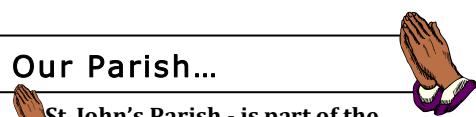


## Our Parish...



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:

Fr. Paul Murphy 051- 874271  
Fr. Tom Rogers 051-511275

### Parish Support:

Office (Deirdre) 051 874271  
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### Office Opening Hours

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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 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](http://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 5<sup>th</sup> January**

Frank & May Power and son Billy

**9.00am - Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January**

Betty McGinn

**12 Noon - Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> January- Holy Day of Obligation**  
Vigil Mass - Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January 6.15pm  
Mass: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 10.00am

## BAPTISM

We welcome into our Christian Community of St. John's - Daniel-Phelan-Malone 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 Peñafort, 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  
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#### 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 mom 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 6<sup>th</sup>. 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.



#### 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**

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