

## 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.

### Holyday 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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.

In today's gospel we see Jesus beginning his public ministry by preaching in his home town of Nazareth and giving a clear message of what that ministry would be about. He would be helping the poor, the downtrodden and all who were treated unfairly. If Jesus were on earth today, who do you think he would be helping? He depends on you to do his work!

### In Loving Memory



**Remember in Your Prayers those who died recently** –Stephen Barrett late of Upper Johnstown

### ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:-

**6.00pm Vigil – Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> January**

*People of the Parish*

**9.00am – Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January**

*Months Mind: Nicky Quinlan*

**12 Noon – Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January**

**First Anniversary:** Maureen Cunningham

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

## Notice Board



### 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

#### 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.

### THE BIBLE IN OUR EVERYDAY LIVES.

*One man gives freely yet gains even more. Another withholds unduly yet comes to poverty.*

*(Proverbs 11:24)*

*A generous man will prosper.*

*He who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.*

*(Proverbs 11:23)*

### Questions People Ask!

*Q. I heard a preacher call Saint Luke 'the first Catholic'. What did he mean?*

*A. Catholic devotional life is closely linked to Luke's writing. The five joyful mysteries are visible in his gospel – as is the importance given to Mary's faith and obedience. He is the evangelist of the Holy Spirit at work in Jesus (gospel) and in the Church (Acts).*

*Luke has the great stories of mercy and forgiveness which we celebrate in Reconciliation (Confession). Meals also feature prominently in his writings, a link to the Eucharist (Mass).*

*Catholics relate comfortably to Luke's spirituality.*

### Gardening the Soul



Much of the time we live trapped inside a hectic mechanical lifestyle, getting up to the sound of an alarm clock, battered by news from the radio, tested by traffic, forced to calculate time and distance to the minute, going through the day using phones and lifts and gadgets; then going home again at the end of the day, through more traffic, with more news being shouted at us. It is only when we make time for silence and for prayer that we give ourselves a

chance to remember who we really are and what life is really about.

*Sr. Stan*

### Mother Teresa

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

### Prayer for the Year

*God, bless our year,  
Giving us time for the task,  
Peace for the pathway,  
Wisdom for the work,  
Friends for the fireside,  
Love to the last.*

### The Quotable Spirit – Forbidden Fruit

Most people want to be delivered from temptation but would like it to keep in touch.

### ST. JOHN'S – DID YOU KNOW?

The monument situated near the Blessed Sacrament Chapel is to the memory of Sir Henry Winston Barron Bart, who had been elected MP for Waterford on no less than six occasions between 1832 and 1869. and who died in 1872. Initially, permission was given for the erection of the monument by Dr. O'Brien but later rejected by Dr. Power Bishop of Waterford who flatly refused to 'admit' this monument of a layman to any church in his diocese. An appeal to Cardinal Cullen of Dublin, by the family, was to no avail. The Bishop of Ossory flatly refused to have the ornament in his diocese for more or less the same reason. Finally, what probably proved decisive in removing Bishop Power's opposition was the mention of an unlimited contribution to the diocese by the Bart family. When his will was finally published, the Catholic Bishop of Waterford was one of its principal beneficiaries, receiving £2,000, while hospitals and charitable institutions in Waterford benefited to the tune of £4,000. It is the only monument of its type within our church walls. May he rest in peace.

### Epitaph's

*Frederick Louis, Prince of Wales (1707-51)*

*Here lies Fred*

*Who was alive and is dead:*

*Had it been his father,*

*I had much rather;*

*Had it been his brother,*

*Still better than another;*

*Had it been his sister,*

*No one would have missed her.*

*Had it been the whole generation,*

*So much the better for the nation.*

*But since it's only Fred,*

*Who was alive and is dead,*

*There's no more to be said!*

### It's good to laugh.. In a Perfect World...

*Geoffrey Donaldson (DUP) gets accidentally cryogenically frozen for fifty years. When he wakes up, the first question from his angry mouth is:*

*"What the hell happened?"*

*His doctor comes over and says: "Good afternoon Mr. Donaldson. You have been cryogenically frozen for fifty years and I have good news and bad news for you."*

*To which the Member of Parliament replies; "What's the bad news."*

*"Well," says the doc. "Ireland invaded England twenty five years ago. Gerry Adams is Prime Minister and Mary Lou has been crowned Queen."*

*"Good heavens! Cries Geoffrey. "What is the good news?"*

*"Rangers won the Scottish League, beating Celtic last night," says the doctor with a smile. Ian sits back and also smiles. "What was the score?"*

*His doctor turns to him and says: "Three goals and ten points to one goal and nine points."*

### Thought for the week...

*If you don't want your children to hear what you're saying, pretend you're talking to them!*

### Quote for the Week

*Just about any dream grows stronger,  
if you hold on just a little longer.*

### Quip for the Week

*The man who invented the eraser,  
had the human race pretty well sized up*

### Volunteering for lay ministry in our parish – update

Invitation forms were issued with the Parish Christmas card inviting people to volunteer for the various ministries in our parish. If you are interested please return your form to the box which is situated at the back of the church. There are also some invitation cards available at the back of the church if you did not receive one.

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan '22 – Please take this copy home with you.**