

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 is the First Sunday of Advent

The Advent spirit of waiting and longing for the Lord reminds us of the daily call to holiness. We are to be found blameless when He comes, living lives of honesty and integrity. We are to avoid temptations to escapism from the true meaning of life.

In Loving Memory



Remember in Your Prayers those who died recently: - Philip Fenton late of McDonagh road, Kingsmeadow

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:-

6.00pm Vigil - Saturday 27th November

People of the Parish

9.00am - Sunday 28th November

Nellie & John Toomey

& Arthur & Elizabeth Kavanagh

12 Noon - Sunday 28th November

Frank & Margaret Power son Frank

Daughters Maureen & Kitty,

son in law Peter Fitzgerald

John McArthur & Alex Sabbagh
9.30am - Thursday 2nd December
The Lowe Family

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

Notice Board



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION

The monthly for the Society takes place at all Masses in St. Johns next weekend Dec. 4th and 5th. Please give as generously as you can to this worthwhile cause.

Please also Support our Annual Collection Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th December.

St Johns Conference will be conducting their giving collection on Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th December. Each year our Conference supports Families and people in need in the Community. You can donate directly to our Conference at, svp.ie/stjohnswaterfordappeal or by calling 0818176176. Envelopes will be at the back of the Church, and will be handed out after Masses on the 4th&5th. The funds raised will be spent in the community helping those who need it most with food, heating and education throughout the Winter and beyond. We rely almost entirely on the support of you the generous people of St Johns. Thank you for your support during this very difficult year. Thank you in advance for your support of our Annual Collection.

SVP St Johns Conference

RENEWAL OF PARISH LAY MINISTRY UPDATE ON 'SMALL BEGINNINGS'

The intention now is to proceed with enrolment of parish volunteers to a range of pastoral ministries in the New Year 2022. Information leaflets will be issued between this and then and will be distributed with the parish Christmas Card to all households in the parish and will also be freely available to anyone interested from the Church or parish office.

It is hoped that there will be a good uptake on this effort to revitalise pastoral involvement by laity. Your prayers for the success of the venture are requested and all are urged to consider getting involved in what is, after all, our parish.

COVID RESTRICTIONS

We would ask you to still be mindful of social distancing when choosing your seat in the church and for your safety and the safety of others please continue to wear a face covering.

...thoughts for the week

The Bible in Our Everyday Lives.

Look, you put a fence around your property and protect your silver and gold. In the same way, make weights and scales for your words and put a bolted door at your mouth.

(Sirach 28:24)

If you falter in times of trouble.

How small is your strength.

(Proverbs 24:10)

Quote for the Week

The people who influence you are people who believe in you.

Quip for the Week

Nothing is more confusing than the fellow who gives good advice but sets a bad example

Questions People Ask!

Q. What does the Church think of Psychics?

A The Church rejects all practices falsely supposed to unveil the future. It says 'consulting horoscopes, astrology, palm reading, interpretation of omens and lots, the phenomena of clairvoyance and recourse to mediums all conceal a desire for power over time, history and in the last analysis, other human beings, as well as a wish to conciliate hidden powers. They contradict the honour and loving fear that we owe to God alone.'

Psychics would be included in the list.

Gardening the Soul



'Behold, I have made all things new,' God tells us, and indeed the cosmos is constantly renewing itself and constantly giving rise to forms that never existed before. And the most exciting thing about this novelty is that it is unpredictable.

For some people, unpredictability is scary, but in fact being prepared not to know is a true recognition that there is a power higher than ourselves. If we are prepared to experience what life has to offer, we have to be prepared for

unpredictability. Then, not knowing what will happen becomes for us not a deficiency but a source of creativity and a way to sense the divine.

Sr. Stan

Epitaphs

(John Macfarlane - dates unknown).

*Erected to the memory of
John Macfarlane - drowned in the Waters of
Leith - by a few affectionate friends.*

The Quotable Spirit - Marriage

Marriage resembles a pair of shears, so joined that they cannot be separated. Often moving in opposite directions, yet always punishing anyone who comes between them.

Bubba and Billy Joe were out window shopping when they saw a sign which read 'Suits \$5.99 each, shirts \$1.99 each, trousers \$2.49 each. Bubba says to his pal; "Billy Joe, lookee here! Buy a whole gob o' these, take 'em back t Georgia, sell em and make a fortune. Just let me do the talking, 'cause if they hear your accent they might think we're ignorant, and not wanna sell that stuff to us."

"Now, I'll talk in a slow Texas drawl so's they don't know we is from Georgia." So the pair go ahead and ask about a good number of each of the items on display. "I'll back up my pickup and..." says Bubba.

The owner of the shop interrupts, "Y'all from Georgia, ain't ya?"

"Well..yeah," says a surprised Bubba. "How come y'all knowed that?"

"Because this is a Dry Cleaners."

Thanks Tony

...thought for the week

'Let us preach without preaching, not by words but by our example, by the catching force, the sympathetic influence of what we do.'

Mother Teresa.