

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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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.



Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Come and sit quietly before God in the Blessed Sacrament, in our Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Chapel is closed until further notice.

Cry Chapel (Jim Grant Rooms) Cry Chapel closed until further notice.

Church Opening Hours

Monday to Friday	9.00am - 4.30pm
Saturday	10.00am - 7.30pm
Sunday	8.30am - 1.30pm

Services in St John's



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.

Coffee Morning - will resume in due course. Thank you.

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

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

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.

St. Vincent de Paul

The monthly collection for St. Vincent de Paul is not taking place due to Corona Virus. Date of next collection will be advised.

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.



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.

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 22nd August

James Kehoe and daughter Marian

9.00am - Sunday 23rd August

Don Mahon (First Anniversary)

12 Noon - Sunday 23rd August

Lottie Fitzgerald

10.00am - Monday 24th August

Mass for people of the parish.

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

Notice Board



The legion of Mary members recite the rosary at the Marian shrine on the cork road every Monday at 11.15 am. Please join us. Our meetings are held in the Jim Grant room, St. John's church on Tuesdays at 11.15am. New members welcome web site: www.legionofmaryw.com

CONFIRMATION - WATERPARK NS,

After a long wait we send our congratulations to the boys and girls of Waterpark National school who celebrated their confirmation here in St. John's on Saturday 21st in two ceremonies. May God's spirit continue to guide them and their families. May God keep them in His loving care, may He bless them and support them through every trial that may come their way and may they always know the peace of Jesus, and the light of His love.



Covid 19 Restrictions in St. John's

1. Please do not congregate in the yard before or after Mass or service.
2. There will be no basket collection during Mass. Please leave your donation in the box near the door.
3. Please sanitise your hands before entering the church.
4. Only every second row of seats to be occupied.
5. Only two people to occupy a row.
6. People from same household may all occupy one row.
7. Please maintain 2metres distancing at all times but especially when receiving Holy Communion.
8. Please follow the stewards.
9. Some sections of seating may be closed off. Please do not occupy seats in these areas.
10. The dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday and Holy Days, still applies.

If you have any symptoms of cold and flu or if you feel unwell in any way, please do not attend Mass.

Just a thought...



'I Will Help You'

Lord, I ask your help, please help me. I need your grace, please send Your Holy Spirit so that I may find peace and happiness again.

Lord inspire me, Lord strengthen me, Lord heal me.



Gardening the Soul

Nurturing a grudge can become a full-time pre-occupation. Unspoken anger does not bring us freedom, but instead keeps us locked to the other person. The glue of unresolved resentment keeps us stuck in silent pain.

Are there really people in our lives who have done things so bad that they deserve to be ignored? Yet that is often the weapon we employ when we are hurt or angry. If instead we can learn to be assertive, to express our hurt and anger, we can release emotional joy and freedom and through this find the ability to be honest, clear and direct. That is the beginning of forgiveness.
Sr. Stan Kennedy

Questions People Ask

Q. Is there any thing I can do to get rid of this awful fear that I will never be good enough to enter into heaven when I die?

A. Of course you are not good enough to get into heaven because none of us will merit heaven. But cast fear aside because Jesus wants all people to be saved. One thing that is clear in the gospel is that Jesus came to save all sinners. Let him be your Saviour, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Accept the divine forgiveness which is celebrated in the sacrament of Confession. Instead of you trying to get into heaven, why not let heaven get into you. What I mean is that you allow God's love and mercy take over your mind and heart. Don't be all locked up in yourself but let God's love take over.

This Week's Calendar

Monday 24 – St. Bartholomew's name occurs in the Synoptic Gospels only in the list of apostles.

Tuesday 25 – St. Louis, 1214-70, King of France, father of eleven children, Franciscan tertiary, man of integrity, died in Tunisia on his second Crusade.

St. Joseph Calasanz, 1556-1648, founded the Piarists to run free schools. He is the patron of Catholic schools.

Thursday 27 – St. Monica, 332-87, converted her pagan husband, Patricius to the faith and by her prayers and tears brought her son St. Augustine to Christianity and a moral life.

Friday 28 – St. Augustine, 354-430. His theological influence has been most significant in the Church, especially on the understanding of God's grace.

Saturday 29 – The Passion of St. John the Baptist. He is found worthy of the martyr's death, his last and greatest act of witness to Christ.



It's good to laugh...Doggone!

A man is driving down a country road when he finds himself hopelessly lost. He pulls over when he sees a farmer leaning up against a fence next to a dog. The man walks up to the farmer and asks him for directions, and the farmer kindly shows him on his way. Before he leaves the man asks: "Excuse me, does your dog bite?" The farmer says "no he don't bite." The man goes to pet the dog, and the dog growls and takes a big chunk out of the man's hand, biting down hard with his teeth. The man yells "I thought you said your dog doesn't bite?" The farmer replies "That ain't my dog."

thanks

Tony!

The Quotable Spirit – Prayer

*I find good people good.
And I find bad people good.
If I am good enough!*



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.



Thought for the week ahead...

Standing in the middle of the road is very dangerous; you get knocked down by the traffic from both sides. *Maggie Thatcher*

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

'You are Peter'

Because of Peter's faith, the promise is given to him.

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church.'

It is through faith that the Church at all times can have trust in the promise of God's protecting power.

So encouraged, we can meet the difficulties and human weaknesses that are part of the Church's life.

Each member must search for deeper faith through study of the Scriptures and the teaching of the Church, and by more fervent prayer.

Next Sunday's readings: Twenty-Second in Ord Time

Is 20:7-9.
Ps 62:2-6, 8-9, R/ v2.
Rm 12:1-2.
Mt 16:21-27.

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Newsletter

August 23rd 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.

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