

**St John's Church, Waterford**  
**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**  
God himself is my help. The Lord upholds my life. I will offer you a willing sacrifice; I will praise your name, O Lord, for its goodness.

**Penitential Act**

Brethren (brothers and sisters),  
Let us acknowledge our sins,  
And so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries. (brief pause) –

**I confess to almighty God....**

May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen**  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

**Gloria**  
**Glory to God in the highest.....**  
**...in the glory of God the Father. Amen**

**FIRST READING. (12:13,16-19)**

*A reading from the Book of Wisdom*

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, Your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great leniency, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your

sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

The word of the Lord.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**R/ O Lord, you are good and forgiving.**

1. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of love to all who call. Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my voice **R/**
2. All the nations shall come to adore you and glorify your name, O Lord: for you are great and do marvellous deeds: you who alone are God. **R/**
3. But you, God of mercy and compassion, slow to anger, O Lord, abounding in love and truth, turn and take pity on me. **R/**

**SECOND READING**

*A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans 8:26-27*

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the please of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God. This is the word of the Lord.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, So that we can see what hope his call holds for us

**GOSPEL**

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (13:24-43)*

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted

and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest: and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers; First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**PROFESSION OF FAITH**

**I believe in one God,**  
**the Father almighty,**  
**maker of heaven and earth,**  
**of all things visible and invisible.**  
**I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,**  
**the Only Begotten Son of God,**  
**born of the Father before all ages.**  
**God from God, Light from Light,**  
**true God from true God,**  
**begotten, not made, consubstantial with**  
**the Father;**  
**through him all things were made.**  
**For us men and for our salvation**  
**he came down from heaven,**  
*(At the words that follow, up to and including*

**And became man, all bow).**  
**and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of**  
**the Virgin Mary,**  
**And became man.**  
**For our sake he was crucified under**  
**Pontius Pilate,**  
**he suffered death and was buried,**  
**and rose again on the third day**  
**in accordance with the Scriptures.**  
**He ascended into heaven**  
**And is seated at the right hand of the**  
**Father.**  
**He will come again in glory**  
**to judge the living and the dead**  
**and his kingdom will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,**  
**the giver of life,**  
**who proceeds from the Father and**  
**the Son,**

**who with the Father and the Son is**  
**adored and glorified,**  
**who has spoken through the**  
**prophets.**

**I believe in one, holy, catholic and**  
**apostolic Church.**

**I confess one Baptism for the**  
**forgiveness of sins**  
**and I look forward to the**  
**resurrection of the dead**  
**and the life of the world to come.**  
**Amen.**

**PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

Lord, bring us closer to salvation.  
through these gifts which we bring in  
your honour.  
Accept the perfect sacrifice you have  
given us,  
Bless it as you blessed the gifts of Abel.

**Communion Antiphon:** The Lord  
keeps in our minds the wonderful  
things he has done. He is compassion  
and love; he always provides for his  
faithful

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Merciful Father,  
may these mysteries  
give us new purpose  
and bring us to a new life in you.

**NEXT SUNDAYS READINGS:**



Wis 12:13, 16,19  
Ps 85:5-6,9-10,15,16 R/v5.  
Rm 8:26-27  
Mt 13:24-43

## Notice Board



### COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS IN ST. JOHN'S

1. Please do not congregate in the yard before or after Mass or service.
2. There will be no basket collection during Mass. Please leave your donation in the box near the door.
3. Please sanitise your hands before entering the church.
4. Only every second row of seats to be occupied.
5. Only two people to occupy a row.
6. People from same household may all occupy one row.
7. Please maintain 2metres distancing 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.
11. 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...



#### Thought - Just for Today

##### Trust

Trust is the greatest joy in our relationship with God. Whoever trusts in God has already covered the hardest part of the journey. God, you are my God, I can count on you.

##### Gardening the Soul

The future is an embryo growing within each human, and our creativity is the amniotic fluid in which the future is nurtured.



We do not reveal what we are nurturing to others, and we wait in trust and do not abort the offspring.

Sr. Stan Kennedy

### It's good to laugh..

*The Devil it is then!* A few minutes before the services 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 everyone had exited the church except one elderly 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?' Satan asked.

'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.

'Did you know that I could cause you profound horrifying, 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 then asked, 'Well why aren't you afraid of me?' The man calmly replied, 'Been married to your sister for over forty eight years!



#### Thought for the week...

Civilization is an active deposit which is formed by the combustion of the

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July 19<sup>th</sup> 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.



### 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:

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### 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.

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

### CHURCH OPENING HOURS

Mon to Friday 9.30am - 4.30pm

Saturday 10.00am - 7.30pm

Sunday 8.30am - 1.30pm



### 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.

### 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 18<sup>th</sup> July**

Paddy Power

**12 Noon – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July**

Molly Burke

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



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