

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 Minister's 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:-
12 Noon – Sunday 19th January
John Healy

SHARED MASSES:

Mary Daly
Rose Hayes
Patrick Kenneally
Bridie & Sean Ryan & Children Paddy and Maura Margaret Connolly

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

Notice Board



Last Weeks Church Collections

Envelopes €515.00
Offertory €470.00

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

Week of Prayer of Christian Unity

Ecumenical Service

Cathedral of the Most Holy Trinity
Barronstrand Street
Sunday 19th January at 7.30pm

Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan will preside

Rev. Dr. Christine O'Dowd-Smythe will give the address

All are welcome.

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. **Locall 1850 440 444**



GAM-ANON

IS SOMEONE ELSE'S GAMBLING AFFECTING YOUR LIFE?

Gam-Anon is a fellowship of men and women who have been affected by the gambling problem of a loved one.

Meeting every Thursday night at St. Brigid's Centre, Lower Yellow Road, Waterford at 7:30pm.

Contact **086 1245811** for more details. Come join with us.



BIRTHDAY WISHES

Best wishes to Mrs. Madge Collins who celebrates her birthday today Sunday 19th - from all at St. John's. Have a good one Madge!!!



Radio Maria Ireland

Catholic Talk-Radio Station is an Irish-run Catholic Talk – Radio Station. Programmes include Prayer, Catechesis, Uplifting Music, Talks, Interview and Testimonies – all commercial free-listen via Free App "Radio Maria Ireland."



Just a thought...

Prayer – Just for Today Prayer

As I live each day, may I do my part to make one difference – to touch one heart.

And through each day may it be my goal – to encourage one mind and inspire one soul.



Gardening the Soul

Acknowledging our own weakness is an essential quality for those of us who work to provide a service to people who have been hurt and rejected. In situations where we are unable to be welcoming because we are just too tired or too busy, it is better that we acknowledge and accept that. People who have been repeatedly rejected see very clearly if there is a gap between what we say and what we do, between our ideals and our reality, and if they sense our hypocrisy, they will feel rejected and devalued once again. Sr. Stan

It takes two to speak the truth, one to speak and another to hear.



Quote for the Week

Affect not as some do that bookish ambition to be stored with books and have well-furnished libraries, yet keep their heads empty of knowledge; to desire to have many books; and never to use them, is like a child that will have a candle burning by him all the while, while he is sleeping. (H Peacham)



The Quotable Spirit – Immortality

I saw eternity the other night,
Like a great ring of pure and endless light,
All calm, as it was bright;
And round beneath it, Time in hours, days, years.
Driven by the spheres
Like a vast shadow mov'd; in which the world and all her train were hurld.

Henry Vaughan (1622-1695)



Quip for the Week

Some people's lives remind us of the French bread- one long loaf!



It's good to laugh....

A minister decided to do something a little different on Sunday morning. He said "today congregation, I am going to say a single word and you are going to help me preach.

Whatever word I say, I want you to sing whatever hymn that comes to your mind. The Pastor yells out 'Cross!' Immediately the congregation started singing in unison, 'The Old Rugged Cross'. The Pastor hollered out 'Grace!' The congregation began to sing 'Amazing Grace.' The Pastor said 'Power!' The congregation sang, 'There is Power in the Blood.' Then the Pastor said 'Sex!' The congregation fell in total silence. Everyone was in shock. They all nervously began to look around at each other, afraid to say anything, in case they might say the wrong thing. Then all of a sudden, way from the back of the church, a little old lady of seventy eight years of age and a great grandmother, stood up and began to sing...'Precious Memories'.



Questions People Ask!

Q. The words at the consecration of the wine at Mass are changed from 'shed for you and for all men' to 'poured out for you and for many'. Why the change from 'all' to 'many'? Does this mean that others are excluded?

A. The word 'many' is not meant to exclude anybody. There are several places in the New Testament telling us that Jesus died for the salvation of all people. However, the accounts of the Last Supper speak of the precious blood shed for many. The text of the Mass follows the words of the Last Supper as closely as possible and that is the reason for saying 'many' rather than 'all'.



Saints of the week...

Mon 20 – St. Fabian had been Pope for four teen years when martyred under Decius in the year 250.

St. Sebastian may have been a soldier and was martyred in the persecution of Diocletian. He sustained many others in their trials.

Tues 21 – St. Agnes, wealthy and beautiful, was martyred for her virginity in the last persecutions in Rome, in the early fourth century.

Wed 22 – St. Vincent, deacon of the church of Saragossa, Spain, martyred in 304 in Valencia after prolonged torture.

Fri. 24 – St. Francis de Sales, 1567 – 1622, bishop of Geneva, founder of the Visitation Sisters. He worked with gentleness and love to rebuild the Catholic faith after the Reformation.

Sat. 25 – St. Paul preached the power of God at work in the lives of each one of us.



...thought for the week

It is not because things are difficult that we do not dare; it is because we do not dare that they are difficult



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Maternal Face of God

Historically speaking, in our culture the role of men has been to create, to make new things, to fix broken things, and to defend us from things which could hurt us. All of these are wonderful and necessary roles for the preservation of the human race.

However, most children saw their mother in a different way. She was not a creator, a fixer, or a defender, but rather a transformer. Once a woman has carried her baby inside of her body for nine months and brought it forth, through the pain of childbirth, into the world, she knows the mystery of transformation at a cellular level. She knows it intuitively, yet she may not verbalize it. She just holds it at a deeper level of consciousness. She knows something about mystery, about miracles, and about transformation that men will never know (which is why males had to be initiated!). Women who are not mothers often learn it by simply being in the "community of women."

The feminine body can be seen as a cauldron of transformation. Her body turns things into other things—her body turns a love act into a perfect little child. Yet, in her heart, she knows she did not do it. All she had to do was to wait and eat well, be careful, to believe and to hope for nine months. This gives a woman a very special access to understanding spirituality as transformation—if she is able to listen.

Adapted from Richard Rohr

The Maternal Face of God

On Transformation: Collected Talks

St John's Church Waterford



Newsletter

January 19th 2020

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:
3rd Sun. in Ordinary Time
Is 8:23-9:3.
Ps 26:1,4,13-14, R/ v1.
I Cor 1:10-13, 17.
Mt 4:12-23

Please take this Newsletter home.