

## Our Parish...



*St. John's Parish - is part of the St. Lawrence Pastoral Area - together with The Sacred Heart Church, Killea, The Cathedral and Ss Joseph and Benildus.*

**Our Website:** [www.stjohnswaterford.com](http://www.stjohnswaterford.com)

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### Priests:

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### Parish Support:

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### Office Opening Hours

Mon – Fri: 10.00am – 1.00pm

### St. John's Safeguarding Children Reps:

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### Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil 6.15p.m.

Sunday 9.00a.m. & 12 noon

Sunday 10.00a.m. (Polish)

### Weekday Masses: 10.00a.m.

No Mass on Saturday mornings.

The 10.00a.m. mass each Friday is offered for the Holy Souls.

### Holiday Masses:

Vigil Mass at 6.15p.m. – evening before 10.00a.m. Mass only on the day.

**Confessions: - every Saturday evening from 5.45, before the Vigil Mass**

### Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Come and sit quietly before God in the Blessed Sacrament, in our Blessed Sacrament Chapel, open Mon to Fri from 10.30am to 12.30pm.

**Cry Chapel (Jim Grant Rooms)** - for parents with young children. You are very welcome!

### 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.

## Services in St John's



**Ministers of the Eucharist** are available to bring Holy Communion to the sick and house-bound after the 6.15 p.m. Mass every Saturday, and after the 10.00 a.m. Mass on the First Friday of every month.

**Morning Prayer** - takes place during the 10.00a.m. Mass on Fridays.

### Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

The novena is held every Monday morning during the 10.00a.m. Mass.



**Coffee Morning** - each Wednesday morning after the 10.00.m. Mass.

All are welcome.

**The Rosary** - is recited each weekday morning prior to the 10.00am Mass.

### Hour of Prayer

An hour of prayer in honour of the Sacred Heart is held on the First Friday of each month - 11.00am to 12.00noon. All are welcome

### Visit Our Website

[www.stjohnswaterford.com](http://www.stjohnswaterford.com)

If you have any 'items of parish interest' and would like to have them put up on our website, please send them to Deirdre at: [stjohnsparish.waterford@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsparish.waterford@gmail.com)



### St. Vincent de Paul

The monthly collection for St. Vincent de Paul is being taken up at all Masses in St. John's on the first Sunday of each month.

### Legion of Mary

Meets at no 23 Virginia Crescent, Good Shepherd Convent, Hennessy's Road each Monday morning at 11.15am to 12.15pm.

*All are welcome*



### St. John's Charismatic Prayer Group.

We meet every Monday evening at 7.45p.m. in the Upper Sacristy with a time of prayer and worship. *All are welcome.*

## 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:**

### Anniversaries this week:-

6.15 Vigil – Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July  
First Anniversary: Joan O'Neill  
(Late of Ballybeg Square)

### Shared Masses:

Mary Brazil & parents, brothers & sisters.  
Sean Kavanagh, Anne & Tom Duffin,  
Noel Griffin, Sean O'Neill, Jimmy Ryan,  
James Kelly

*May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

## Notice Board



### Last Weeks Church Collections

Envelopes	€515.00
Offertory	€553.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Basket Collection	€465.00

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Basket Collection for the upkeep of the church buildings takes place at all Masses on the third weekend of each month.



We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your contributions to our church. For both your prayers and generous offerings. Our intention is to prudently use your donations to the best of our ability.

## Welcome to St. John's

For all who are visiting our city and our church of St. John the Evangelist – a special word of welcome. We hope you have a pleasant stay in our city and will return here in the future.



### Third Age – Senior Help Line

'Do you need someone to talk to?' A confidential listening service for older people, open each day and evening 365 day a year. **Locall 1850 440 444**



### "My Little box"

Is an invitation to those who come to St. Johns to take one of the boxes now at the back of the church and donate any small coins etc as another means of fundraising and bringing in some extra money towards the remaining debt on our church.

## Just a Thought...

### Someone Who Cares

Lord, make my heart a haven where the lonely may find friendship, where the weary may find shelter, where the helpless may find refuge, where the hopeless may find hope, where all those who seek someone who cares may enter and find you.



### Gardening the Soul

Wouldn't it be wonderful to have a society where the care of others didn't have to be obligatory but would occur naturally. Where service wasn't a duty but a way of living – the way of natural love and compassion. Such a society is possible. All we have to do is wish for it – and mean it. *Sr. Stan Kennedy*

God pours the love and the life into us, we need only be available, like the flute in order for the song of love to come to life.

*Rabindranath Tagore*

**The Pope's Intentions for August.**

**Universal: Sports**

That sports may be an opportunity for friendly encounters between peoples and may contribute to peace in the world.

**Evangelisation: Living the Gospel**

That Christians may live the Gospel, giving witness to faith, honesty, and love of neighbour

**Questions People Ask!**

**Q. There are people who do not go to Mass but regularly send Mass cards to others. How can this make sense?**

A. The whole business of Mass offering is very unsatisfactory and open to a poor theology of the Mass. The Church accepts the principle of receiving an offering to apply Mass for a specific intention (Canon 945). But there is no question of buying a Mass. The donor's intention is honoured, but the Mass is not confined to that one intention. Each Mass belongs to the whole Church and to the congregation present. It is far better to participate personally in the Eucharist for some intention than to send a Mass card without attending.

**It's Good to Laugh ..**

A middle-eastern diplomat visiting the U.S. for the first time was being wined and dined by the State Department.

The Grand Emir wasn't used to the salt in American food and kept sending his manservant Abdul to fetch him a glass of water. Time and again Abdul would scamper off and return with a glass of water. Finally, he returned empty handed. 'Abdul, you son of a lazy camel, where is my water??' demanded the sheik.

'A thousand pardons O illustrious one,' stammered the wretched Abdul, 'but a man is sitting on the well.'



**Saints of the Week...**

Monday – St Alphonsus Liguori, 1696-1787, founder of the Redemptorist Congregation. He is remembered as a popular preacher and writer of theology.

Tuesday 2 – St Eusebius of Vercelli is renowned for his preaching against Arianism.

St. Peter Julian Eymard, 1811-68, a fervent disciple of the Eucharistic Mystery.

Thursday 4 – St. John Vianney, 1786 – 1859, the Curé of Ars, had to contend with poverty, military service and his own intellectual shortcomings in order to become a priest. His marvellous gift for seeing into the depths of the soul, brought the world to Ars.

Friday 5 – St Mary Major – the basilica was built by Pope Sixtus III. It is the first church in the western world named in honour of Our Lady.

Saturday 6 – The Transfiguration.

**Quote for the week...(312)**

Ideas are developed by individuals. They can be refined by many people, but the basic concept is usually the product of one mind. It is difficult, for example, to imagine the 'Mona Lisa' being painted by a committee. Committees are essentially, of course, for evaluation, refining, and implementation – but they must have the products of individual fertile minds to work with.

**Quip for the Week**

*God gives us the ingredients for our daily bread, but He expects us to do the baking.*

**...thought for the week**

Every parent is at some time the father of the unreturned prodigal, with nothing to do but keep his house open to hope.



**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Calm my ego Lord**

Jesus is asked to settle an inheritance case. He is not impressed and reminds all who are present that storing up goods for one's future is fine but it is not what real life is for.

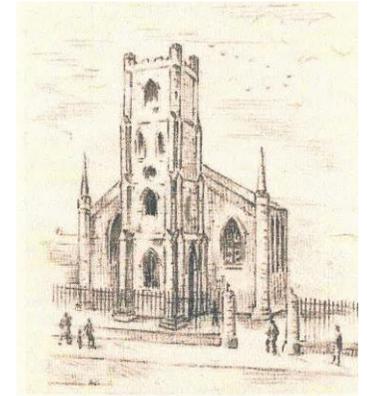
Of course we need to be wise with our earning and goods but if our whole story revolves around minding ourselves, and making sure we are comfortable at all times, what is the real point of it? Here, Jesus is gently asking us to focus on an authentic life, focus on the important 'goods' that ought to be stored up.

Of course, this is about being kind and loving others in the world. A life that is not always revolving around and dedicated to ourselves, which can very often be called greed. Jesus taught us to ask God for what we need today, 'give us today our daily bread', not what I need for the next twenty years!

It is good to plan ahead, but it is more important to plan for our life in the Kingdom of God. An authentic life cannot be measured in terms of material possessions.

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**St John's Church Waterford**



**July 31<sup>st</sup> 2016**

**Newsletter**

**Mission Statement**

With Christ's teaching as our example and guided by the Holy Spirit, our aim is to represent an open and friendly parish providing a service to the community of St. John's and reaching out to everyone in developing the parish as a community of faith.

**Next Sunday's readings:  
Nineteenth in Ordinary Time**

Wis 18:6-9.  
Ps 32:1, 12, 18-20, 22, R/ v 12.  
Heb 11:1-2, 8-19.  
Lk 12:32-48