

St John's Church Waterford

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Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil 6.00p.m.

Sunday 9.00a.m. & 12 noon-10.00a.m. (Polish)

Weekday Masses Mon - Fri: 09.30a.m.

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

- Monday at 9.30a.m.

No Mass on Saturday mornings.

Holiday Masses:

Vigil Mass at 6.00p.m. - evening before

09.30a.m. Mass only on the day.

Welcome to our Sunday Liturgy at St. John's. Today: Eighteenth in Ord. Time

A priest once said to me that St. Paul wrote many, many letters. One of these to the Ephesians (*Eph 4:1-6*) last weekends second reading, has a great input into our lives as Christians.

In his letter, Paul says: **"Bear with one another charitably in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit, by the peace that binds us together".**

We ask God, every day to forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. How do we forgive? Are we too proud to forgive in a Christ-like manner? Each of us should ask ourselves; **'Am I selfless, gentle and patient with those who have offended me? Can I display real**

sincerity by taking that persons hand and saying 'I am truly sorry? Am I doing all I can to preserve the unity of the Spirit?

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 – Mai Murphy late of Virginia Crescent, Hennessys road.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:-

6.00pm Vigil – 31st July 2021

People of the Parish

9.00am – Sunday 1st August

12 Noon – Sunday 1st August

James & Bridget Storey and sister Molly Meaney.

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



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.



Notice Board

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION

As today is the first Sunday of the month of August – a church door collection is being taken up at all the Masses over this weekend. You are asked to give generously to this worthwhile cause. *Thank You.*

Covid 19 Restrictions in St. John's

1. For everyone's safety, please wear a face mask during Mass
2. Please do not congregate in the yard before or after Mass or service.
3. There will be no basket collection during Mass. Please leave your donation in the box near the door.
4. Please sanitise your hands before entering the church.
5. Only every second row of seats to be occupied.
6. Only two people to occupy a row.
7. People from same household may all occupy one row.
8. Please maintain 2metres distancing at all times but especially when receiving Holy Communion.
9. Please follow the stewards.
10. Some sections of seating may be closed off. Please do not occupy seats in these areas.
11. 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.

Welcome!

The parish of St. John's would like to take this opportunity to welcome all visitors to our city and to our church. May you have a very pleasant stay and hopefully the weather will suit your disposition.

The Bible in Our Everyday Lives.

Do not deny the poor his food and do not make the man who looks at you with pleading eyes, wait. *(Sirach 4:1)*

Do not be swayed by every wind nor try to walk by every path, as does the sinner who is accustomed to lie. Remain firm in your convictions and be consistent in your speech. *(Sirach 5:9-10)*

Quote for the Week

When we have not what we like, we must like what we have.

Quip for the Week

I doubt knocks at the door, send faith to answer.

Questions People Ask!

Q. When I was young, and that's not today or yesterday, we were told that it was a sin even to knit on a Sunday. I haven't heard a sermon on this for years. Has the Church changed its teachings?

A. The Catechism now urges us to refrain from work or activities which prevent us from observing the Lord's day. In a prayerful manner, a relaxing hobby like knitting is very much in keeping with the spirit of Sunday. We owe it to God, to our family and to ourselves to have a day of holy restfulness each week. It is sad to see Sunday turned into a big shopping day. The shopping centre is the new temple.

Gardening the Soul

Wouldn't it be wonderful to have a society where the care of others didn't have to be obligatory but would occur naturally. Where service wasn't a duty but a way of living – the way of natural love and compassion. Such a society is possible. All we have to do is wish for it – and mean it. *Sr. Stan Kennedy*

...thought for the week

Behind every successful man is a surprised mother-in-law.