

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-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Today's Gospel gives us Saint Luke's version of the Beatitudes. Here Jesus contrasts the fate of under privileged people - poor, the hungry, the broken hearted and the abused - with that of people in positions of power and wealth. Jesus is obviously very much on the side of such people. Those in a dire condition now can hope for better things. It will be the opposite for those who cling to their well-off present state.

In Loving Memory



Remember in Your Prayers those who died recently; Kathleen Waring late of Manor Street.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:-

6.00pm Vigil - Saturday 12th February

John & Maura Kirby

9.00am - Sunday 13th February

Mary McCarthy

12 Noon - Sunday 13th February

Maureen O'Carroll

Please remember in your prayers those whose anniversaries at this time: Gavin Connolly

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

Notice Board



An Invitation

The Rosary is recited every morning at 9.10a.m prior to the 9.30a.m. Mass. You are invited to attend. All are welcome.

VOLUNTEERING FOR LAY MINISTRY IN OUR PARISH

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.

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help - is held every Monday morning during the 9.30a.m. Mass with prayer and Benediction. All are welcome.

St. John The Evangelist Charismatic Prayer

Group - We meet every Monday evening at 7.15pm in the room over the Sacristy at St. John's Church.

Our meeting starts with a period of praise and worship and continues with scripture sharing and intercessory prayer. There is a strong emphasis on

The Holy Spirit and the gifts of The Holy Spirit.

Healing Ministry is always available.

All are welcome

"Come to me all you who labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28.

For more information contact

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The Society would like to thank all who contributed to last weeks church door collection in St. John's and can be assured that the sum collected will be put to good use. **Thank you.**



...thoughts for the week

Quote for the Week

Struggle, hard struggle, is the law of progress. Yes, struggle we must both internal as well as with others. There must be a struggle between truth and

untruth, between vice and virtue, between honesty and dishonesty, between expediency and righteousness, between indolence and energy, between enterprise and a spirit of lethargy and between time-seeing and selfishness and noble disinterestedness. Without this struggle, no nation can ever aspire to be great and influential. (Lala Lypat Rai)

The Bible in Our Everyday Lives.

Have regard for your reputation for it will live on, of greater value than a thousand treasures of gold. (Sirach 41:12)

Honourable age does not depend on length of days nor is the number of years a true measure of life. (Sirach 41:17)

Quip for the Week

No person in the world has more determination that he who can stop after eating one peanut.

Questions People Ask!

Q. I was puzzled to hear a preacher speak about what is lacking to the sufferings of Christ. What did he mean?

A. The phrase is used by St. Paul in his Letter to the Colossians (1:24). Paul suffered a lot in his mission to spread the good news of Jesus Christ. He was happy to understand his suffering as a personal sharing in the passion of the Lord. The sacrifice of Jesus Christ was complete in itself, but since the Church is his body on earth, we continue to share in his passion and his resurrection in our suffering and in our experiences of the triumph of grace.

Gardening the Soul



Time out from the cares and anxieties of our everyday lives is something we all need; but in order to take this time to be still with ourselves; we also need special places. You can use your bedroom or your workshop or your kitchen to take time out for prayer or meditation, but it's good also to have a place apart that you can visit, even if not every day - a place like a beach or a mountain walkway, a chapel or a quiet room, where you can feel truly at peace. Places apart are special because they give us space as well as time to reflect. **Sr. Stan**

Mother Teresa

'Feel often during the day the need for prayer and pray. Prayer opens the heart, till it is capable of containing God himself. Ask and seek and your heart will be big enough to receive Him and keep Him as your own.'

True or False

A preacher visits an elderly woman from his congregation. As he sits on the couch he notices a large bowl of peanuts on the coffee table. 'Mind if I have a few?' he asks.

'No, not at all' the woman replies. They chat for an hour and as the preacher stands up to leave, he realises that instead of eating just a few of the peanuts, he emptied most of the bowl. 'I'm terrible sorry for eating all your peanuts. I really just meant to eat a few.'

'Oh, that's all right,' the old woman replied. 'Ever since I lost my teeth all I can do is suck the chocolate off them.'

Clever Quotes

The secret of staying young is to live honestly, eat slowly and lie about your age.

Lucille Ball.

I don't feel old - I don't feel anything until noon. Then it's time for my nap. **Bob Hope**

A woman drove me to drink - and I hadn't even the courtesy to thank her. **W.C.Fields**

It takes only one drink to get me drunk. The trouble is, I can't remember if it's the thirteenth or the fourteenth. **George Burns.**

Quotable Spirit - Wisdom

No man was ever wise by chance.

St. John's - did you know?

The cost of the new building, was cleared in it's entirety in 1873. A church improvement fund was inaugurated in 1907. In 1933 the then debt of the church included a new Pneumatic organ at a cost of £8.500. Fr. Robert Keane, once described as the 'dynamic administrator' was responsible for new churches etc in the parish. In 1963 under his administration, contributions to the basket collection rose from £38 to £500 per week. In the 1980's the church roof was re-slated and in 2004 the roof had to be re-slated once again as in the intervening period, many leaks had occurred. In 2005 it was decided to repair the church windows at a cost of £360,000.

The sale of the 'Parish Hall' helped alleviate the debt incurred in re-slating and painting. The parishioners and those who come to St. John's paid for the windows.