

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- Baptism of the Lord.

We celebrate today the baptism of the Lord which brings the Christmas period to an end for another year. Today's

Gospel describes the extraordinary events that took place at the river Jordan when Jesus came up out of the water. All this shows how important your baptism was.

The word 'Baptise' comes from a Greek word (*baptizein*) which means immerse or submerge in water. Water is a powerful symbol, for it represents cleansing and purification. John the Baptist used the waters of the River Jordan for this purpose as he offered a baptism of repentance. Jesus affirms John's ministry by choosing to be baptised himself by the prophet. Yet we may wonder why he chose this because as the divine Son of God incarnate, he was completely without sin.

In Loving Memory



Remember in Your Prayers those who died recently - *Madge Collins nee O'Regan late of McDonagh Road, Kinsgmeadow.*

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:-

6.00 Vigil - Saturday 8th January

Mai McCarthy

9.00am - Sunday 9th January

People of the Parish

12 Noon - Sunday 9th January

Thomas Waring

9.30am - Tuesday 11th January

Mary & Patrick DeCoursey and family

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.

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.



...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 rebuke a mocker or he will hate you.

Rebuke a wise man and he will love you.

(Proverbs 9:8)

*A wise son brings joy to his father
but a foolish son brings grief to his mother.*

(Proverbs 10:1)

Quote for the Week

Try not to become a man of success, but rather try to become a man of value. (Albert Einstein)

Quip for the Week

Worrying is interest you pay on borrowed trouble.

Questions People Ask!

Q. Is it true that outside the Church there is no salvation?

A. This is a tricky statement, easily misunderstood. There is no salvation apart from Jesus Christ. Since the Church is the body of Christ, all salvation from Christ is associated with the Church. This doesn't mean that people who are not members of the Church can't be saved. All people of good will who seek God with a sincere heart, can be saved. There are many in the Kingdom who do not belong to the Church - and many in the Church who do not belong to the Kingdom.

Gardening the Soul



A man who had lost his young wife in a tragic accident said to be once; 'I wish they would stop talking and trying to be helpful.' We all want to reach out to people in distress; there is a pull to fix things; to look for a solution. But maybe what the other person needs is not for us to talk but to listen. First, though, we need to calm the agitation of our own minds. If we develop a listening mind, we can become more centred, more focused, and in that way we can deepen our powers to heal and to help. Sr. Stan

Epitaphs

(H.J. Daniel 1818-'89)

*Here lies a bard, let epitaphs be true,
His vices many and his virtues few.
Who always left religion in the lurch,
but never left a tavern for a church.
Drank more from pewter than Pierian spring.*

*And only in his cups was known to sing.
Laugh'd at the world, however it may blame,
and died regardless of his fate or fame.*

The Quotable Spirit - Gossip

Some people will believe anything if it is whispered to them.

St. John's - did you know?

Continuing with our beautiful windows; - beside Bishop Foran (left window bottom) is St. Otteran, patron saint of the diocese and above them are St. Patrick holding the shamrock and St. Brigid.

Parishioners attending St. John's may have mistaken the figure at the top of this window as St John the Evangelist holding a sceptre or palm. This figure is of St. Lawrence, the patron saint of the old parish of which we have spoken in last week's newsletter. He was martyred on Aug. 10th 258AD at the young age of thirty-three years. The iron grid is there because poor St. Lawrence was put to death by burning or roasting while still alive.

Worth going to the altar to have a look!

A married man left work early one Friday afternoon.. Instead of going home however, he spent the weekend (and his money) partying with the boys. When he finally returned home on Sunday night, his wife really got on his case and stayed on it.

After a couple of hours of swearing and screaming, his wife paused and pointed at him and made him an offer. 'How would you like it if you didn't see me for a couple of days??'

The husband couldn't believe his luck, so he looked up, smiled and said, 'That would suit be just fine!!'

Monday went by and he didn't see his wife. Tues and Wednesday went by and he still couldn't see her. Come Thursday however, the swelling went down a bit and he could see her a little, just enough out of the corner of his left eye!!!

...thought for the week

Today's problems are tomorrow's memories.