



## 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

### Priests:

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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.

#### Holiday 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.**



### 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.



**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](http://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 -**

*Please pray for the soul of Eleanor Morrissey (nee Conlon) Bath Street and formerly of 121 The Quay Waterford, who died on June 12th last. May she rest in peace.*

### ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:-

**6.15 Vigil - Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July**

Raymond Connolly

**9.00am - Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July**

The Duffin family

**12 Noon - Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July**

Esther Kenneally

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

Dear People of St. John's,

I write this brief note to you to announce that Fr. Paul Murphy has offered his resignation to the Bishop and this has been accepted. As you know I have been Co PP with Fr Murphy for almost a year and I know succeed him as PP. This is my third period of service in St John's and I am very happy to be back amongst you. This is a very unusual time for all of us but hopefully things are starting to look up for us especially as we will soon be celebrating public Mass again with restrictions. I look forward to meeting old friends and making new ones even if we greet each other two metres apart.

God Bless,

**Fr Tom Rogers PP**

## 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 instructions, they are here to help.
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...**



### Prayer - Just for Today

#### **A Prayer for Students**

God of knowledge and wisdom, bless all students young and old as they begin a new school year. Help them discover and develop the gifts you have given. As they grow in knowledge, help them also to grow in kindness and compassion, learning respect for themselves and others. Amen.

## Gardening the Soul

To truly see something, we must look at it for a long time. To look at the green and say 'I have seen spring in these woods' is not enough. We must *be* the thing we see, get to know the tree or the flower, look at its colour until its blueness or its yellowness becomes as real as a sound. We must enter into the small silences, the very peace they come from.

*Sr. Stan Kennedy*



## Questions People Ask

**Q. Is it always a sin to be angry? I get angry at politicians, referees, tribunals, you name it.**

**A.** According to the Gospel, there were times when Jesus got angry. For instance at the misuse of the temple. Anger in itself is not sinful as it is the correct response to what we see to be wrong, unjust or hurtful. It gives us the determination and energy to correct what is wrong. Good use of anger is constructive. But as we know only too well, anger easily becomes destructive and then it is veering towards being sinful.



## This Week's Calendar

**Mon 6 – St. Maria Goretti**, 1890 -1902, stabbed to death in defence of her virtue.

**St Monnive of Killeavy**, was one of Irelands early women saints. After instruction on the religious life, she founded a community which initially consisted of eight virgins and a widow with a baby at Sliabh Gullion, Co. Armagh. They lived on a life based on that of Elijah and St. John the Baptist. She died in 517 or 518.

**Tues 7 St. Maelruain**, bishop and abbot, founded a monastery in Tallaght, Co. Dublin in 774 which introduced a reform. Important liturgical and spiritual writings emerged from this movement known as the Céli Dé reform. He died in 792.

**Wed 8 St. Kilian**, was born in the parish of Mullagh in the Diocese of Kilmore. With eleven companions he left Ireland and became known as the apostle of Thuringia and eastern Franconia. He was put to death in 689. There is a very strong devotion to him in Wurzburg, where his remains lie, and also throughout the Bavarian countryside.

**Thurs 9 – Ss Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions** - was born in 1746, converted to Christianity, was ordained and martyred in 1815. The memorial also celebrated 119 companions, martyred in China over several centuries but especially during the Boxer Uprising.

**Sat 11 – St. Benedict**, c 480-547, after living as a hermit at Subiaco, founded the monastery of Monte Cassino. His Rule, observed by Benedictines and Cistercians, is distinguished by its wisdom and balance and those who lived by it did much to shape the Europe of today. Named patron of Europe in 1964.

## It's good to laugh....

A New Yorker was forced to take a day off from work to appear in court for a minor traffic summons. He grew increasingly restless as he waited hour after endless hour for the case to be heard.

When his name was called late in the afternoon, he stood before the judge only to hear that the court would be adjourned for the rest of that afternoon and he would have to return the next day. "What for !!!!!?" he snapped at the judge.

His honour, equally irked by the tedious day and sharp query, roared out loud. 'Twenty dollars contempt of court! That's what!

Then, noticing the man checking his wallet, the judge relented: 'That's all right. You don't have to pay it now.' The young man replied, I know, but I'm just checking my wallet to see if I have enough for just two more words.'



## Quote for the Week....

Love is swift, sincere, pious, pleasant, gentle, strong, patient, faithful, prudent, long suffering, manly and never seeking her own; for wheresoever a man seeketh his own there he falleth from love. ~ Thomas Kempis

## Quip for the week...

Attitudes are much more important than aptitudes. ~

## Thought for the week...

Our dilemma is that we hate change and love it at the same time. What we really want is for things to remain the same but get better!

***Please take this Newsletter home.***



## Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Our Faith

Our faith is as big as the universe and it gives us a vision we can always be striving after, an arc under which every day of our lives, ever period of history, is lived. At the very same time, our faith is as small as each moment; while making sense of the broad sweep of things, it assures us that even the tiniest of episodes has its own significance.

Pope Francis as we are aware, is a man of action, who wants our faith to be a matter of action. If he seems, at times to be impatient with ideas, that is not, as some would have it, because he disdains theological abstraction *per se*. if the he disdains anything, it is a faith that has been, or risks being, reduced to a set of abstractions.

Although he is a practical man, a man of action, Francis does not reduce holiness to action; he is far too wise a thinker to court the error of activism. As concrete manifestations of holiness, our work, actions and ministry are to be rooted in prayer and lead to prayer. Conversely, authentic prayer will motivate, support and arise from our labours.

## St John's Church Waterford



July 5<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.

## Next Sunday's readings:

### Fifteenth in Ordinary Time

Is 55:10-11.  
Ps 64:10-14, R/Lk 8:8.  
Rm 8:18-23.  
Mt 13:1-23