

## 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:

Fr. Tom Rogers - 051 511275

### Parish Support:

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### Office Opening Hours

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### St. John's Safeguarding Children Reps:

Deirdre Barry - 087 - 6441932

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

Sean Ryan

**9.00am - Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September**

Geraldine Foskin

**12 Noon - Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September**

Richard (Dick) Nicholson

*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. website: [www.legionofmaryw.com](http://www.legionofmaryw.com)

### Parish Pastoral Worker

Parish of St. Joseph & Benildus and St. Mary's invite applications for the post of Parish Pastoral Worker.

Applicants should have a degree in Theology/religious education or equivalent as well as religious experience.

Closing date incl. Curriculum Vitae is Friday Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> '20 at 5.00p.m.

Please send to:-

[liampowerwaterford@gmail.com](mailto:liampowerwaterford@gmail.com).

Job description available from

[parishofficejbm@gmail.com](mailto:parishofficejbm@gmail.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...



### Prayer for the Week...

Prayer - Lord, create a pure heart in us and give us a steadfast spirit so that we may serve you with sincerity and constancy.

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### Gardening the Soul...

Nature has gentle moments: soft winds, sprinkling rain, warm sunshine, floating petals. But nature also has

incredible power to harm and hurt: earthquakes, thunderstorms, floods, the constant cycle of predation and death, pain and disease. When we learn to recognise that this power and this gentleness are part of the same nature, we can begin to face a paradox of our own potential for gentleness and destructive power too.

*Sr. Stanislaus Kennedy.*

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### Questions People Ask!

**Q. The words at the consecration of the wine at Mass are changed from 'shed for you and for all men' to 'poured out for you and for many'. Why the change from 'all' to 'many'? Does this mean that others are excluded?**

**A.** The word 'many' is not meant to exclude anybody. There are several places in the New Testament telling us that Jesus died for the salvation of all people. However, the accounts of the Last Supper speak of the precious blood shed for many. The text of the Mass follows the words of the Last Supper as closely as possible and that is the reason for saying 'many' rather than 'all'.

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### *It's good to laugh...The Steeple.*

The church steeple on a Co. Antrim church is very high and was being painted on a rather hot day. The painter was about half way down and as the steeple was widening out was taking more paint. The painter felt he might not have enough paint to finish. Since he was hot and tired, and did not care to make another trip to the ground, he decided to stretch the amount of paint by adding some paint thinner to it. When he had finished the job, he lowered himself to the ground and went about cleaning up. Then he look up to see the results of his work and noted that the area with the thinned paint looked decidedly different. He was pondering what to do about it when the sky turned dark

and there was a lightning flash and a loud clap of thunder.

Then in a loud, booming voice from the sky came the words: 'Repent and thin no more!.'

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### Quote for the Week...

Some say that the age of chivalry is past, that the spirit of romance is dead. The age of chivalry is never past, so long as there is a wrong left un-redressed on earth, or a man or woman left to say, 'I will redress that wrong, or spend my life in the attempt.'

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### Quip for the Week ...

*Lawyers would have a hard time making a living if everybody behaved themselves and kept their promises.*

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### This Week's Calendar

Monday 21 – St. Matthew tax collector also identified as missionary in Persia and Ethiopia.

Friday 25 – St. Finbarr – lived at Gaugane Barra as a hermit. Founded a monastery in Cork.

Saturday 26 – Ss Cosmas and Damian – early martyrs in Syria.

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### Last thought for the week ahead...

The Epitaph from a country grave stone -

*As you are now, so once was I.*

*As I am now, so you will be.*

*Remember this and follow me.*

Someone wrote underneath -

*To follow you I'll not consent,*

*Until I know which way you went.*

*Thanks Mary.*



### Twenty Fifty Sunday in Ordinary Time

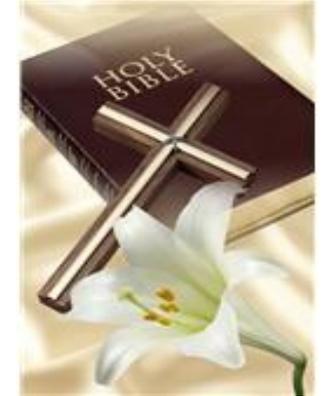
#### The Maternal Face of God

Historically speaking, in our culture the role of men has been to create, to make new things, to fix broken things, and to defend us from things which could hurt us. All of these are wonderful and necessary roles for the preservation of the human race.

However, most children saw their mother in a different way. She was not a creator, a fixer, or a defender, but rather a transformer. Once a woman has carried her baby inside of her body for nine months and brought it forth, through the pain of childbirth, into the world, she knows the mystery of transformation at a cellular level. She knows it intuitively, yet she may not verbalize it. She just holds it at a deeper level of consciousness. She knows something about mystery, about miracles, and about transformation that men will never know (which is why males had to be initiated!). Women who are not mothers often learn it by simply being in the "community of women."

The feminine body can be seen as a cauldron of transformation. Her body turns things into other things—her body turns a love act into a perfect little child. Yet, in her heart, she knows she did not do it. All she had to do was to wait and eat well, be careful, to believe and to hope for nine months. This gives a woman a very special access to understanding spirituality as transformation—if she is able to listen.

## St John's Church Waterford



### NEWSLETTER

September 20<sup>th</sup>

#### 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 sixth in Ord. Time

Ez 18:25-28.

Ps 24:4-9, R/ v. 6.

Phil 2:1-11.

Mt 21:28-32.

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