

## 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

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### OFFICE OPENING HOURS

Thurs - Fri: 10.00am - 1.00pm

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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 5<sup>th</sup> September**

For the people of the parish (Missa pro populo)

**9.00am - Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September**

**12 Noon - Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September**

Richard Waring



*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...



### 'A Prayer for everyday'

*Lord, that I may see your Wonders,  
Lord, that I may hear Your Word,  
Lord, that I may walk in Your Ways.*

*Mary, Mother of God, pray for me.  
Mary, Healer of the Sick, pray for me  
Hail Mary.....*



### Gardening the Soul

Before we can truly experience our corrected-ness with the earth and the animals and all creation, we need to be connected within ourselves. We need to learn how to be contented and at home in our own company, to know how to take time alone. The more we know ourselves, the more we see our connection with others.

We can only love others when we love ourselves, and can only learn to love our community and the community of all people when we recognise that everything and

everyone is related to everything and everyone else because the divine is in each and every one of us.

*Sr. Stan Kennedy*

### Questions People Ask

**Q Jesus had many parables about the kingdom of heaven. Do these parables refer to the next life or to the present reality?**

A. At the beginning of his preaching Jesus announced that his mission in this world be about the kingdom or reign of God. It's perfection would be in the next life but its growth would begin in this life. The kingdom on earth means what life would be like if everybody lived according to the ideals of the gospel. A beautiful prospect indeed, involving repentance and believing. Jesus said it is a treasure waiting to be discovered, a precious pearl to be sought by every means at our disposal.

### This Week's Calendar

**Tues 7 – Nativity of Mary.** Today we celebrate the Birthday of Mary who brought the dawn of hope and salvation to the world. She is the true Ark of the Covenant, the temple of God.

**Wed 9 – St. Ciaran.** Ciaran was born in Roscommon around 512. He came to Clonmacnois in 545 where he founded a monastery which was to become one of the most renowned in Europe.

**Thurs 10 – St. Peter Claver, priest.** Born in Catalonia in 1580, a member of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) In 1610 he was sent to Cartagena in Columbia and worked for thirty-three years among the slaves until his death in 1654. During a tireless ministry he is said to have baptised more than three hundred thousand slaves.

**Saturday 12 – The Holy Name of Mary.** Also we celebrate the feast of **St. Ailbe** A tradition

held that he went to Rome and was ordained bishop by the Pope. He founded the monastery of Emly which became very important in Munster. He died in 528.



**It's good to laugh...for your eyes only.**

I bumped into an old school friend today. He started showing off talking about his well paid job and expensive sports car.

Then he pulled out a photograph of his wife and said: "She's beautiful isn't she?"

I said: "If you think she's gorgeous you should see my girlfriend."

He said: "Why? Is she a stunner?" I replied: "No, she's an optician". Thanks Tony



**The Quotable Spirit – Prayer**

*He prayeth best' who loveth best.*

*All things both great and small; for the dear God who loveth us,*

*He made and loveth all.*



**Quote for the Week**

Iron rusts from disuse; stagnant water loses its purity and in cold weather becomes frozen; even so does inaction sap the vigour of the mind. *(Leonard Da Vinci)*



**Quip for the Week**

*Most of us would get along well if we used the advice we give others.*



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

Lord, make me know how in a moment joy can take its flight and happiness be quenched in endless light. Keep this thought with me all the livelong day that I may guard the harsh words I might say.

### **Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**'Love Thy Neighbour'**

Today's three readings all deal with the theme of neighbourly correction. This is not an easy one to achieve as it can only be achieved through genuine love and the best of intentions. We have the ten commandments to help us express that love. We must learn, not only to help each other, but also to try and heal each other. Our greatest weakness' in our lives include our attitudes to prying, denunciation, jealousy and informing.

St. Paul teaches in today's second reading that love is the one great commandment. The various commandments which he mentions are put forward as an illustration of how that great commandment of loving your neighbour is seen in practice. Our neighbour being those we come in contact with in our everyday lives. Love for one another builds up the community. Paul says that if you love your fellow man you have carried out your obligations. How many of us can honestly say that we have carried out our obligations. How many of us can say we love our neighbour as much as we love ourselves. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt our neighbour and is therefore the answer to each of the commandments.

Before today is over, let us ask ourselves: How can we improve our love for our neighbour, and thereby improve ourselves as Christians?

### **St John's Church Waterford**



### **NEWSLETTER**

**Sept 6<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-Fourth in Ord Time**  
**Eccles (Sir) 27:30-28:7.**  
**Ps 102:1-4, 9-12, R/ v 8.**  
**Rm 14:7-9.**  
**Mt 18:21-35. .**

*Please take this Newsletter home.*