

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 8th August

Joan O'Neill

12 Noon - Sunday 9th August

Angela Fitzgerald

ANNIVERSARY MASSES:

David Whittle

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

Notice Board



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.



LATIN MASS WATERFORD

Delighted to confirm Waterford Latin Masses on the Sundays of the 9th and 23rd of August, Saint John's Church, Parnell Street at 1:00pm.

Just a thought...



Prayer - Just for Today

Prayer of the Morning

I rise today
With God's strength to direct me,
God's wisdom to guide me,
God's eyes to look before me,
God's ear to hear me,
God's word to speak for me,
God's hand to uphold me,
God's pathway before me,
God's shield to protect me,
God's host to save me -
From temptations;
From one man or many
That seek to destroy me: Amen.



GARDENING THE SOUL

To grow spiritually is to become integrated and fulfilled as a person. It is to become like a tree rather than a pile of branches.

A teacher described her vision of heaven and hell to her students. Hell,

she said was a room with a round table at which six people were seated. Each had a bowl of food and a spoon, but because the spoons they held were longer than their arms all were slowly starving. They couldn't feed them selves.

Heaven, the teacher said, was the same situation, but the people were smiling, joyful and full of light because they were using the long spoons to feed one another.

Sr. Stan Kennedy



Questions People Ask

Q. Is there any basis in the Bible for the doctrine of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven?

A. While there is no specific reference to her assumption, the Bible provides the basis for the doctrine. 'Just as all die in Adam, so in Christ all will be brought to life; but all of them in their proper order; Christ the first fruits and next at his coming those who belong to him' (1 Cor 15:22).

First in those who belong to him was surely his blessed mother. The liturgy celebrates her Assumption as 'the beginning and pattern of the Church in its perfection, and a sign of sure hope and comfort for our people on their pilgrim way.' The story in Revelation, Chapter 12, about the woman clothed in the sun whose child crushes the head of the serpent may be understood as referring to Mary's Assumption into heavenly glory.



This Week's Calendar

Monday 10 – St Lawrence, died 258, and is seen as the cheerful giver since he was one of the seven deacons of the Roman Church in charge of the material needs of the faithful. Gifted with a sense of humour, he met his death cheerfully on a gridiron.

Tuesday 11 – St Clare, born at Assisi in 1193, died 1253. She followed St. Francis in his life of poverty and was founder and ruler of the Poor Clares. She led an austere life, abounding in works of piety and charity.

Wednesday 12 – St Murecach, is regarded as the founder of the church at Killala. **St. Attracta** lived in the sixth or seventh century. Local tradition remembers her great healing powers, hospitality and charity to the poor. **St. Lelia**, had a church near Thomond Bridge and is said to have baptised by St. Patrick.

Thursday 13 – St. Pontian, became pope in 231. **St. Hippolytus**, a writer and teacher, had been set up as a rival to Pope Callistus.

St. Fachna, founder of a monastery at Ross Carbery. He died around 600.

Friday 14 - St. Maximilian Kolbe, 1894-1941, a Conventual Franciscan who worked in the apostolate of the press in Poland and Japan and died in Auschwitz.

Saturday 15 – (Solemnity) The Assumption of Mary.



It's good to laugh...TV License

The TV License Inspector called recently to Billy's house. 'What can I do for you' asks Billy. 'You can show me your TV license' says the inspector. 'I don't have a television' replies Billy. 'But you have an aerial on the roof'.

'I have a jug of milk on the table' says Billy but that does not mean I have a cow in the backyard.



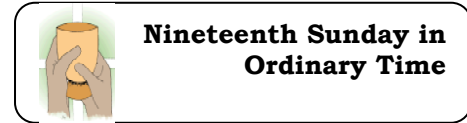
Quip for the Week

The reason many successful people are so lonely is that they sacrificed too many friends on the way up.



...thought for the week

Only a fool thinks price and value are the same.



The calming of the Storm

In today's Gospel Jesus suggest to His disciples that they cross the lake to the other side.

The pressing crowds are left behind and Jesus, tired and worn out falls asleep on the small bench at the back of the boat. His head on a cushion. We know the story.

The rapid change of weather causes the waves to break into the boat so that it starts to fill and perhaps like a lot of fishermen the disciples cannot swim to save their lives. They wake Jesus with an accusation "Master, do you not care? We are going down." He wakes up, rebukes the wind and commands the sea to be quiet. The question then arises about Jesus' identity. Who then is this?

We believe; like St. Mark that He is the Son of God. He it is who accompanies us on our journey to God and He is the one who is 'on board' with us.

To journey with Jesus is a journey through storms, not around them. We even wonder if Jesus chooses to sleep through our disasters our disorders and our chaos. We know that the disciples of Jesus went on to face shipwreck, hardship and rejection. What kept them going is what keeps us going! A belief that Jesus is Lord of all chaos and a belief which tells us that there is no storm that will not be stilled at last by the peace of His presence.

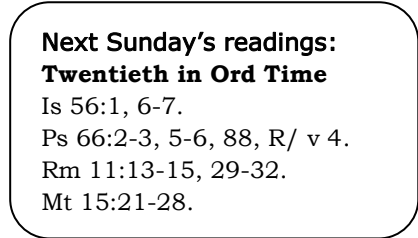


Newsletter

August 9th 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:
Twentieth in Ord Time
Is 56:1, 6-7.
Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 88, R/ v 4.
Rm 11:13-15, 29-32.
Mt 15:21-28.

Please take this Newsletter home.