

Our Parish...



St. John's Parish - is part of the
St. Lawrence Pastoral Area - together with The
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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 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 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 –**

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:-

6.15 Vigil – Saturday 5th January

Frank & May Power and son Billy

9.00am – Sunday 6th January

Betty McGinn

12 Noon – Sunday 6th January

Robert (Bobby) Whelan

SHARED MASSES:

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

Michael & Brigit O'Donovan & daughter Greta
Fitzgerald

Emily & Michael O'Gorman

Mary & Patrick DeCoursey & Family

Patrick & Agnes Duffin

Paddy & Eily Murray

Kathleen Phelan

Elizabeth Ormond

The Phelan Family

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

Notice Board



Last Weeks Church Collections

Envelopes €345.00

Offertory €446.00

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

Feast of the Epiphany

Monday 6th January- Holy Day of Obligation

Vigil Mass – Sunday 5th January 6.15pm

Mass: Monday 6th January 10.00am

BAPTISM

We welcome into our Christian
Community of St. John's – Daniel-Phelan-
Maloney who was baptised in this church
on Saturday last Dec. 28 and congratulate
parents Michael and Aoife and
godparents Eddie and Tracey on this
joyous occasion.



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



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**

Just a thought...



Prayer – Just for Today

Seeking God with our Restless and Troubled Hearts

You stir us up ,O Lord, and make us find
joy in praising you, since you have made
us for yourself, and our hearts find no
rest until they rest is you.

St Augustine



Gardening the Soul

*Ni h-e an t-eadaigh an fear (clothes do not
make the man).* This old Irish saying tells
us, in no uncertain terms, that the things
we possess do not and will not define us,
nor bring us peace and happiness. Some
may still believe abundant possessions
bring happiness or that they are a sign of
God's favour, but most of us know that
when we are least reliant on material
things, we are happiest.

A friend of mine who could be materially very well off made major changes in her home recently. By keeping only what she needed on a daily, weekly and monthly basis and giving away everything else, she has discovered the secret of living simply. This woman's attitude is a very simple one; people are more important than things. She has discovered that **'I have'** is the greatest threat to who **'I am'**.

Sr. Stan Kennedy



SAINTS OF THE WEEK....

Mon 6 – The Epiphany of the Lord – is the manifestation of Jesus as the Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Saviour of the world.

Tues 7 – St Raymond of Penyafort, 1175 – 1275m was a very brilliant lawyer when at the age of forty-seven he became a Dominican. Later he became Master General of the Dominicans and Archbishop of Tarragona.



QUESTIONS PEOPLE ASK

Q. What does Epiphany mean ?

A. An epiphany is a moment of revelation when something hidden comes to light. The Feast of the Epiphany celebrates three manifestations of the divinity of Jesus hidden in his humanity. First was in the worship of the infant Jesus by the Magi. Then as the commencement of the mission of Jesus, after his baptism in the Jordan, the voice of the Father was heard, 'You are my Son, the Beloved', next Sunday's Gospel. The third epiphany was at the wedding in Cana, as he changed the water into wine, he let his glory be seen and the disciples believed in him', the Gospel for two Sundays hence.

*I breathe in the green grass and in
the flowers, and in the living waters....
I permeate all things that they may
not die, I am life.* St. Hildegard of Bingen

IT'S GOOD TO LAUGH...

Three wealthy brothers were competing to see which one of them could give their elderly mother the best birthday gift.

The first one bought her a mansion. The second bought her a Porsche. The third one, knowing how religious their mam is, bought her a remarkable parrot. It took eighteen monks, ten years to teach him how to recite the whole Bible. It's one of a kind, it cost \$20million. After some time, their mother sent out her letters of thanks. "John," she wrote to the first one. "The mansion you bought is too big. I live in only one room, but I have to clean the entire house."

"Peter," she wrote to the second one. "I'm too old to travel. I stay most of the time at home, so I rarely use the Porsche."

"Dearest Samuel," she wrote to her third son, "You have a good sense to know what your mother likes. "That chicken was absolutely delicious!"



Quote for the Week

Panics, in some cases, have their uses; they produce as much good as hurt. Their duration is always short; the mind soon grows through them and acquires a firmer habit than before. But their peculiar advantages is, that they are the touchstones of sincerity and hypocrisy, and bring things and men to light, which might otherwise have lain forever undiscovered.

(Thomas Paine)

Quip for the Week

Sentimentality comes easy.

But caring is hard – it involves doing.

...thought for the week

Jumping at several small opportunities may get us there more quickly this coming year, than waiting for one big one to come along.

Prayer for the New Year

God, bless our year,
Giving us time for the task,
Peace for the pathway,
Wisdom for the work,
Friends for the fireside,

Love to the last.

(Book of 1000 Prayers)



Second Sunday of Christmas

Epiphany

We celebrate this mystery on the second Sunday after Christmas; this year the actual date of the Epiphany is tomorrow Monday January 6th. We call it the *Epiphany*, or manifestation. There is still the memory of the time when the entire Church year and its major feasts were solemnly proclaimed and sung as an announcement on this day.

The feast of the Epiphany was for centuries used as a momentary flash picture of the entire mystery of God's Incarnation. It warned us ahead of time that it would lead to Good Friday, and multitudinous feasts. We were being prepared, forewarned and called forth to experience!

Unless we are awakened, told to expect, spiritually aroused, we hardly ever do. We are instead on cruise control, daily business as usual. Without an authentic spirituality, most lives are a collective sleepwalking, and sometimes even in the name of religion itself. Epiphanies, thank God, wake us up so we can in fact experience our experiences, learn from them and be transformed by them. This is the journey of holiness.

What we celebrate in the mystery of the Epiphany is not that we are right, that we have God in our pocket, or that our religion is best. Instead we celebrate that God-in-Jesus is utterly given, trustworthy and better than we ever imagined. It is God who is manifest, not our formulations of God!

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Newsletter

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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:
The Baptism of The Lord
Is 42:1-4, 6-7. Ps 28:1-4, 9-10, R / v 11. Acts 10:34-38. Mt 3:13-17**

Please take this Newsletter home.