

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 -

SHARED MASSES:

Mary McCarthy
Maude & Michael Brazil and sons and daughters
Frank Goulding, Joe Doyle, Monica Power,

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

Notice Board



Last Weeks Church Collections

Envelopes €400.00
Offertory €420.00

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

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."

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

Credo 2020 - A weekend of prayer and study for young Catholics (18-35)

Vatican II & the New springtime of Evangelisation Emmaus Centre, Swords, Dublin on Saturday 29th February - Sunday 1st March 2020. For more details & bookings aeosulli@tcd.ie or Chaplin on 01-8961260

BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Christian Community of St. John's - Aiden Steve Kearns - and congratulate parents Adam Steve and Jelena and godparents Jack and Sandra. We also welcome - Evie Iona Kennedy Ryan - and congratulate parents Cillian and Sinead and godparents Cian and Antoinette. Both children were baptised in this church on Saturday last February 1st.

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.



SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

Sunday 16th February is Safeguarding Sunday, we recognise and uphold the dignity and right of all children, we are committed to ensuring their safety and well-being, and we work in partnership with parents/guardians to do this. Children and young people's involvement is most important to us. Thank you to each one of you who make our parish a safe place for all our young people.

Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages April-Oct 2020

7 night stay and airport shuttle service from Dubrovnik or Split for €266 per person sharing. For more information Tel: 01-4434510 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com

Just a thought...



Prayer – Just for Today

Lord, help us to recognise our common vulnerability. Make us prudent in our use of the blessings of this world so that we may share the joys of the next world. Amen



Pope's Intentions for February

Universal Prayer Intention: Listen to the Migrants' Cries. We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.



Quote for the Week...

I have entered on an enterprise which is without precedent, and will have no imitator. I propose to show my fellows a man as nature made him, and this man shall be myself. (Rousseau)



Quip for the Week ...

The reason so many successful people are so lonely is that they sacrificed too many friends on the way up.



The Quotable Spirit – Creation

As I live each day, may I do my part to make one difference – to touch one heart. And through each day may it be my goal – to encourage one mind and inspire one soul.



Gardening the Soul

Eastern philosophy sees all life as the outcome of the harmonious synthesis of the two life forces of yin and yang, the power of quietness and the force of activity. We in the West, however, see these life forces as opposed, a matter of choice rather than a matter of harmony, and many of us choose yang over yin; quantity over quality; success over fruitfulness. And so we run ourselves into the ground, burning the candle at both ends to achieve targets, set mainly by other people.

Sr.

Stanislaus Kennedy



It's good to laugh...Satan

A few minutes before the service started, the townspeople were sitting in their pews talking when suddenly Satan appeared in the front of the church. Everyone started screaming and running for the exit. Soon all had exited except an old gentleman, oblivious to the fact that God's ultimate enemy was in his presence.

'Don't you know who I am' thundered Satan. The man replied 'Yep, sure do.' 'Aren't you afraid of me' asked Satan. 'Nope, sure ain't' said the man. 'Don't you realise I can kill you with a word?' asked Satan. 'Don't doubt it for a minute' returned the old man in an even tone. 'Don't you know I could cause you profound physical agony.. for all eternity' persisted Satan.

'Yep,' was the calm reply. 'And you're still not afraid?' asked Satan. 'Nope.' More than a little perturbed, Satan asked, 'Well, why aren't you afraid of me?' The man calmly replied. 'Been married to your sister for over forty eight years.'



Saints of the week...

Mon 10 – St. Scholastica died 543. She was a sister of St. Benedict and spent her life as a consecrated virgin.

Tues 11 – Our Lady of Lourdes. On this day in 1858 Our Lady appeared to fourteen-year-old Bernadette. 'I am the Immaculate Conception'. In 1992 Pope John Paul II instituted the **World Day of the Sick** to be held on the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Also today we commemorate St. Gbennait from West Cork. Only traditions concerning her life survive. Her gifts of caring for and curing the sick have been a significant part of her cult through the centuries.

Fri 14 – St. Cyril, 826-69 and St. Methodius, 815-85, were brothers from Thessalonica in Greece. They preached the Gospel in Moravia using their own translation of the Scriptures and the liturgy in the local language. In 1980 Pope John Paul II declared them Patrons of Europe.



Thought for the week... Time like a river. You cannot touch the same water twice, because the flow that has passed will never pass again. Enjoy every moment of your life.



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Are You God?"

One cold evening during the winter holiday season, a little boy of about six or seven was standing out in front of a shop window.

The little child had no shoes and his clothes were mere rags. A young woman passing by saw the little boy and could read the longing in his pale blue eyes.

She took the child by the hand and led him into the store. There she bought him some new shoes and a complete suit of warm clothing.

They came back outside into the street and the woman said to the child, "Now you can go home and have a very happy holiday".

The little boy looked up at her and asked, "Are you God, Ma'am?" She smiled down at him and replied. "No son, I'm just one of His children". The little boy then said, "I knew you had to be some relation."

Thanks Sadie

St John's Church Waterford



Newsletter

Feb 9th 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:
Sixth in Ordinary Time
Eccles (Sir) 15:15-20.
Ps 118.
1 Cor 2:6-10. Mt 5:17-37.

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