

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.



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.

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 29th August

Irene Firth

9.00am - Sunday 30th August

The people of the parish

12 Noon - Sunday 30th August

Paddy Lowe (First Anniversary)

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

Notice Board



THE LEGION OF MARY Rosary in honour of our Lady's Birthday will be **live streamed** from St. Paul's Church Lisduggan Waterford on Tuesday 8th of September 6.30pm. (Due to Covid-19. restrictions in place to 50 people in the Church allowed). People are asked to wear face masks and adhere to social distancing.
web site: www.legionofmaryw.com

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...



'Calm'

Lord, help me to remain calm and gentle in the disappointments of today, help me to live the present moment with you.

Whatever good I can do, whatever kindness I can show, may I do it now.



Gardening the Soul

On a visit to Solweisi in Zambia, some years ago, I woke up one morning to hear that a snake had been killed during the night. It had entered the vicinity where I was staying and had devoured a little dog. A watchman saw the snake and struck it. After vomiting the dog, who was then dead, the snake also died. This was a particularly dangerous type of snake, that could devour a person; but it was also very beautiful and it was sad to see it lying there. I suddenly became aware of the underlying unity of all life as I

stood there looking at the snake. I realized that all things in life - beautiful and reprehensible, dangerous and benign - take sustenance from the earth. .

Sr. Stan Kennedy



Questions People Ask

Q. I am puzzled about fear of God. I feel more fear of God's judgement than any love of God. Is fear of God a good thing or bad??

A. There is a healthy fear of God and an unhealthy sort of fear. Unhealthy fear may be based on an un-loving idea of God. This makes a person self-centred and paralyzes energy.

A healthy fear of God brings profound reverence, humility and obedience to God's laws. This sort of fear is full of love. It is one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit.

This Week's Calendar

Monday 31 - St. Aidan of Lindisfarne - was of Irish descent and was a monk of Iona. He was invited by the King of Northumbria to reconvert his people. He was very successful in his mission and died in 651.

Tuesday 1st September - World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation - offers to individual believers and to the community a precious opportunity to renew our personal participation in this vocation as custodians of creation.

Thursday 3 - St. Gregory the Great, 540 - 604. Roman noble who was Prefect of the City before becoming a monk. As pope he established a pattern for the papacy in years to come, calling himself 'servant of the servants of Christ'.

Friday 4 - St. Mac Nissi - It is claimed that he was baptised by St. Patrick who taught him

the psalms. He died early in the sixth century. 

It's good to laugh...Who's for Golf?

One spring morning, Jim and Joe went out to play a round of golf. The golf links is situated beside the local cemetery. They would often see burials taking place, especially from the 18th green.

On this particular morning as they were about to tee off from the eighteenth, a funeral arrived. When Joe saw the funeral, he immediately went on one knee and said a quick prayer, to Jim's amazement. 'You have never done anything like this before' said Jim. 'I have often been here with you when funerals arrive and you have never said any prayers.'

'Ah' said Joe. 'After living with her for the last forty years, it is the least I could do.'



The Quotable Spirit - Immorality

The ideal life is in our blood, and never will be still. We feel the thing we ought to be beating through the thing we are.

Quote for the Week

It is not the rich man you should properly call happy, but him who knows how to use with wisdom the blessings of our Almighty God, to endure hard poverty, and who fears dishonour worse than death, and is not afraid to die for cherished friends or homeland.

Quip for the Week

There are times when you have to change your tune to keep harmony.

Thought for the week...

If a window of opportunity appears, don't pull down the shade.



Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

'Our Daily Bread'

Give us this day our daily bread! It is almost a strange thing to think about, asking God for our daily bread. There is nothing abstract about the request; just as the text says - our daily bread. There is almost an assumption in our western world that the table will always be set, that the bread-bin will always be full and that we will never be forced to face the dilemma of Mother Hubbard; the cupboard will never be bare.

The Our Father reminds us of the fragile nature of our existence. We assume that we are in control and progressing all the time to a more secure future. But our lives can be turned up-side-down in an instant. Take the Corona Virus world pandemic throwing the entire world into chaos in just a few short months.

The Word of God invites us to trust in our heavenly Father. Christ reminds us that if we, who do not always act for the best, do good things, how much more will his father do for those who ask of Him in faith? We have it on good authority that the Father is there waiting for us to call on him.

St John's Church Waterford



Newsletter

August 30th 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: Twenty-Third in Ordinary Time

Ez 33:7-9.

Ps 94:1-2, 6-9, R/ v 8.

Rm 13:8-10.

Mt 18:15-20. .

Please take this Newsletter home.