

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 – Teresa Marshall (née O'Keeffe) McDermott Road, Cork Road

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:-

6.15 Vigil – Saturday 26th September

Missa pro Populo (Mass for people of the parish)

9.00am – Sunday 27th September

Paul Foley

12 Noon – Sunday 27th September

Helen Parle – First Anniversary



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

Notice Board



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. 2nd '20 at 5.00p.m.

Please send to:-

liampowerwaterford@gmail.com.

Job description available from

parishofficejbm@gmail.com

Covid 19 Restrictions in St. John's

- Please do not congregate in the yard before or after Mass or service.
- There will be no basket collection during Mass. Please leave your donation in the box near the door.

- Please sanitise your hands before entering the church.
- Only every second row of seats to be occupied.
- Only two people to occupy a row.
- People from same household may all occupy one row.
- Please maintain 2metres distancing
- at all times but especially when receiving Holy Communion.
- Please follow the stewards.
- Some sections of seating may be closed off. Please do not occupy seats in these areas.
- 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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

Remember in your prayers the boys and girls from Waterpark NS and St. Declan's NS who received the sacred Sacrament of First Holy Communion over the last two weekends. May God keep them in this 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.

Just a thought...



Prayer – Just for Today

*O Lord love me intensely,
love me often, love me long.
For the more often you love me,
the purer I become.
The more intensely you love me,
the more beautiful I become.
The longer you love me, the holier I become.*

Gardening the Soul...

To hope is to experience a power and a presence that is greater than we are, and to experience it when we do not see it. One way to experience what we do not see is to draw on memory, and especially on treasured memories of playful childhood moments. Such memories sustain prisoners in their captivity, and they can sustain us too. *Sr. Stan Kennedy*

Questions People Ask

Q. In the light of all the adverse publicity some years back, would you choose priesthood as a career if you were starting out again?

A. The life that the Lord has given me as a priest has been wonderfully fulfilling. Obviously there are family joys that one misses but the compensations more than make up for the losses. To speak the words of consecration or absolution in the Lord's name is an immense privilege. To be a reminder of God's love in peoples' lives is a humbling experience. Yes, I'd happily do it all again. *Fr. S. O'Flynn OFM CAP*

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Note to God – Children's Writings.

Dear God – Did you really mean 'do unto others as they do unto you?' Because if you did, then I'm going to get even with my brother.

Dear God: - thank you for the baby brother, but what I prayed for was a puppy.

Dear God: - Please send me a pony, I never asked for anything before. You can look it up.

Dear God: I want to be like my Daddy when I grow up, but not so much hair all over.

Dear God: - You don't have to worry about me: I always look both ways.

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It's good to laugh...The Mother-in-Law

George went on vacation to the Middle East with most of his family including his mother-in-law. During their vacation and while they were visiting Jerusalem, George's mother in law died. With the death certificate in hand George went to the American Consulate Office to make arrangements to send the body back home.

The Consul after hearing of the death of the mother in law told George that the sending of a

body back to the States is very expensive. It could cost as much as five thousand dollars. The Consul continues, in most cases the person responsible for the remains normally decides to bury the body here. This would cost around one hundred and fifty dollars.

George thinks for some time and answers, 'I don't care how much it will cost to send the body back, that's what I want to do'. The Consul after hearing this says 'You must have loved your mother-in-law very much considering the difference in price. "No, it's not that," says George. 'You see, I know the story of a person buried here in Jerusalem many years ago. On the third day he arose from the dead! I just can't take that chance.'

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This Week's Calendar

Mon 28th – St. Wenceslaus, 905-25, Prince of Bohemia, killed by his brother.

Also today Ss Lawrence Ruiz and Companions martyred in Nagasaki, Japan in 1633-7.

Tues 29 – Ss Michael Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels.

Wed 30 – St. Jerome, 340-420, translated the Bible into Latin, known as the Vulgate.

Thurs 1st Oct – St. Thérèse of Lisieux died at the Carmel in Lisieux on 30 Sept 1897. Declared Doctor of the Church in 1997.

Friday 2 – The Guardian Angels.

Sat 3 – Bl. Columba Marmion - His writings have been some of the most influential spiritual writing of the twentieth century.

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Last thought for the week ahead...

Brendan Behan was dreaming he had gone to Heaven. When he arrived there he was met by St. Peter who proceeded to show him around. Over in one corner was a bearded old man. Brendan asked, 'Is that St. Paul?' 'Yes,' replied Peter. He introduced himself to Paul and after a short discussion said to Paul, 'Tell me Paul, you know all those letters you sent to the Corinthians, did you ever get a reply?'



Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stay True to who you are...

Three men on a hike came upon an unlocked cabin deep in the woods. Receiving no response to their knocking, they went inside to find one room simply furnished. Nothing seemed unusual except that the large, pot bellied cast iron stove was hung from the ceiling suspended in mid-air by wires.

The psychologist said 'It is obvious this lonely trapper has elevated his stove so that he can curl up under it and experience a return to the womb.'

The engineer responded, 'Nonsense! This is thermodynamics! He has found a way to distribute heat more evenly in his cabin.' The theologian interrupted 'I'm sure this has religious meaning. Fire 'lifted up' has been a religious symbol for millennia.' As the three debated, the cabin owner returned. The hikers immediately asked him why the stove was hung by wires from the ceiling. He replied succinctly, 'I had plenty of wire but not much stove pipe.'

During your life, others may try to second-guess your motives, downplay your ideas, or insult you, but only you know why you do what you do, what you think and feel and how you relate to God. Nobody can make you feel inferior without your consent. **Stay true to who you are in Christ Jesus.**

St John's Church Waterford



Newsletter

September 27th

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 seventh in ord. time

Is 5:1-7.

Ps 79:9, 12-16, 19-20. R/ Is 5:7.

Phil 4:6-9.

Mt 21:33-43.

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