

Our Parish...



St. John's Parish - is part of the St. Lawrence Pastoral Area - together with The Sacred Heart Church, Killea, The Cathedral and Ss Joseph and Benildus

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MASS TIMES:

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil 6.15p.m.
Sunday 9.00a.m. & 12 noon
Sunday 10.00a.m. (Polish)

Weekday Masses: 10.00a.m.

No Mass on Saturday mornings.

The 10.00a.m. mass each Friday is offered for the Holy Souls.

Holyday Masses:

Vigil Mass at 6.15p.m. - evening before
10.00a.m. Mass only on the day.



Cry Chapel (Jim Grant Rooms) - for parents with young children. You are very welcome!

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

Come and sit quietly before God in the Blessed Sacrament, in our Blessed Sacrament Chapel, open Mon to Fri from 10.30am to 11.30am.



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.

Services in St John's



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

are available to bring Holy Communion to the sick and housebound after the 6.15 p.m. Mass every Saturday, and after the 10.00 a.m. Mass on the First Friday of every month.

COMMUNION TO THE SICK

We, the Ministers of the Eucharist in St. John's church are available to bring Holy Communion to the sick or housebound after 6.15 Mass on Saturdays & after 10 Mass on First Fridays. Please leave name(s) into Sacristy or ring 086 1087003.

Morning Prayer - takes place during the 10.00a.m. Mass on Fridays.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

The novena is held every Monday morning during the 10.00a.m. Mass.

Confessions: - every Saturday evening from 5.45, before the Vigil Mass.

Coffee Morning - each Wednesday morning after the 10.00.m. Mass.
All are welcome.



The Rosary - is recited each weekday morning prior to the 10.00am Mass.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The monthly collection for St. Vincent de Paul is being taken up at all Masses in St. John's on the first Sunday of each month.

ST. JOHN'S CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP.

We meet every Monday evening at 7.45p.m. in the Upper Sacristy with a time of prayer and worship.
All are welcome.

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary meet at no 23 Virginia Crescent, Good Shepherd Convent, Hennessy's Road each Monday morning at 11.15am. For more information visit our website: www.legionofmaryw.com or contact 087-2530992

In Loving Memory...



To you O Lord we commend the souls of our brothers and sisters whose anniversaries or month's mind occur at this time.

Remember in Your Prayers those who died recently -

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:-

6.15 Vigil Saturday 23rd November

Sean Foran & son Dominic

9.00am - Sunday 24th November

Paddy & Kitty Kennedy

12 Noon - Sunday 24th November

Mai Halley

SHARED MASSES:

Philip Hearne

Mary Law

Jimmy Grimes

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

Notice Board



Last Weeks Church Collections

Envelopes	€300.00
Offertory	€471.00
2 nd Basket Collection	€393.00

The 2nd Basket Collection for the upkeep of the church buildings takes place at all Masses on the third weekend of each month.



Little Sisters of the Poor

- at St. Joseph's Home Ferrybank always like to hear from people who would like to help in our work of Caring for the Elderly. If you can spare an hour of your time please contact Sr. Roseline 833 006



Bereavement Support is available in Waterford, Dungarvan, Cappoquin and Clonmel, provided by Family Ministry, St. John's Pastoral Centre, John's Hill, Waterford. The Bereavement Support Workers are trained in the skills and confidentiality. Phone Number for Family Ministry Bereavement Support: 051 858772

Third Age - Senior Help Line

'Do you need someone to talk to?' A confidential listening service for older people, open each day and evening 365 day a year. **Local 1850 440 444**

ADVENT REFLECTION

"Connecting to the Invisible Force of God's presence within each one of us and within all creation".

Thursday 28th November

St. John's Pastoral Centre, John's Hill,
Waterford
@ 7.30 p.m.

Facilitator: Antoinette Dilworth rsj.

There will be a short talk at all Masses on the weekend of 30th November/1st December by a member of the Legion of Mary

ADVENT CHILDREN'S MASS

The annual Advent Children's Mass will take place on Saturday 7th December at the 6.15 Vigil Mass. Lighting of the Christmas tree and bringing of gifts for less fortunate children. Children from St. Declan's NS and Waterpark NS will participate.

All are welcome to attend.

Ad Hoc Chorale are delighted to invite you to "Heavenly Blue" - a celebration of choral jazz music. at 8pm in the Chapel in De la Salle school on Saturday 30th November, 2019. Featuring Will Todd's "Jazz Missa Brevis" and a 6-piece jazz band, this is Ad Hoc doing what they do best, performing exciting new choral music, with a twist! With special guests Voicemale and accompanist Siobhan Keappock, hear music by Voctave, BYU Vocalpoint and Pentatonix..... and let Ad Hoc start off your festive season with our stunning Christmas finale. Tickets from choir members €15/€10 concession.

Just a thought...



When the Shadow of Death

When the shadow of death blots out my joy and erases the face of the sun- give me strength to endure and hope to believe that living and dying are one. When the person I love returns to dust to the place where their life first began - may I know that life is a stream that flows beyond where my reason will scan. When my heart feels crushed with a sense of loss, may I find your rich peace deep inside - for deeper than sorrow, grieving or loss love flows like the surge of the tide. When I feel all enclosed with the walls of grief - when the room seems so empty and bare - turn my thoughts, O God, to the web of life and your network of love and care. Every death is a part of the mystery's wheel, through your love all the cycles are one. The wheel shall revolve from darkness to light, the mists be dissolved by the sun.



Gardening the Soul

Our resistance to pain can lead us to insulate ourselves against suffering. Sometimes, when we open our hearts to the suffering of others, our reaction is to close down again quickly, because we are so frightened, and we substitute denial for the natural outpouring of our hearts. But pain stretches us, pushes us to grow and develop, and we can only be healers to each other if we have shared the experience of pain. We can only be present to another's suffering and sorrow if we have first acknowledged and embraced our own pain. The wounded healer is the true healer. Those who cannot acknowledge or accept their own pains and wounds can neither heal nor be healed.

Sr. Stanislaus Kennedy

Saints of the Week...

Mon 25 - St. Catherine - martyred in 310 at Alexandria.

St Clement - third successor of St. Peter as Bishop of Rome. Martyred by drowning in Crimea.

St. Colman An Irish saint - a bard by profession - also from the sixth century whose main foundation was at Cloyne.

Wed 27 - St. Fergal founded a monastery in Bavaria. He was appointed Bishop of Salzburg around 754 and died in 784, leaving a reputation for learning and holiness.

Sat 30 - St. Andrew - from Bethsaida was a disciple of St. John the Baptist, when he was called by Jesus. He in turn brought his brother Peter to Jesus. He is said to have suffered martyrdom by crucifixion on this date.

Q. It puzzles me that Jesus should advocate that somebody should cut off his hand, foot or eye if it were a cause of sin. Isn't this against the commandments, "Thou shalt not kill"?

A. The message of this gospel passage is about how serious we should consider the possibility of eternal damnation if we are living sinful lives. Jesus is not advocating self-mutilation in a literal sense. Sin does not reside in the hand, foot or eye but in the will. It is from the will that we have to cut out the poisonous roots, like hatred, rage, dishonesty, lust or deceitfulness, which are the causes of sin.



It's good to laugh...

A Jewish couple had been married for over 40 years. The husband had become suspicious that his wife was trying to poison him.

So he sought advice from the Rabbi. "Rabbi" he said "I think my wife is trying to poison me, what should I do?" The Rabbi was taken aback and said "Leave it with me and I'll get back to you." A week later he met the man who asked him if he had spoken to his wife. "Yes" said the Rabbi "I spoke to her on the phone for three hours".

"What do you think I should do Rabbi?"

"My advice?" the Rabbi answered is "

Take the poison!"



The Quotable Spirit - Belief & Doubt.

The inner voice - the human compulsion when deeply distressed to seek healing counsel within ourselves, and the capacity within ourselves both to create this counsel and to receive it.

Alice Walker

Our Dearly Departed

Have compassion, Father, on all who are in mourning for those dear to them; let Your comfort and solace surround them in their desolation and aloneness. Bring them to a fuller knowledge of Your love, wiping away their tears, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



Quote for the Week (173)

We live by faith or we do not live at all. Either we venture - or we vegetate. If we venture, we do so by faith simply because we cannot know the end of anything at its beginning. We risk marriage on faith or we stay single. We prepare for a profession by faith or we give up before we start. By faith we move mountains of opposition or we are stopped by molehills.

Quip for the Week

*The deeper our conviction,
the greater our courage to sustain it.*

...thought for the week

He who praises everybody praises nobody.



Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe

It's the least likely place to find a king: beaten, bloody, dying upon the horrific Roman instrument of crucifixion, in the midst of two common criminals. That's the scene selected by the Church to portray Christ our King, today.

The scene sums up so much of the Gospel of Luke. At the beginning of Luke's account, Jesus is placed in a manger: another unlikely setting for a king. In his infancy stories, Luke wants us to recall Israel's great King David, and then tells us what true kingship is all about.

With these portraits of our King comes an understanding of the reign of God which he proclaims. That heavenly reign is populated by those who seek it in humility; by the poor and those rejected by society, by those who imitate their crucified King in love, forgiveness and reconciliation, even as he hangs on the cross.

We live in a world with a lot less royalty than in past centuries. And yet we still can be tempted by our own brand of royalty and a love for the trappings of wealth and power. The voice of our crucified King, inviting us to Paradise along with the repentant thief, cuts through all that is shallow and cannot truly satisfy. Will we hear it today?

St John's Church Waterford



Newsletter

November 24th 2019

Mission Statement

With Christ's teaching as our example and guided by the Holy Spirit, our aim is to represent an open and friendly parish providing a service to the community of St. John's and reaching out to everyone in developing the parish as a community of faith.

Next Sunday's readings: 1st Sunday of Advent

Is 2:1-5.

Ps 121:1-2, 4-5, 6-9.

Rom 13:11-14.



Questions People Ask

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