



St. John's Parish, Tralee 28th March 2021 Palm Sunday



**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 this weekend: Fr. Pdraig Walsh

**PARISH CENTRE is currently closed. We can be contacted by telephone this week
Monday to Thursday from 9.30am to 12.30pm or by email at office@stjohns.ie
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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- ✠ **Jerry McMullan**, Ashford, Middlesex, England and formerly of Mitchel's Avenue.
- ✠ **Bridie Hoare** née Walsh, Castle Demesne, and formerly of Glen, Cloghane, Castlegregory
- ✠ **Danny Piers** of Ballycarthy, Ballyseedy
- ✠ **Violet Ryle** née Leonard, of Somerville, The Spá, Tralee and formerly of Claremorris, Co. Mayo.
- ✠ *who died recently and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.*



MASS CARDS — POSTAL SERVICE ONLY:

A selection of cards which include Sympathy, Easter Mass Bouquets, Get Well, For Your Intentions, Exam Mass Bouquet cards etc can be ordered by telephone on Monday to Thursday between 9.30am and 12.30pm. These will then be posted.

LEAP OF FAITH IN TIMES OF TRANSITION: Online Workshop led by Gerry and Miriam Hussey, for Young Adults aged 18 to 30 years. on 8th April from 7.30 to 9.00pm. Organised by Diocese of Kerry "YouthDok" Young Adult Group for Young Adults. Info and registration see www.dioceseofkerry.ie



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ST. JOHN'S PARISH YOUTH GROUP IS HOSTING A READING OF THE ENTIRE GOSPEL OF ST. MARK



This Wednesday, 31st March from 7pm to 9.30pm on Zoom and Facebook
Mark's Gospel is the first of the 4 Gospels to have been written down and is the shortest. It gives a unique insight into the life, death and resurrection of Jesus and is written in a style that is best understood when read or listened to as a complete story. This is a fantastic way to prepare for Holy Week – Easter Triduum. To participate on zoom e-mail paddy.daly@stjohns.ie or join us on Facebook at 7pm.

ST. JOHN'S PARISH YOUTH GROUP: meet regularly on Zoom. New members very welcome, must be TY age or above. E-mail paddy.daly@stjohns.ie for more info.

BIBLE STORY SHARING GROUP FOR CHILDREN: continues each Sunday 10am on Zoom, to request a link e-mail paddy.daly@stjohns.ie



PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS:

Capital Fund weekly envelopes for those who wish to contribute to the weekly Parish Capital Fund Collection will be available/distributed to parishioners from the second week of April. In the meantime, parishioners may use their own envelope to contribute.

There will be no distribution of Easter Dues envelopes this year. Instead, Easter Dues envelopes will be available at the back of the Churches or parishioners can also use their own envelope. Please remember to include your name and address on the envelope and return to St. John's Parish Centre.

The Parish Finance Committee and the parish clergy wish to take this opportunity to express thanks to everyone for your continued financial support of the parish and clergy.

Pastoral Message for Holy Week and Easter 2021

*If I, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet,
how much more should you wash each other's feet?* Jn 13:14



What a year! Together all of us have lived through a year of the corona virus, each has experienced it in our own unique circumstances. The Winter months have been particularly difficult. The light and new green growth of Springtime has never been so welcome, and it has coincided with the season of Lent. Let us keep our spirits up and encourage one another in following public health guidance.

Thank God for the way so many people have been there for each other, thank God for the way front line workers have sacrificed themselves to provide essential services. We are full of gratitude; how important it is to live lives of generous service. Individually we are at our best when our communities are at their best. With government guidance at level 5, and with a genuine concern that we could have another major wave of the virus ahead, it is understandable but sad that we have our Easter ceremonies without a congregation. It is a blessing that you can join in the ceremonies so easily from your home via modern technology. What we miss is the dual presence: the presence of the community gathered in church, and together receiving the Real Presence at the altar.

In some ways it seems like the past year has been one long Lent! If so, what word has God spoken to your heart through it? Here are three points to reflect on as we come to Easter 2021:

- **Live every day putting your trust in God.** In times of great difficulty, in times when life gets us down, we look to Jesus for peace. Jesus' word to us always is, *"Fear not, have peace in your heart, I am with you"*. In time of difficulty, regarding health or death, employment or finances, loneliness or depression we sense in our hearts, 'God is with me, God will see me through, - all will be well'. Have basic Christian hope in your heart, - trust in God in all things!
- **This Holy Week and Easter, joining in Mass from home, seek nourishment at the table of God's word.** The introduction to the Roman Missal speaks of the Liturgy of the Word at Mass: *"When the Sacred Scriptures are read in church, God himself speaks to his People, and Christ, present in his own word, proclaims the Gospel"* (29). When you go forth from the Easter ceremonies carry words from the scriptures in your heart: the Last Supper, *'you should wash each other's feet'*; the commemoration of the Passion, *'This is my body, given up for you'*; Easter morning, *'You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified, He is risen ...'*
- **This year has reminded us that home is where we pray each day.** Home is the place where we first received our faith and where we live it. In the home God is present with us. Prayer in the home is the time we spend turned towards God, - talking to him about our lives and asking his help; giving praise and thanks; asking forgiveness and renewing our trust. Has prayer in the home helped you and your family over the past year? It will be a great blessing if, when this virus is finally a memory, we have a new awareness of prayer in the home.

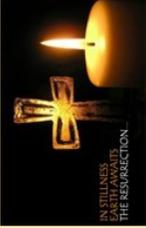
A word of thanks to our priests and deacons, and all who have contributed to the life of our parishes over the past year. A word of thanks to our schools for the great work they have done. A word of encouragement to all young people looking forward to First Confession, First Communion or Confirmation. We cannot make any plans until we know when we will have congregations in church. The situation is disappointing, but the ceremonies will be worth waiting for. Another group who have suffered are the Leaving Cert. students. May they trust that all will be well and, come the Autumn, they will be satisfied with the options that come their way.

Thank you to all who have continued to contribute to parish funds and the parish dues for our priests. Keep up the good work. Priests have been greatly encouraged by your faithfulness. Please remember other local charities and voluntary bodies over the Easter season, so much fundraising has not been possible. All need funds to pay for the basics like insurance, heating, and the overheads of an office. Please, let us not forget the Lenten campaign of Trocaire. If the corona virus has been hard on us, how much more difficult has it been for the communities Trocaire supports? Finally, every time we pray over the Easter season let us all, people and priests, remember the deceased of the past year, and their grieving loved ones. Have a comforting word for the bereaved when you meet. In this world and in the next our hope is in Christ, "Christ is Risen, alleluia". Be assured of my prayers.

Bishop Ray Browne
Palm Sunday 2021

Parishes of St. John's Tralee & The Spa

Holy Week & Easter Schedule 2021

Wednesday 31st March	7.00pm. – 9.30pm.	Reading of the Gospel of St. Mark	St. John's Facebook (link on www.stjohns.ie)
Holy Thursday 1st April 	9.30am. 7.00pm.	Morning Prayer Mass of the Lord's Supper Taizé prayer at the Altar of Repose following 7pm liturgy	St. John's webcam Churchill (link on to www.stjohns.ie) As above
Good Friday 2nd April 	9.30am. 10.30am. 12 noon. 3.00pm. 7.00pm. 8.00pm.	Morning Prayer & Exposition of the Cross Morning Reflection & Exposition of the Cross from Curraheen Church Midday Reflection & Exposition of the Cross from Churchill Church Liturgy of Our Lord's Passion from St. John's Community Stations of the Cross Stations of the Cross from Fenit Oratory	St. John's webcam (www.stjohns.ie) St. John's Facebook page (link on www.stjohns.ie) spaparish@dioceseofkerry.ie St. John's webcam (www.stjohns.ie) St. John's Facebook and webcam (www.stjohns.ie) spaparish@dioceseofkerry.ie
Holy Saturday 3rd April 	9.30am. 10.30am. 8.00pm.	Morning Prayer Morning Reflection from the Church of the Immaculate Conception Easter Vigil from St. John's	St. John's webcam St. John's Facebook page (link on www.stjohns.ie) St. John's webcam
Easter Sunday 4th April 	9.00am. 9.30am. 10.00am. 10.30am. 11.00am. 11.30am. 12 noon.	Mass (Irish) St. John's Mass from Fenit includes Blessing of Easter Fire and blessing of Paschal Candle Children's Bible Group Mass on Zoom Mass (St. John's) Mass from St. John's Mass from Curraheen Mass from Churchill includes Blessing of Easter Fire and blessing of Paschal Candle Mass from St. John's	St. John's webcam spaparish@dioceseofkerry.ie Email paddy.daly@stjohns.ie for link St. John's webcam St. John's Facebook page spaparish@dioceseofkerry.ie St. John's webcam

Confessions: Good Friday in St. John's Church 1 1.00am.—1.00pm. & 5.00pm.—8.00pm.