

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 - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

The event described in today's Gospel took place in the synagogue in Jesus' home town of Nazareth. Jesus had just read a passage from the prophet Isaiah about the Lord's anointed and declared that he (Jesus) was the man referred to in the passage, that he was the fulfilment of the prophecy.

In Loving Memory

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:-

6.00 Vigil - Saturday 29th January

Gus McCarthy

9.00am - Sunday 30th January

People of the parish

12 Noon - Sunday 30th January

Burke and Egan family, Paul and son Paul, David and grandson Raymond, William and Ellen Burke, Larry Fitzgerald, Daughter in law Martina, Gerry & John Burke and Breda Costello.

9.30am - Wednesday 2nd February

Tom Molloy

9.30am - Friday 4th February

Frank Goulding

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.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The monthly collection for February will take place at all church doors next weekend. Please be as generous as you can to this worthy cause.

Thank you.

BLESSING OF THROATS

As Thursday next February 3rd is the feast of St. Blaise; the blessing of throats will take place after the 9.30am Mass.

ANAM CARA

Anam Cara Waterford is launching a monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Tuesday 8th February 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.



...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.

Do not be so sure of pardon when you are heaping sin upon sin.

Do not say, 'His compassion is great. He will forgive the vast number of my sins!'

For with Him is mercy but also anger. His fury will be poured out on sinners. (Sirach 5:5)

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

Happiness itself is sufficient excuse. Beautiful things are right and true; so beautiful actions are those pleasing to the gods. Wise men have an inward sense of what is beautiful and the highest wisdom is to trust this intuition and be guided by it. The answer to

the last appeal of what is right lies within a man's own breast. Trust thyself. (Aristotle)

Quip for the Week

Consider the postage stamp.
It secures through its ability
to stick to one thing till it get there.

Questions People Ask!

Q. Who was St. Blaise and why is he associated with the blessing of throats?

A. Saint Blaise was a bishop in Armenia in the fourth century. Many legends grew up around his memory. One story is about healing a boy who had a fishbone lodged in his throat. In the blessing of throats crossed candles are used in the shape of St. Andrew's cross. The use of candles is probably associated with the blessing of candles on February 2nd, the day before the feast of St. Blaise.

Gardening the Soul



Eastern philosophy sees all life as the outcome of the harmonious synthesis of the two life forces of yin and yang, the power of quietness and the force of activity. We in the West, however, see these life forces as opposed, a matter of choice rather than a matter of harmony, and many of us choose yang over yin; quantity over quality; success over fruitfulness. And so we run ourselves into the ground; burning the candle at both ends to achieve targets, set mainly by other people. *Sr. Stan*

Mother Teresa

'Let us make one point, that we meet each other with a smile when it is difficult to smile. Smile at each other, make time for each other in your family. (from her Nobel Lecture)

St. Brigid's Day

On Tuesday next we celebrate the feast of St. Brigid. She is the most celebrated saint of the early Celtic church. She lived in Ireland from about 452 to 524, governing both men and women in her double monastery at Kildare. Nuns at her monastery are said to have kept an eternal flame burning there, a custom that may have originated with female druids residing at the spot long before the saint arrived. The leader of these druids was a high priestess who bore the name of the goddess Brigid (the exalted one) as deity of wisdom, poetry, fire and hearth. Like other Celtic goddesses who sometimes appear in groups of threes, the goddess Brigid was associated with two sisters of the same name - one who was a patron of healing, and the other of the smith's craft. These attributes were eventually identified with Brigid the

saint, whose feast-day came to be celebrated on the same day as that of the pagan goddess Brigid, therefore, standing on the boundary between pagan mythology and Christian Spirituality. She was called 'Mary of the Gael' and in the middle ages was considered the patron saint of pilgrims and travellers. Known for her patience, prayerfulness and most of all her compassion, Brigid is prayed to as the guardian of farm animals, of healers and of midwives.

ST. JOHN'S - DID YOU KNOW?

The cost of building the church shell i.e. its outer walls, was comparatively small at £8000 even for those times, by using 'day-labour.' It was a very simple building at first and most of what you see in the current building was added in the last century including the windows representing the seven sacraments installed in the 1950's.

In 1863 the quadrangle tower was added. Unfortunately owing to defects of foundation, the spire and upper portion of the tower had to be taken down some years later. The gates and railings were added circa 1873 while in 1897 the church grounds were extended on the west side where some old houses had stood. In 1905 the original sacristy, which was rather small, was replaced by the current one.

The Holy Week ceremonies to be held in St. John's during April 1898 had to be cancelled due to repair work on the building, probably the only time in its history that the present building was closed for these ceremonies.

It's good to laugh.. Exercise for the Over Fifties...

For those of us heading for the senior years, here is a little secret for building arm and shoulder muscles. Three days a week works well. Begin standing outside and behind the house, and with a 2kg potato sack in each hand, extend your arms straight out to our sides, and hold them there as long as you can.

After a few weeks, move up to a 5kg potato sack and then a 25kg sack, and finally get to where you can lift a 50kg sack in each hand and hold your arms straight for more than one minute. Next, start putting a few potatoes into the sacks; but be careful not to overdo it!

Thought for the week...

You can't have everything - so you must decide what you want most.

Quotable Spirit - Forbidden Fruit

Temptation usually comes in through a door that has deliberately been left open.