

## 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 Second Sunday after Christmas

In today's Mass, early in the New Year, we still think about the meaning of Christmas and what Jesus did for us. Saint John tells us that Jesus came to live among us so that we could become children of God. What a wonderful thing it is to be invited into God's own family, to be able to call God our Father and to have Jesus as a brother.

### In Loving Memory

#### ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:-

6.00 Vigil - Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> January

Betty McGinn

9.00am - Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January

People of the parish

12 Noon Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January

Liam Keogh and his mother Bridget



## Notice Board

### Priests Collection

Those who have not yet contributed to the Christmas Collection for the priests' of the diocese are invited to do so by handing their contribution in at the door or to Eddie in the sacristy. Thank you.



### Anam Cara

Anam Cara Waterford is launching a monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Tuesday 11th January at 7:20pm in the Woodlands Hotel, Waterford. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. Please contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 085 2888 888 for any queries.



### FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Vigil on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> at 6.00pm. 9.30am Mass on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January.

### 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.

*Good-for-nothing are all idol makers*

*And useless are the works they prize so much.*

*They have no knowledge, no discernment*

*For they have shut their mind to reflect and the sense to say,  
Half of the log I burned and on its embers I baked bread and roasted meat.  
Shall I then make an abomination of what remains?  
Am I to worship a block of wood?  
(Isaiah 44:9, 18-19)*

### Quote for the Week

*Profane swearing never did any man any good. No man is the richer or the wiser or happier for it. It helps no one's education or manners. It commands no one to any society. It is disgusting to the refined, abominable to the good, insulting to those with whom we associate, degrading to the mind, unprofitable, needless and injurious to society and wantonly profane.  
His name to call His vengeance down, to curse Him and to involved His vengeance is perhaps of all offences the most awful in the sight of God.*

*Marin Luther.*

### Quip for the Week

*A good listener is not only popular everywhere, but after a while he knows something.*

### Questions People Ask!

*Q. We are a little group who would like to pray with the Scriptures. Is there any book you would recommend?*

*A. It is a very good idea to use each Sunday's gospel. There is a wise balance in the seasons of the Church's year.*

*As for a suitable book, I modestly blush in recommending my own work! In 'The Good News of Luke's Year', you will get two reflections for each week; these were written for people who never had the chance to do deep study. A good way to use that book token you got for Christmas!*

### Gardening the Soul



*'Ni h-é an t-eadaigh, an fear ( clothes do not make the man)' This old Irish saying tells us, in no uncertain terms, that the things we possess do not and will not define us, nor bring us peace and happiness. Some may still believe abundant possessions bring happiness or that they are a sign of God's favour, but most of us know that when we are least reliant on material things, we are happiest.*

*A friend of mine who could be materially very well off made major changes in her home*

*recently. By keeping only what she needed on a daily, weekly and monthly basis and giving away everything else, she has discovered the secret of living simply. This woman's attitude is a very simple one: people are more important than things. She has discovered that 'I have' is the greatest threat to who 'I am'.*

*Sr. Stan*

### Epitaphs

*(Anne Harrison 1665-1745)*

*Well known by the name Nanna Ran Dan, who was chaste but no prude; and tho' free, yet no harlot.*

*By principle virtuous, by education, a protestant; Her freedom made her liable to censure, while her extensive charities made her esteemed.*

*Her tongue she was able to control, but the rest of her members, she kept in subjection.*

### The Quotable Spirit - Gossip

The gossip of the future may not be a backbiting, nosey, tongue-wagging two - face but a super-megabyte, random-access, digital interface.

### St. John's - did you know?

The windows behind the altar are a pictorial history of the old parish of St. John's with an amalgamation of St. Lawrence's, St. Mary's and St. John's. In fact the churches of St Lawrence and St. Mary's would have been known in olden times as St. John's Without.

Did you know that the left hand window behind the main altar shows the kneeling figure of Most Rev. Dr. Foran Bishop of Waterford and Lismore, who built St. John's Church and who died on May 11<sup>th</sup> 1855 not long after the building was completed. In his hands is a drawing of the church (quite easily recognised) as it was during that time.

**Worth going to the altar to have a look!**

### ...thought for the week

*It is better to have lived one day as a tiger, than a thousand as a sheep!*