

## 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.

### Parish Priest:

Fr. Tom Rogers - 051 511275

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### Office Opening Hours

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### St. John's Safeguarding Children Reps:

Deirdre Barry - 087 - 6441932

### 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.

### Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Come and sit quietly before God in the Blessed Sacrament, in our Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Chapel is closed until further notice

**Cry Chapel** (Jim Grant Rooms) Cry Chapel closed until further notice.

### Church Opening Hours

Monday to Friday 9.00am - 4.30pm

Saturday 10.00am - 7.30pm

Sunday 8.30am - 1.30pm

## Services in St John's



**Morning Prayer** - takes place during the 10.00a.m. Mass on Fridays.

### Help

The novena is held every Monday morning during the 10.00a.m. Mass.

**Coffee Morning** - will resume in due course. Thank you.

**Confessions: - every Saturday evening from 5.45, before the Vigil Mass.**

**The Rosary** - is recited each weekday morning prior to the 10.00am Mass.

### 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.

### St. Vincent de Paul

The monthly collection for St. Vincent de Paul is not taking place due to Corona Virus. Date of next collection will be advised.

### 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.



### 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.

## 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 –

Angela Marie Rellis late of London and formerly of Hennessy road.

Jack Sprite late of Close Gate

### ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:

**6.15 Vigil – Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> August**

Marie Madigan

**12 noon Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August**

Willie Power (First Anniversary)

**10am – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August**

Eleanor Morrissey (MM)

### ANNIVERSARY MASSES:

Matthew O'Brien

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

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## Notice Board



### Late Mrs. Pauline O'Neill

It is with deep sadness that we write this week about the late Pauline O'Neill. Pauline was our oldest parishioner and practiced her faith daily in St. John's. She also attended our Coffee Morning regularly and always had a smile and kindly salute for all who met her. Those who come to St. John's wish to extend their deepest sympathy' to her family on this sad occasion and end of an era.

*Beannacht Dei Lena Ainm.*

## COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS IN ST. JOHN'S

1. Please do not congregate in the yard before or after Mass or service.
1. There will be no basket collection during Mass. Please leave your donation in the box near the door.
2. Please sanitise your hands before entering the church.
3. Only every second row of seats to be occupied.
4. Only two people to occupy a row.
5. People from same household may all occupy one row.
6. Please maintain 2metres distancing
7. at all times but especially when receiving Holy Communion.
8. Please follow the stewards.
9. Some sections of seating may be closed off. Please do not occupy seats in these areas.
- 10 The dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday and Holy Days, still applies.

If you have any symptoms of cold and flu or if you feel unwell in any way, please do not attend Mass

## Just a thought...



### Prayer – Just for Today

#### A Blessing on Our Loved Ones

We ask your blessing for all our loved ones, especially those who aren't well  
We ask you, please Lord to comfort them in their pain

To strengthen them when they are weak  
To lighten their spirits when they are low  
To grant them peace when they are worried

To help them through whatever illnesses

We ask health and strength for all our families  
For we know you care about each one of us.  
Lord, thank you for listening to our prayer.  
*I will trust that you are with me, God.*  
*I believe that you will guide me.*  
*I place my confidence in you*  
Even when my faith is wobbly and unsure.



### Gardening the Soul

I noticed that a person who worked with me used to finish all her phone conversations with the expression of 'God bless!' instead of goodbye. I asked her why she used that expression and she thought for a moment and then answered that she did it because I did it, that she had picked up the habit from me. I explained to her that I say it deliberately, that it is part of the tradition I grew up with, and that when I say it, I really do believe I am blessing the person. She was taken aback to hear that. Still, I notice that she continues to say it.

Sr. Stan Kennedy



### Questions People Ask

#### Q. Should a bishop be forced to resign because of a mistake he made years ago?

A. St Peter once drew a sword and cut off the ear of a man. Three times he publicly denied that he had association with Jesus. Yet Jesus, after his resurrection, while aware of the failures of Peter; appointed him as pastor of the flock; the first pope. Trial by television would almost certainly have asked for his resignation, but judgement by God is enlightened by mercy and asks the sinner to repent. The wisdom of God knows that somebody who once made a mistake is in a better place to ensure that mistake is not repeated.

#### This Week's Calendar

**Tuesday 4 - St. John Vianney**, 1786 – 1859, had to contend with poverty; military service and his own intellectual shortcomings in order to become a priest. From 1830 on, the Cure

averaged twelve to sixteen hours a day in the confessional. He is the patron of priests.

**Wednesday 5 - St. Mary Major.** It is the first church in the West named in honour of the Mother of God.

**Thursday 6 - The Transfiguration** – The Cross requires the exodus of Jesus, his death Resurrection and glorification.

**Friday 7 - St. Sixtus II**, pope, and his four deacon companions were put to death in 258. Also today we commemorate **St. Cajetan**, who lived in the years 1480 to 1547.

**Saturday 8 - St. Dominic**, 1170 – 1221, a Spaniard who founded the Order of Preachers (Dominicans) to counteract the Albigensian heresy.



#### It's good to laugh... When God sends help – Don't ask questions!

A woman came out of the pharmacy to find that her keys were locked in her car. She searched around and found a rusty coat-hanger but was unable to open her car door with it. She decided that her only option was to pray to God for help in her dilemma. Within five minutes an old motor cycle had pulled up next to her and a bearded man with a skull cap on his head, asked if he could help. Yes the woman replied – I would be delighted if you could help as my husband is sick at home and I have locked my keys in my car. Sure! Said the man and within five minutes, had used the old hanger to unlock her car.

The woman immediately hugged the man and said thank you God. The man heard her prayer and replied – Lady, I am not a nice man as I only came out of prison yesterday having done two years for car theft. The woman hugged him again and said thank you God, you even sent me a professional. Thanks Mary



#### Thought for the week...

*The soul is where the inner and outer world meet.*

**Please take this Newsletter home.**



### Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

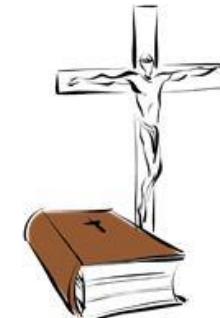
### THE AGE OF FIRST COMMUNION

With the present Corona Virus affecting the dates set for First Communions this year, it is interesting to note that on August 8 1910, the question of age for First Communion was addressed as follows: 'The age of discretion required both for confession and communion is the time when the child begins to reason, that is, about the seventh year, more or less. From this time on the obligation of satisfying the precept of both confession and communion begins.

'Both for first confession and first communion a complete and perfect knowledge of Christian doctrine is not necessary. The child will, however, be obliged to gradually learn the whole catechism according to its ability.

'The knowledge of Christian doctrine required in children in order to be properly prepare for first holy communion is that they understand according to their capacity those mysteries of faith which are necessary as a means of salvation, that they be able to distinguish the Eucharist from common material bread, and also approach the sacred table with the devotion becoming their age.'

### St John's Church Waterford



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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:

#### Nineteenth in Ord Time

1 Kg 19:9, 11-13.

Ps 84:9-14, R/ v8.

Rm 9:1-5.

Mt 14:22-33.