

## St John's Church Waterford

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### Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil 6.00p.m.

Sunday 9.00a.m. & 12 noon

Sunday 10.00a.m. (Polish)

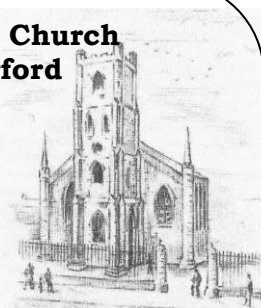
**Weekday Masses Mon - Fri:** 09.30a.m.

No Mass on Saturday mornings.

### Holyday Masses:

Vigil Mass at 6.00p.m. – evening before

09.30a.m. Mass only on the day.



**Fourth Sunday  
of Advent**

Today, the fourth Sunday of Advent we think of Mary and Joseph. For them this was a terribly testing and disturbing time. Mary was not trusted at first by Joseph and the stress on their engagement is only eased by the visit of an angel. Both are told, 'Do not be afraid'. It's consoling to all of us to know that vital steps in faith are often very difficult. Jesus wants to be born anew in our hearts. He desires our 'Yes' to the good news that he saved His people from their sins.

We are free to say 'Yes' also to the message or to say 'I will not serve'.

It is time to wake up like Joseph and do what the Spirit is telling us to do.

Provide a place for God.

## 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:-

**6.00 Vigil – Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

*Maura & John Kirby*

**9.00am – Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

*People of the Parish*

**12 Noon – Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

*Thomas Waring*

**9.30am Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**

*The Duffin Family*

**9.30am Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December**

*Ann (Nancy) Walsh & Kitty Power*

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

### 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.

## 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

### Saint Vincent De Paul

The conference of St. Vincent de Paul attached to St. John's would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who gave so generously to last weeks annual collection and to wish you and your loved ones a Happy and Peaceful Christmas and New Year. If you were not at Mass on the 12th or 13th you can still donate directly to St Johns Conference at [SVP.ie/donate](http://SVP.ie/donate) or by calling 0818176176. Thank you very much for your generous support over the years."

### Christmas Day Dinner for those in need 2020

This event has been in existence for over 80 years and usually takes place at St. Joseph's school in the city. Due to Covid 19 restrictions we will be unable to host the dinner indoors this year. However, we will have a takeaway service from the school yard in front of the school between 12.30 – 13.30 on Christmas Day. We will only have 3 committee members on duty to comply with social distancing. We would therefore ask that all the volunteers would not turn up this year. Please God we will be back to some sort of normality in 2021.



### COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm by calling 0818 222 024, and will remain open over the Christmas period.

### Tickets for Christmas Masses

A number of tickets are still available for the following Masses:- **9pm Christmas Eve - 9am Christmas Day - Noon Mass on Christmas Day.**

If you wish to attend any of the above: please contact Eddie in the Sacristy at 051 875849 **Thank You.**



### Baptism

We welcome into our Christian Community of St. John's – Ally Purcell – and congratulate parents Andrew and Sarah and godparents James Murphy and Emma White, on this joyous occasion.

## Just a thought...



### Questions People Ask!

**Are the Christmas stories true or just pious fiction?**

Answer: The central events have to be taken as historically true: Jesus Christ came as Saviour of the world, was born of Mary and she conceived the child as a virgin by the power of the Holy Spirit. Some of the incidental details are true in the sense that they link the story with past figure and events. For instance, while Bethlehem may in fact have been the place of birth, its real importance is that it connects up with David, the shepherd who became king. Jesus was the king, who became a shepherd.

### It's good to laugh...Elderly Gent

An elderly gentleman has serious problems for a number of years. He went to the doctor and the doctor was able to have him fitted for a set of hearing aids that allowed him to hear 100%. The elderly gentleman went back to the doctor one month later and the doctor said, "Your hearing is perfect. Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again?" The gentleman replied, "Oh, I haven't told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to conversations. I've change my will three times already.

### Quote – Just for Today

Love is swift, sincere, pious, pleasant, gentle, strong, patient, faithful, prudent, long suffering, manly and never seeking her own; for wheresoever a man seeketh his own there he falleth from love.

*Thomas Kempis*



**Please take a copy home with you.**