trying to get ahead to do a good job.

Please take this Newsletter home.



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

St John's Church Waterford

The Gospel's of Matthew

Our Sunday cycle of Scripture readings this year is based on the Gospel of Matthew. In today's selection, Matthew describes the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, and quotes a passage from Isaiah, which the liturgy uses for our first reading. The quote sounds familiar, since we heard it in the Christmas Liturgy. "The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light."

Midnight Mass, when the beauty of the birth of the infant Jesus is before us, is a contrast to today's scene. In the light of day, Jesus walks by the Sea of Galilee, and our thoughts turn into the adult mission of the Messiah. That mission takes place in the midst of the Jewish people, labouring under Roman rule. Along the dusty roads, and in towns and synagogues, in the face of human suffering and sin, and eventually from Calvary's hill, Matthew is proclaiming that the light of Christ will conquer death.



Newsletter

Jan 26th 2020

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:

The Presentation of the Lord.

Mal 3:1-4.

Ps 23:7-10, R/ v8. Heb 2:14-18.

Lk 2:22-40.