

## 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.

### Parish Priest:

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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 the

## 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 12<sup>th</sup> September**

Paddy (Digger) Daniels

**9.00am - Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September**

The People of the Parish (Missa pro Populo)

**12 Noon - Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September**

Frank Heenan

**10.00am - Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September**

Ned Butler

*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](http://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...



### Take My Hand

*I cannot pray, dear Lord. I cannot find the hopes; recovery; health and peace of mind. So, take my hand and take my feeble frame and give me the strength and help to bear my pain. I am so weak - give me the strength I need to know that you with Your help, we will succeed. So help me in these long and tiring days to know that someone sings a song of praise. The friends who care, who pray instead of me for healing and a quick recovery. So, take my hand and let it cling to Thee; and clinging - know no harm can come to me.*  
**C.M. Ford**

### **GARDENING THE SOUL**

In sacred scripture, the word success never appears - instead we have the word fruitful and the phrases 'bearing much fruit' or 'bearing fruit in due season.' There is a world of difference between being successful and being fruitful. If we seek only to be

successful, then we are concerned with the outcome, results. We all like to see a task or work completed, but when we become obsessed with completions, results, success, we miss the pleasure and joy of the process, the doing of the task. If we are seeking to be fruitful, on the other hand, we are concerned with the whole process, not just the outcome and how we do what we do is as important as what we do. *Sr. Stan*

**QUESTIONS PEOPLE ASK**

**Q. Isn't it wrong to hold concerts in churches? A consecrated church is God's house and no place for secular music.**

A. What do you mean by secular music? Just because a song does not directly refer to God doesn't make it unsuitable. Music for those who have an ear to hear, is one of the greatest sources of beauty, and every time we experience beauty it is a tiny anticipation of the supreme ecstasy of the beatific vision. Why should the devil have all the good music? I have been at many concerts in church and felt spiritually uplifted by the beauty of music; the God-given talents of the performers.



**Mon 14 – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross.** On 13 September 335, the churches on Calvary were dedicated and the cross that St. Helena discovered was venerated there the next day.

**Tues 15 – Our Lady of Sorrows** Mary standing by the Cross, 'suffered intensely with her only begotten Son and united herself as his Mother to his sacrifice, consenting with love to the offering of the victim who was born of her' who she also offered to the eternal Father. .

**Wed 16 – St. Cornelius.** He became pope in 251 and died in exile at Civitavecchia in 253.

**Thurs 17 – St Robert Bellarmine** – lived in the years 1542-1621, Jesuit Cardinal Bishop of Capua, involved in theological controversies.

*Please take this Newsletter home.*

**Sat 19 – St. Januarius** - Bishop of Benevento, was martyred at Naples in 305 with six companions.



**Times' Past – Newsletter July 9<sup>th</sup> '00** Priests of the Parish: Frs' Boyle, Rogers, and Fr. Chestnutt. Masses on Sunday at 9.00am 10.30am and 12 noon. Evening Mass at 6.00pm with a Vigil Mass at 7.30pm the evening before. Weekday Masses at 10.00am and 5.40pm.

Roof repairs are now underway and a Fund Raising Committee is being formed.

The 'Flower Show' committee (commemorating 150 yrs. of St. John's) are asked to meet in the Presbytery on Tuesday at 7.00pm.

Christian Services events include a Cake Sale, Summer Outing, Senior Citizens Social (the last to be held) on June 18<sup>th</sup>.

Monthly Dances starting in the Rugby Club Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>.

**It's good to laugh...woops!**

My wife asked me: "If I die, will you re-marry?" I replied: "I don't know love. I don't think about those sort of things." "Well if you did, would she live in our house?" I said: "I don't know, I haven't thought about it!" Then she asked: "Would you let her wear my clothes?" I replied: "Nah she's not your size" *( Tony)*

**Quote for the Week**

We cannot tell the precise moment when friendship is formed. As in filling a vessel drop by drop, there is at last a drop which makes it run over; so in a sense of kindness there is at last one which make the heart run over.

**Quip for the Week**

*We will have a better life if we make the most of the best and the least of the worst.*

**Thought for the week....**

Learn to say NO. It will be of more use to you than to be able to read Latin. .



**'The True Cross'**

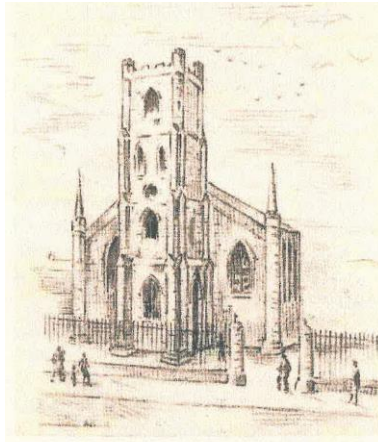
In Ireland there are at least two small specimens of what is believed to be the true cross in Holy Cross Abbey Co. Tipperary and in Holy Cross College, Clonliffe, Dublin.

The feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross which takes place tomorrow, Monday – commemorated the finding of the True Cross in the year 325. Tradition tells that Saint Helena, the mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine1, found the cross during a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. The story goes that she found three crosses but was unsure which belonged to Jesus. To find out, the three crosses were held over a sick woman. When the true cross was held near her, accompanied by deep prayer, the disease left her.

To venerate the cross of Jesus, is to see a cause of suffering for Jesus and by association to see our own cross, our own suffering.

God moves out towards humanity in an act of love and humility, culminating in the death of Jesus. And then in communion with Jesus, all are lifted up or brought intimately close to God.

To venerate the cross is an act of communion; it links our suffering with that of Jesus and so to get caught up in that movement of salvation.



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**September 13<sup>th</sup> 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-Fifth in Ordinary Time**  
 Is 55:6-9.  
 Ps 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18, R / v 18.  
 Phil 1:20-24, 27.  
 Mt 20:1-16.