

St John's Church Waterford

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Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil 6.00p.m.

Sunday 9.00a.m. & 12 noon

Sunday 10.00a.m. (Polish)

Weekday Masses Mon - Fri:

09.30a.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: Fourteenth in Ord. Time

In today's second reading – Paul speaks of being given a 'thorn in the flesh'. And that 'thorn' is a bit like the newly-ordained priest today, photographed with his bishop, with his proud parents, temporarily glamorised because he is one of the few. But very soon, reality! Seminary supports have vanished; that same bishop now, less paternal, cynical colleagues, his congregation apathetic. For those harbingers of gloom, decline is inevitable. Paul felt just like our priest today. Three times Paul thought about giving up, but then that re-assurance. 'My grace is enough for you.' When human weakness wilts, Lord that is when I put my hand in yours. I am not afraid anymore.'

When at church -

please wear a mask - thank you!



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.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:-

6.00pm Vigil – Saturday 3rd July

Raymond Connolly

9.00am – Sunday 4th July

Clementino Da Costa

12 Noon – Sunday 4th July

Tom & Kitty Fitzgerald, Son Tom and daughter

Ann Field

9.30am – Wednesday 7th July

Months Mind - Nicholas Butler

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

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.

GOLDEN JUBILEE

Congratulations to Fr Paul Murphy, who celebrated his Golden Jubilee on Sunday 19th June. Blessings to you Fr Paul.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

The collection takes place at all Masses this weekend.

Monthly Collection for St. Vincent de Paul Society

The monthly 'church-gate' collection for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul takes place at all Masses this weekend. You are asked to give generously to this worthwhile cause.

The society has lost much funding since the onset of Covid 19 and is grateful for all donations received.

Prayer – Before Communion

Lord Jesus, come to me.

Lord Jesus, give me your love.

Lord Jesus, come to me and give me yourself.

Lord Jesus, friend of all, come to me.

Lord Jesus, you are my Lord and my God.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gardening the Soul

From the smallest particle of creation is a revelation of God; but we need to see with the eyes of the heart if we are to read the wind, the sand, the stars, people, beneath the first level of appearance.

There are surprises and special gifts to help us all make this transition, from the eyes in our head to the eyes of our heart. If we spend time

contemplating anything it is transformed – every weed becomes a flower, every grey morning an awakening, every wave of the ocean the heartbeat of the universe – and we get a glimpse of the divine.

Sr. Stan Kennedy

Questions People Ask!

Q. Why can't we have a simple idea of God without the complications of the three divine persons?

A. If something is true, it is better to recognise it. We need some understanding of the Blessed Trinity to appreciate how Jesus was sent by the Father and returned to the Father, and to appreciate the role of the Holy Spirit. At Mass, by the power of the Holy Spirit we join with Jesus who took our human nature to himself, went through death and resurrection to his return to the Father. We render all glory to the Father, through the Son, in the power of the Holy Spirit.

It's good to laugh...! Dead Hare...

 A beautiful blonde woman driving down the highway sees a man crying at the side of the road. She asks the man what's wrong? 'I feel terrible' says the man. 'I've accidentally killed this poor creature.' The blonde says, not to worry and pulling a can of hair spray out of her car, she sprays the contents on the dead hare. The hare immediately jumps up, waves its paw at the two of them and hops off down the road, waving again and again. The man is astonished and asks what was in the can? The woman turns the can so that the man can read the label. It say's, Hair Spray – restores life to dead hair, adds permanent wave!!!

Quip for the Week

What this world needs is the peace that passes all misunderstanding.

...thought for the week

Only a fool thinks price and value are the same.