



St. John's Parish, Tralee 10th January 2021 The Baptism of the Lord

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS IN THE DIOCESE OF KERRY:
DESIGNATED LIASON PERSON: 087 6362780

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 is currently closed. We can be contacted by telephone Monday to Friday from 9.30am to 12.30pm or by email at office@stjohns.ie
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MASS WILL BE LIVE-STREAMED FROM ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

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

Monday, to Friday Morning Prayer at 8.15am followed by Mass at 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.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- ✠ **Patrick (Paudie) Murphy,** Cloghers, Ballyard
- ✠ **Mary McKenna née O'Brien,** Knockmoyle and formerly of St. Mary's Terrace, Killarney.
- ✠ **Garry Moore of Leedale,** Caherslee and formerly Pembroke Street.
- ✠ **Mercy Fleming** née Ryan, Oakview.
who died recently and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.



THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED

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DIOCESAN YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT PROJECT, Instagram Youth Project "Let Us Dream, The Path to a Better Future". Pope Francis invites us to dream of the future and to see, to choose and to act to create a better future for all. What kind of future do you hope for and how will it be achieved?

Share your ideas through one of the following categories: Art, Photography, Poetry or Video (up to 1min)
All entries can be submitted directly to Instagram @youthDoK or by email to desbailey@dioceseofkerry.ie up to 24th January. Participants must be between 16 and 30 years old. The entries will be posted on the diocesan Instagram page and on www.dioceseofkerry.ie during the week of the diocesan mission. Prizes for best entry in each category. Please contact Des Bailey Ph. 086 736 4605 for more details.



MASS ON RTE NEWS NOW CHANNEL: will be from St. John's Church on Tuesday next January 12th at 10.30am.

NEW YEAR MESSAGE FROM BISHOP RAY BROWNE TO THE PARISHES OF THE DIOCESE OF KERRY

Happy New Year and every blessing on your parish and all your homes.
In 2021 may we all act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with our God. (Mi 6:8)
Sincere thanks to:

- all who contributed to the successful arrangement of the Christmas Masses, and keeping the church open so that families could visit the crib.
- all the wonderful people who were good neighbours at any level in response to the corona virus since last March
- all in the community involved in parish life through all those months

These days the great concern is that the virus is so easily spread. Many people of all ages are troubled, frightened, or feeling low. The good news is that our hospitals have found ways of treating many who get seriously ill, and, best of all, vaccines are now being administered. It is vital we unite in solidarity and be there to support one another. The end is in sight but is not just yet.

Pope Francis, mindful of the corona virus, focused on a 'Culture of Care' in his New Year Peace message. Speaking of how caring Jesus was, and encouraging people to take care of each other and of the sick, the poor, and the most vulnerable, he said:

"We have realised that we are in the same boat, all of us fragile and disoriented, but at the same time important and needed, all of us called to row together".

Prayer is a great asset at this time: personal prayer, daily prayer, prayer in the home, prayer with children, praying with the scriptures or joining in with the local parish via parish radio, internet, or social media. Each day may we find strength and peace in prayer.

Prayer is raising the mind and heart to God who our supreme source of love and hope. Psalm 31 is often spoken of as "A confident prayer in distress":

"Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in distress...But as for me, I trust in you, Lord, I say: You are my God, My life is in your hands..."

In prayer we hear the words of Jesus, 'Do not be afraid, Peace be with you'. Talk to children and young people about God, who is ever present to us. He is the sure source of our hope. Pray slowly the Our Father or the Hail Holy Queen; pray the Rosary.

Let us pray for each other and all peoples worldwide coping with the corona virus. + Ray Browne, 1st January 2021



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.



THIS WEEKEND'S GOSPEL (MARK 1:7-11)

By beginning his Gospel with the baptism of Jesus, Mark demonstrates the importance he attaches to this event. Three times in the life of Jesus the normal earthly existence shatters and the hidden mystery appears; at the Baptism, the Transfiguration, and the Crucifixion. In the Baptism of Jesus we are invited to discover our own mystery as adopted children of the Heavenly Father.