

## Our Parish...



**Pastoral Area - together with The Sacred Heart Church, Killea, The Cathedral and Ss Joseph and Benildus**

### Priests:

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Deirdre Barry - 087-6441932

### 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.

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](http://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:-

**9.00am – Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

**Months Mind:** Helen Parle late of St. Ursula's Terrace

**12 Noon Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

Martin Daly

### SHARED MASSES:

*There will be no Shared Masses this coming week as The Novena for the Faithful Departed in St. John's Church begins on Monday 4th November and ends Tuesday 12th November.*

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

## Notice Board



### Last Weeks Church Collections

Envelopes €490.00

Offertory €450.00

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



**'The Annual Cemetery Mass will take place on Thursday 21st November 2019 at 11am in St Mary's Cemetery, Ballygunner'**



**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 85877

**TWO FULL-TIME POSITIONS HAVE ARISEN IN THE DIOCESE OF WATERFORD AND LISMORE**

### Diocesan Youth Ministry Officer

The successful candidate is expected to work as part of a team delivering and supporting youth ministry programmes and initiatives across the Diocese.

### Operations Manager

The successful candidate will be responsible and accountable for day-to-day operations including general management of a retreat facility, staff management, financial control, budgeting & fundraising, regulatory compliance, oversight of works and marketing.

Send your application to the Diocesan Secretary [admin@waterfordlismore.ie](mailto:admin@waterfordlismore.ie)  
Closing date for the applications is Friday November 8th, 2019

For more information about the positions, please visit [www.waterfordlismore.ie](http://www.waterfordlismore.ie)

### BAPTISM

We welcome into our Christian Community of St. John's – Amelia Rae Anna Connolly – who was baptised in this church recently and congratulate parents Ian and Leona also godparents Dargan and Miriam, on this joyous occasion.

We also welcome to our Christian Community of St. John's – Sony Connor Molloy Purcell – who was also baptised in this church last weekend, and congratulate parents Ciarán and Ciara and godparents Dean and Niamh on this special occasion.

### EVENING OF REMEMBRANCE

St. John's Pastoral Centre, John's Hill, Waterford.

Thursday, 14th November, 7.30 p.m.

A sacred space to honour family, friends and all who have died

You are invited to a time of prayerful reflection during this special month  
The evening will include Scripture reading, personal prayer, silence and music.

All are welcome

Facilitator: Ann O'Farrell

## Just a thought...



### Prayer – Just for Today Thanks

Lord,  
I thank you for what I have  
and trust in you for what I need.

### GARDENING THE SOUL

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Why do you see the speck in your neighbour's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? The reason we cannot find good in others is that we are so blinded by our own faults. If the window in our kitchen is dirty we will see the washing on our neighbour's line as less than clean. The way to clean our window – clear our vision – is to be aware of the limitations of our vision and simply refuse to pick out the weakness in others but concentrate instead on the good.

*Sr. Stanislaus Kennedy*



### Questions People Ask

**Q. What is blasphemy against the Holy Spirit? The Gospel (Matt 12:31) says that this sin will not be forgiven in either this world or the next.**

**A.** Blasphemy means uttering words of hatred, rejection or defiance of God. Blasphemy against the Holy Spirit means the deliberate defiance of God's grace and the refusal to accept God's love and forgiveness. God still desires to embrace the sinner with forgiveness but this has to be accepted by the person. The sin cannot be forgiven if the sinner defies God and refuses to accept forgiveness.

### SAINTS OF THE WEEK...

**Mon 4 – St. Charles Borromeo, 1538 – 84.**

Cardinal Archbishop of Milan at the age of twenty-one. worked for reform in his diocese.

**Tues 5 – St. Martin de Porres, 1579 – 1639,** a Dominican lay brother spending his nights in prayer and penance and his days in the monastery caring for the sick and the poor. He is renowned for his devotion to the Blessed Sacrament.

**Wed 6 – All the Saints of Ireland.**

**Thurs 7 – St. Willibrord** – was a member of the Benedictine Order in the second half of the 7<sup>th</sup> century. He was sent to Holland and became archbishop of Utrecht and founded a monastery in Luxembourg.

**Sat 9 - The Church of St. John on the Lateran.**



### IT'S GOOD TO LAUGH...

A woman woke in the middle of the night to find her husband mission from their bed. In the stillness of the house, she could hear a muffled sound downstairs. She went downstairs and looked all around, still not finding her husband. Listening again, she could definitely hear moaning. She went down to the basement to find her husband, crouched in the corner facing the wall, sobbing. "What's wrong with you" she asked. "Remember when your father caught us fooling around when you were 16?" he replied. "And remember, he said I had two choices: I could either marry you, or spend the next twenty years in prison." Baffled, she said, "yes, I remember. So?" He replied **"I would have gotten out today"**.  
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### Quote for the Week

Two human attributes are, probably, responsible for more misery, death, hopelessness, war, and starvation than everything else in the world put together. One of these is the lust for personal power; the other is the constant desire for easy physical security without personal responsibility.

### Quip for the Week

*One type of inflation is most dangerous of all – an inflated ego.*

### ...thought for the week

Most people want to be delivered from temptation but would like it to keep in touch.



## 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time



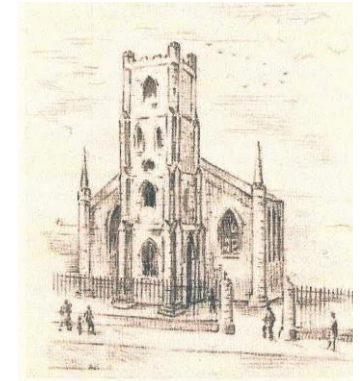
I once heard some advice for writers on how to make a story more dramatic. "Get your character up in a tree," the advice goes, "and throw rocks at him." The advice isn't meant literally, but rather it's about how a character in jeopardy is always a good source of drama.

Well Saint Luke, author of today's Gospel passage, seems to have taken at least a part of that advice literally. It's the famous tale of Zacchaeus, who was short of stature and so needed a higher perch to see Jesus pass by.

But it's really the grace of God that's creating the drama here—a dramatic act of repentance. Even before Jesus comes on the scene, Zacchaeus is determined to see him. What led this wealthy tax collector—an unpopular figure in the town of Jericho—to be interested in Jesus? And even more, what moved him to a radical divesting of half his possessions, and a promise to over-compensate anyone he may have defrauded? It can only be grace!

And it gives you and me an important reminder. God is at work in the most unlikely of ways, and in people we may least expect to change. Repentance like that was—and is—the mission of Jesus. Let's welcome his invitation to stay with us, in our daily lives

## St John's Church Waterford



## Newsletter

**Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:

32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ord. Time  
2 Mac 7:1-2, 9-14.  
Ps 16:1, 5-6, 8 15.  
2 Th 2:16-3:5.  
Lk 20:27-38

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