

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 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: Jim Thompson late of Henry Street
Nancy Clancy late of Cork Road,

Anniversaries this week:-

6.15 Vigil – Saturday 1st February

Gerry & Eileen Glanville

9.00am – Sunday 2nd February

Pat McGrath

12 Noon – Sunday 2nd February

Michael Fitzgerald

Shared Masses:

Frank Goulding, Joe Doyle, Monica Power, 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 €415.00

Offertory €575.00

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



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 – Teddy William Galvin- who was baptised in this church on Saturday last January 25th – and congratulate parents Frank and Eimir and godparents Evan and Roseanne on this joyous occasion.



Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage

The annual diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes will be from 3rd to 8th June 2020. Booking is already open and you may book online www.joewalshstours.ie where you can avail of a €10 Discount. You may contact the Lourdes booking office in Waterford on 051-878900 from 9am to 5.30pm Monday to Friday. Please note that visits to the Waterford office will only be open on Monday and Thursday from 10am to 2pm.



Radio Maria Ireland

Catholic Talk-Radio Station is an Irish-run Catholic Talk – Radio Station. Programmes include Prayer, Catechesis, Uplifting Music, Talks, Interview and Testimonies – all commercial free-listen via Free App "Radio Maria Ireland."



Taize

Taize evening with the Island of Ireland Peace choir at the Edmund Rice Chapel Barrack Street, Waterford On Friday 7th February 2020 from 8.00pm to 9.00pm

All are welcome



Concert – St. Patrick's Church

On Wednesday 12th February, a concert will be held in St. Patrick's Church, Georges Street in Waterford in aid of refurbishment of the Lady's home. Music will be provided by the High Hopes Choir, Dordán Choir and other local singers and artists. Special guest on the night will be Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan and Dermot Power (Historian). A raffle will be held at the interval.

Tickets are €10 each including entry into door prize. Tickets may be purchased at the Cathedral parish office.

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 on the door on the night.

Just a thought...



Prayer – Just for Today

God our father.

You have promised to remain for ever with those who do what is just and right.

Help us to live in your presence.

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Gardening the Soul

We spend our days in a whirl of activity, often trying to do two things at the same time or thinking one thing and doing another. This is no way to live. Consider what nature expends to create even a single apple: it takes a spring, a summer and an autumn, and it takes blossom and bees and sunshine and rain. Anything that is forced or rushed is not whole. For anything worthwhile, even an apple, we need patience and time. Sr. Stan Kennedy

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Tog go bog e agus tiocfaidh se chughat.

(Take things easy and things will work out.)

A saying of my Father's

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Quote for the Week

Wherever your life ends, it is all there. The advantage of living is not measured by length, but by use; some men have lived long, and lived little; attend to it while you are in it. It lies in our will, not in the number of years, for you to have lived enough. (Montaigne)

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The Quotable Spirit – Immortality

Neither experience nor science has given man the idea of immortality....

The idea of immortality rises from the very depths of his soul – he feels, he sees, he knows that he is immortal. Francois Guizot

Questions People Ask!

Q. The words at the consecration of the wine at Mass are changed from 'shed for you and for all men' to 'poured out for you and for many'. Why the change from 'all' to 'many'? Does this mean that others are excluded?

A. The word 'many' is not meant to exclude anybody. There are several places in the New Testament telling us that Jesus died for the salvation of all people. However, the accounts of the Last Supper speak of the precious blood shed for many. The text of the Mass follows the words of the Last Supper as closely as possible and that is the reason for saying 'many' rather than 'all'.

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Saints of the week...

Mon 3 – St. Ansgar – a Frenchman who became Archbishop of Hamburg in the ninth century and preached the gospel in Denmark and Sweden.

St. Blaise, died 315. Bishop of Sebaste martyred in Armenia. Tradition states that he was a physician before becoming a bishop. Patron of those who suffer with their throats.

Wed. 5 – St. Agatha – died a martyr for the faith at Catania in Sicily in the third century.

Thurs 6 – St. Paul Miki and Companions – martyred at Nagasaki, Japan, 1597. The six Franciscans, seventeen Franciscan Tertiaries and three Jesuits died suspended on crosses.

Fri 7 – St. Mel – died in 488. A Briton who came to Ireland with Patrick. He is one of our earliest saints.

Sat 8 – St. Jerome Emiliani – died in 1537 after a military career he founded the Clerks Regular for the care of orphans and the poor.

St. Josephine Bakhita – 1867-1947, brought from Sudan as a slave to Italy where she later entered the 'Daughters of Charity' in Venice.

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...thought for the week

Wherever we look upon this earth, the opportunities take place within the problems.

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Quip for the Week

A strange thing about blunt people is that they usually come to the point first.



The Presentation of The Lord

St Brigid – the coming of Spring.

On Friday last we celebrated the feast of one of our greatest Irish saints – St. Brigid – Mary of the Gael.

Her feast day coincides with the pagan feast of *Imbolg* which heralds the coming of Spring and the arrival of fertility to the land, which appeared to be dormant during the winter months.

Living during the time of St. Patrick, Brigid was inspired by the words of the great preacher and decided to become a Christian. Desiring to dedicate her life to God and to the poor, Brigid eventually entered the convent with her father's blessing. She became renowned for her good work and many young girls were attracted to join her.

Brigid's influence has not been confined to Ireland and has spread to many countries. Her feast-day celebrates this great woman of prayer and courage, of devotion to God and to her neighbour. It is no accident that her feast-day falls on the first day of Spring, on the pagan feast of *Imbolg*. These are days when we are invited into our own spring space- a place where new life is stirring, awakening and becoming, a space of potential and possibility. These are the days of rebirth and re-growth, of renewal and resurrection. It is in these lengthening days of sunlight that nature encourages us and shows us how to let our light shine in and for the world. (Dr.F.Cunnane-Intercom)

'Nature is painting for us day after day pictures of infinite beauty if only we have eyes to see them'.

St John's Church Waterford



Newsletter

2nd February 2020

World Day for Consecrated Life

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:

Fifth in Ordinary Time

Is 58:7-10

Ps 111:4-9m R/ v4.

1 Cor 2:1-5.

Mt 5:13-16.

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