



St. John's Parish, Tralee 3rd January 2021 Second Sunday after Christmas

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS IN THE DIOCESE OF KERRY:
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EMERGENCY CALLS: Friday, Saturday & Sunday, will be covered by the priests of the Pastoral Area (St. John's, St. Brendan's, Spa/Fenit). The priest on duty can be contacted on **087 2069656**. Priest on duty is weekend: Fr. Amos Ruto

PARISH CENTRE Normal Opening Times: Monday—Saturday 9.30am to 12.45pm and 2.15pm to 4.30pm. (See below for Christmas Holiday times)

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

✠ **Stephen O'Donoghue**, Tobar Naofa, Dean's Lane and Enniscorthy, Co Wexford

✠ **Annie (Ellen) Maher** née O'Connor, Tralee and formerly of the UK

✠ **William Casey (Fitzgerald)** Clough, Doon

✠ **Liam O'Connor** Woodlee.

✠ **Pa Fitzgerald**, Casements Avenue.

✠ **José Carlos F. Araujo**, Brazil.

who died recently and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.



THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

is celebrated on January 6th. This feast commemorates the visit of the wise men to worship the baby Jesus. Tradition tells us that their names were Caspar, Melchior and Balthassar. The men were astrologers who were looking for the star that would lead them to the promised Messiah. This was prophesied in the Book of Micah. According to the Gospel narratives, the wise men brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh with them. These gifts were very meaningful. Gold was a precious and expensive gift, and showed how important Jesus was. Frankincense is a sweet perfume which was often burned in the temple to worship God. It was a sign that Jesus should be worshipped. Myrrh was used to keep things fresh, and it was used by the women to anoint Jesus' body when he died. By bringing it as a gift to Jesus, the wise men foretold his suffering and death.



ACCORD is open for face-to-face counselling. Appointments are arranged for daytime or evening to suit client needs. Contact 066 7122280

THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED until further notice due to level 5 restrictions. We can be contacted by telephone Monday to Friday from 9.30am to 12.30pm or by email at office@stjohns.ie



CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS: The priests of the parish wish to thank you for your generous contributions. Offerings can be placed the letterbox at the Parish Centre. It is also possible to donate to St. John's Parish through our website.

Happy New Year 2021 The Priests of the Parish wish you, your families and your friends a Happy New Year

MASS WILL BE LIVE-STREAMED

FROM ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Sunday: 9.00am (as Gaeilge), 10.30am and 12 noon.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

10.00am and 6.10pm

Wednesday (Feast of the Epiphany)

8.30am, 10.00am and 6.10pm

Saturday: 10.00am and 6.10pm

See www.stjohns.ie or www.churchservices.tv/tralee



While it will not be possible to attend Mass in person during the coming weeks
CHURCHES WILL BE OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER DURING THE DAY

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH:

Monday to Saturday from 10.30am to 5.30pm.

Sundays 1pm to 5.30pm

ST. BRENDAN'S CHURCH, CURRAHEEN: open daily from 10am to 5pm

THE CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, RATHASS:

open daily from 10am to 6pm

When visiting the Church we would ask people to wear a face mask, use the sanitisers provided, observe social distancing, follow the signs and not to enter any of the areas where access has been restricted.

THIS WEEKEND'S GOSPEL

"HE WAS IN THE BEGINNING WITH GOD"

(JOHN 1:1-2)



Just as one travelling out to sea passes cities, beaches, and ports, which fade from view as the infinite horizons of the ocean appear, so this evangelist (John) carries us away from everything familiar, to the unlimited expanse that lies above created things....

For the intellect, rising to the phrase "the beginning" enquires "What beginning?" and finds that the word "was" exceeds its abilities, leaving it no place to perch. Wearied, the mind turns backwards to things below. For this phrase "in the beginning" is nothing else that the expression of eternal and limitless being.

St. John Chrysostom (349 – 407)



ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You Sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.