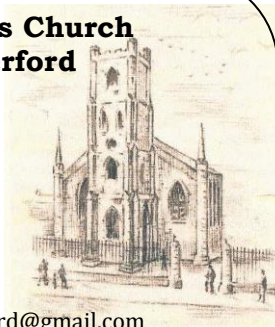


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Weekend Masses

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.

Welcome to our Sunday Liturgy at St. John's. Today: The Ascension of the Lord

Mark's account of the Ascension is very brief. Jesus was taken up into heaven; there at the right hand of God he took his place. Luke gives some extra details – that Jesus blessed them and the disciples were full of joy. The parting on the Ascension Day was nothing like the separation of Good Friday. The Ascension is victorious and reassuring 'Jesus has indeed gone away this time not into death, but into Life' (Cardinal Ratzinger). He is not defeated but vindicated – the cause of joy for all of his disciples. Many ancient churches have the image of the exalted and glorified Jesus over their altars to show that it is Christ who offers the Liturgy. He is our High priest and so he is always at the heart of the Liturgy. It is his action; his gift. The Eucharist is the door between heaven and earth.

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 – Nancy Kelly late of John's Hill

Anniversaries this week:-

6.00pm Vigil – Saturday 15th May

9.00am – Sunday 15th May

12 Noon – Sunday 16th May

Paddy, Joan, James and Mary Reale

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.

St. Vincent de Paul

The monthly collection for the St. Vincent de Paul will recommence on the weekend of 29th /30th May. Thank you for your continued support.

Just a thought...

Possessions

'One's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions,' said Jesus. What have you found by experience to be more important in life than possessions? 'Be on your guard against all kinds of greed.'

Perhaps you have seen how greed can lead to trouble in public life, in family life and in the personal life of individuals. The message of the parable could be summed in saying: "If you want to give God a laugh, tell him your plans."

Prayer – is the key of the morning and the bolt of the evening.
As food is necessary for the body prayer is necessary for the soul.
No act of mine is done without prayer.
I am not a man of learning
but humbly claim to be a man of prayer.
Mahatma Gandhi

It's good to laugh...Two Nuns!

Two nuns are driving down a dark road late one night when a vampire jumps out of the trees and onto the bonnet of their car.

The nun behind the wheel says to her companion, "Quick! Show him your cross." So the other nun turns down her window fully and leaning out, shouts "Get off our bloody car!"



A Prayer – for this Year

My dearest Lord,
Be thou a bright flame before me
for the remaining months of this
year of 2021,

Be thou a guiding star above me,
Be thou a smooth path beneath me,
Be thou a kindly shepherd behind me,
Today and for evermore.

A Thought for Sunday

Growing happens on it's own. Most of the time we don't have to do anything. We just have to be present to ourselves and to others.

Caring is the same. It is not some special gift, the domain of rare individuals. The caring impulse is natural. It comes naturally to us, happens almost on its own, as long as we are aware of and respectful to others. Even the smallest, most ordinary act of kindness can reveal a glimpse of our divinity in our humanity, if it is done out of respect and love. *Sr. Stan*

Today and for evermore

This grand show is eternal. It is always sunrise somewhere; the dew is never all dried at once; a shower is forever falling, and vapour is rising.
Eternal sunrise; eternal sunset; eternal dawn; eternal glory and sea and continents and islands, each in its turn as the round earth rolls. John Muir

Saint's this coming week :

*St Matthias, St. Carthage,
St. Brendan and St. John 1*

Quip for the Week

Be like a duck, keep calm and unruffled on the surface, but paddle like crazy underneath

Sunday May 16th '21 – Please take this copy home with you.