

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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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.

Church Opening Hours

Monday to Friday 9.00am - 5.00pm

Saturday 10.00am - 7.30pm

Sunday 8.30am - 1.30pm

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.

Cry Chapel (Jim Grant Rooms) for parents with young children. You are very welcome!

Services in St John's



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.

Coffee Morning - each Wednesday morning after the 10.00a.m. Mass.

All are welcome.

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 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.



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 - Pauline O'Neill late of Johnstown.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:-

6.15 Vigil - Saturday 25th July

Anne Hanley (MM)

12 Noon - Sunday 26th July

Jim Power and grandson Daryl Walsh

ANNIVERSARY LIST

Joe Moylan

William & Brigit O'Rourke

Noel Griffin.

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

- Some sections of seating may be closed off. Please do not occupy seats in these areas.

- 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

O Lord, even if my conscience were burdened with every sin it is possible to commit, I would still throw myself into your arms, my heart broken with contrition.

And I know how tenderly you welcome any prodigal child of yours who comes back to you.

St. Therese - The Little Flower.

GARDENING THE SOUL

As we are blessed at our birth in the act of creation, so we in our turn are commanded to bless. To bless is to say good things, to radiate goodness. All creation is sacred. If we are aware of the inherent sacredness and beauty of all creation we will bless all and be blessed by all and we will communicate the life and beauty of God in and all around us, calling forth what is best in all of us. The command to bless is engraved in all our hearts. Whether we understand it or not matters little. Whether we agree or disagree makes no difference. In our hearts we know it; we are blessed and are called to bless; to say good things from the core of our being. **Sr. Stan Kennedy**

Notice Board



Covid 19 Restrictions in St. John's

- Please do not congregate in the yard before or after Mass or service.
- There will be no basket collection during Mass. Please leave your donation in the box near the door.
- Please sanitise your hands before entering the church.
- Only every second row of seats to be occupied.
- Only two people to occupy a row.
- People from same household may all occupy one row.
- Please maintain 2metres distancing at all times but especially when receiving Holy Communion.
- Please follow the stewards.

QUESTIONS PEOPLE ASK

Q. Why is it that some people have such a hatred for the Catholic Church that they can see nothing good in it? .

A. Since human beings are part of the Church we should not expect it to be perfect. Jesus said: 'if the world hates you, you must realise that it hated me before you'. Jesus was not criticised, he was crucified. The eye is made for light but light hurts the sick eye: the stomach is made for food but food upsets the sick stomach: the soul is made for God but the light of God's goodness enrages the sick soul. Criticism reveals more about the critic than the object of criticism.

This Week's Calendar

Wed 29 - St. Martha, sister of Lazarus and Mary, a woman of faith who made her profession of faith in Christ as the Son of God.

Thurs 30 - St Peter Chrysologus, died around the year 450. He was Bishop of Ravenna and famous for his teaching.

Friday 31 - St. Ignatius of Loyola, 1491 – 1556, from the north of Spain. His great theme was the service of God and God's greater glory. The experience of his conversion led to his writing of the Spiritual Exercises.

Sat August 1st - St. Alphonsus Liguori, 1696 – 1787, founder of the Redemptorist Congregation, taught much on moral theology and the spiritual life.



It's good to laugh...Woman Power

Eleven people, ten male and one female, were clinging from a rope hanging down from a helicopter. They decided that one person had to let go or the rope would snap and they'd all die.

No one could decide who it should be so, finally, the woman gave a touching speech about how

she would give up her life to save the others because females were used to making sacrifices for their husbands and children, giving into males and not receiving anything in return.

When she'd finished speaking, all the men started clapping. !



TIMES' PAST - NEWSLETTER JULY 2000

Eighteen thousand slates are needed to repair the roof of St. John's. You are asked to contribute by purchasing one or more slates. These can be bought at all Masses, starting with the Vigil Mass on Saturday July 22nd '00. Slates are priced at £10 each and can be purchased at the church door.

Diocesan changes – the following have been announced by Bishop William Lee:-
Mgnr. Olden appointed PP Tramore.

Mgnr. Shine will now be P.E. Tramore.

Fr. Dwyer PP Cahir.

Fr. Cooney PP Carrick.

Fr. Fitzgerald PP St. Pauls.

Fr. Billy Meehan PP Holy Family.

Fr. Nicholas Power PP St. Peter and Paul's Clonmel.

Christian Services – A cake sale Sunday July 9th in the church grounds.

Monthly dances starting Oct. 8th Rugby Club Parnell St. (next to St. John's).



The Quotable Spirit – Affliction is a divine diet which though it be not pleasing to mankind, yet almighty God hath often imposed it as a good, though bitter, physic, to those children whose souls are dearest to him.

The Complete Angler



Thought for the week...

Health and intellect are the two blessings of life.



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

HAPPINESS

An old story says that there was a king who was dying of melancholy. Many doctors were called and tried every cure but to no avail.

After consulting among themselves, the doctors unanimously suggested to the king that his melancholy could be cured if he managed to procure and wear the shirt of a perfectly happy man.

Hence a search was launched throughout the king's realm to find a perfectly happy man.

At last they found such a man. He happened to be a tramp on the road, tranquil, carefree, utterly happy.

They offered to pay him any amount of money he cared to ask for his shirt, only to find that he was not wearing any shirt at all.

St John's Church Waterford



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:

Eighteenth in Ord Time

Is 55:1-3.
Ps 144:8-9, 15-18, R' v 16.
Rm 8:35, 37-39.
Mt 14:13-21.

Please take this Newsletter home.