

## 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.

### Welcome to our Sunday Liturgy at St. John's.

#### Today: Eleventh in Ord. Time

Our basic daily pilgrimage is following Jesus. And if I had to put into one sentence all that Jesus said and did, all that he tells us about God, I believe that sentence would be, "God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them".

Love is an art and to be good at the art of loving we have to be able to love all the pieces. You have to be able to love everyone. Part of our loving is burying our pride, then understanding and forgiving those who hurt us.

We have to be able to love truly. There is no point in saying I love God and not forgiving those whom we feel have wronged us. This earthly life is an apprenticeship in love. 'At the evening of life we shall be judged on our love' (St. John of the Cross). God who is love shows us how in the commandments. He also gives us the

grace to do what is asked. God cares about our lives and their details and he guides us concretely. Jesus said, "Love one another as I have loved you." Turn the other cheek and don't wait until tomorrow to do the will of 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** – Mr. Paul (Nicholas) Butler late of Doyle Street, Waterford, Formerly of Gas House Lane, Castle Street, Late of the Papermills and Eircom.

### Anniversaries this week:-

**6.00pm – Vigil – Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June**

*Eleanor Morrissey - First Anniversary*

**9.00am – Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June**

*People of the Parish*

**12 Noon – Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June**

*Nancy Kelly – Months Mind*

***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



### Bereavement Counseling / Support Services

Following the recent changes to the Government guidelines on the lifting of Covid 19 restrictions, we are pleased to let you know that our face-to-face bereavement support and counselling services are once again available at -

**Family Ministry  
St. John's Pastoral Centre  
Waterford**

In addition to this, our online services will continue to operate.

You may contact us at – 051-858772



### Prayer – Just for Today

*O Lord, even if my conscience were burdened with every sin it is possible to commit, I would still throw myself into your arms, my heart broken with contrition. And I know how tenderly you welcome any prodigal child of yours who comes back to you.*  
*St. Therese – The Little Flower.*

### Gardening the Soul

We spend our days in a whirl of activity, often trying to do two things at the same time or thinking one thing and doing another. This is no way to live.

Consider what nature expends to create even a single apple: it takes a spring, a summer and an autumn, and it takes blossom and bees and sunshine and rain.

Anything that is forced or rushed is not whole. For anything worthwhile, even an apple, we need patience and time.

*Sr. Stan Kennedy*

### Questions People Ask!

**Q. Recently at a wedding in another church everybody was invited to take communion. But at a Catholic wedding the priest at the**

start said that only practicing Catholics should receive. Isn't this rather narrow-minded and hurtful?

A. Catholic belief is that receiving the Lord in the Blessed Eucharist is the greatest privilege of our religion. The Catholic Church will not water down this doctrine and safeguards it with certain regulations: the recipient must be baptized and not in the state of mortal sin. A period of fasting is recommended as a mark of respect. By upholding these regulations we let others know how sacred the Blessed Eucharist is in our religion.



***It's good to laugh...!  
Useful !!***

***The fire brigade had just received a brand new fire engine. 'So what are we going to do with the old engine? One of the firemen asked. 'Are we going to dump it? 'No we're not,' said the station chief. 'We'll use the old engine for false alarms.'***

### The Quotable Spirit – Immortality

All things return eternally and ourselves with them; we have already existed in times without number, and all things with us.

### 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*)

### Thought for the week...

Attitudes are much more important than aptitudes.

***Sunday June 13<sup>th</sup> – Please take this copy home with you.***