

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 23rd February
Tony Kelly

SHARED MASSES:

Christopher (Wella) Grant

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

Notice Board



LAST WEEKS CHURCH COLLECTIONS

Envelopes	€450.00
Offertory	€546.00
2 nd Basket Collection	€430.00

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



Lenten Prayer Service Around the Cross



Will be celebrated on Ash Wednesday Feb. 26 at 7.00pm. Ashes will be distributed at this ceremony *All are welcome.*



TAIZE

Taize Evening 8pm to 9pm with the Island of Ireland Peace Choir at The Edmund Rice Chapel, Mount Sion, Barrack St., Waterford on Friday 6 March. All are welcome.



Ash Wednesday – Day of Fast and Abstinence



Ashes will be blessed and distributed at the 10.00am Mass on Wednesday morning next – Ash Wednesday.



Café & Shop Open Daily
Daily Prayer Times:
12.15pm / 2.15pm / 5.45pm

What we offer:

- Join the monks for Community Prayer
- Talk and blessing from a monk
- Light a candle / Offer a prayer for family or friend
- Confession (3pm – 4pm)
- Walk the grounds / Visit the Holy Year Cross
- Heritage Centre with Audio-Visual presentation on the history of Mt. Melleray
- Gift Shop Open: (11.30am - 5pm Daily / Offering quality Christian gifts for all occasions)
- Café for 'cuppa and chat' serves scones, cakes and sandwiches on request: Open Daily 2.30pm,

Groups that come:

- Active Retired
- Altar & Flower Societies
- Art & Craft Groups
- Choirs & Folk Groups
- Day Care Centres/Nursing Homes
- ICA & Women's Groups
- Legion of Mary
- Liturgical Groups
- Parish Groups and prayer groups
- Retreat Days for Parish Groups, Schools & Others
- Youth Groups, Walking Retreats/ Pilgrimages on stage of Declan's Way

For group visits, please contact us in advance - 058 54404

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ADORATION & PRAYER

Begins with 10am Mass Thurs. 27th February through to Vigil Mass 6:30pm Sat. 29th February.
Venue: Sacred Heart Church, The Folly, Waterford City.

Including Mass; Thursday 27th February
@ 10am & 7pm,
Friday 28th February @ 10am
& Divine Mercy 3pm
Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan D.D. Celebrating Mass
on Friday 28th @ 7pm with consecration of
families to The Holy Family
Confession each day after evening Mass
If you would like to commit to an hour in
Adoration during this 3 day/night event please
contact Olivia 086 343 8467

Just a thought...



Quote for the Week...

To let friendship die away by negligence and silence is certainly not wise. It is voluntarily to throw away one of the greatest comforts of this weary pilgrimage.



Quip for the Week ...

In the game of life, if you break the rules, the rules will eventually break you.



The Quotable Spirit - Creation

Music is the basis of the whole creation. In reality the whole of creation is music, and what we call music is simply a miniature of the original music, which is creation itself, expressed in tone and rhythm.

Hazrat Inayat Khan (1882-1927)



Questions People Ask

Q. Where are the original manuscripts of the Gospels and letters of St. Paul?

A. There are no surviving original manuscripts of any part of the Bible, just as there are no original fragments of any of the famous Greek or Roman writers of that period such as Virgil or Cicero. We depend on copies of all these writings and copies of copies. Copyists were far from perfect and there are thousands of variations among the documents. The oldest surviving fragments of New Testament texts date from about 150AD. The oldest complete New Testament dates from the fourth century. Some of the oldest fragments, dating from 250AD are lodged in the Chester Beatty Library in Dublin.

GARDENING THE SOUL

I can remember a time when we had no television, no radio, no electricity even. We used candles and lamps for light, and at night the people used to tell each other stories. Today we tell our stories to the people who are on chat shows or to our doctors or psychiatrists or solicitors, but not to our friends or neighbours for their entertainment. We have gained television, but, oh, what we have lost.

Sr. Stan Kennedy

INSPIRATION

Don't let your special character and values, the secret that you know and no one else does, the truth - don't let that get swallowed up by the great chewing complacency.

Meryl Streep



IT'S GOOD TO LAUGH....FIFTY DOLLARS

Maurice and his wife Esther went to the state fair every year and every year Maurice would say, 'Esther, I'd like to ride in that airplane.' Esther always replied, 'I know Maurice, but that airplane ride costs fifty dollars and fifty dollars is fifty dollars.' One year Maurice and Esther went to the fair and Maurice said, 'Esther, I'm 85 years old. If I don't ride that airplane I might never get another chance.' Esther replied, 'Maurice that airplane ride costs fifty dollars, and fifty dollars is fifty dollars.' The pilot over heard them and said, 'Folks, I'll make you a deal. I'll take you both for a ride. If you can stay quiet for the entire ride and not say one word, I won't charge you; but if you say one word, it's fifty dollars.' Maurice and Esther agreed and up they went. The pilot did all kinds of twists and turns, rolls and dives, but not a word was heard. He did all his tricks over and over again, but still not a word. When they landed, the pilot turned to Maurice and said, 'By golly, I did everything I could think of to get you to yell out, but you didn't.' Maurice replied, 'Well, I was gonna say something when Esther fell out, but fifty dollars is fifty dollars.'



This Week's Calendar

Wednesday 26th - Ash Wednesday
A day of Fast and Abstinence.

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Thought for the week ahead -

A sense of shame is not a bad moral compass.

- *Gen. Colin Powell*



Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

LENT

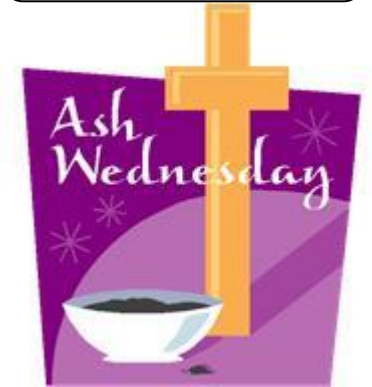
The season of Lent provides us with another opportunity to stop, take a step back and reflect on our lives. The value of detoxing is widely acknowledged today, and while many people are open to this by dieting, how many take time for a spiritual detox.

It can be hard to switch off in a world where the switch always seems to be in the 'on' position - television, phones and computers so readily available; it is hard to find 'downtime'. Yet time spent alone in silence can be very valuable for our well-being. The Gospels, in particular Luke, often tell us that Jesus went away to spend quiet time in prayer. He prepared himself mentally and spiritually for what was to come.

Spending time in prayer and reflection is not an end in itself. It is an opportunity to recharge our spiritual batteries and to respond once again to the call to love God and love our neighbour.

What difference can you make in the world? Faced with all the problems of the world it is easy to be overcome with pessimism and ask 'what is the point?' But we should never underestimate the difference one person can make. In the words of the famous proverb, the journey of a thousand miles begins with the first step. Do what you can; that is all that is asked of you. If you help one person it is worth it!

St John's Church Waterford



Newsletter

Feb 23rd 2020

Day of Prayer for Temperance

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:

First Sunday of Lent
The Rite of Election of Catechumens
Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7.
Ps 50.
Rom 5:12-19. Mt 4:1-11

Please take this Newsletter home.