

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.

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Office Opening Hours

Mon – Fri: 10.00am – 1.00pm

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.

Holyday Masses:

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

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.

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

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

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



Children's Liturgy

The Children's Liturgy continues each Sunday during the 12 noon Mass. All school-going children are welcome to attend.

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.

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.

Legion of Mary

meet at no 23 Virginia Crescent, Good Shepherd Convent, Hennessy's Road

each Monday morning at 11.15am to 12.15pm.

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:-

Shared Masses:

Reggie Henchy

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

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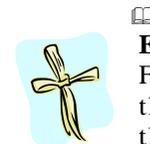
Last Weeks Church Collections

Envelopes €500.00

Offertory €567.00

2nd Basket Collection €0.00

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



Easter Collection

Fr. Murphy would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who contributes to the Easter Collection. Those who have not yet contributed, may do so by handing their donation into Jim in the Sacristy.



Trocaire Box

Trocaire boxes may be handed in to Jim in the Sacristy.



St. Vincent de Paul

The society would like to thank all who contributed to the collection of non-perishable foodstuffs during the Lenten period. Please be assured that your contribution will be put to good use.

Are you Struggling with anxiety or depression? Finding life difficult? Feeling isolated? In need of support?

GROW is here to help you. GROW is a community-based mental health organisation which holds weekly meetings in your local community. GROW meetings provide help and support to anyone experiencing mental health difficulties or struggling with any aspect of their mental wellbeing. Meetings are confidential and no referral is necessary, simply come along. GROW promotes breaking social isolation and promoting social connectedness and is centred around the idea that 'I alone can do it, but I cannot do it alone'.

For Waterford/Tipperary Groups Are:
Wednesday @ 7.30pm St Bridget's Centre, Lower Yellow Road, Waterford
Thursday @ 7.30pm Cahir Co Tipperary
Monday @ 11am, Clonmel CRC, Kickham St Clonmel, Co Tipperary

Just a thought...



Prayer – Just for Today In the Darkness

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? When I forget you or think you have abandoned me be still my protector and guide.



Gardening the Soul

Thinning out young plants is necessary for a healthy crop. Thinning the clutter in our lives makes space for spiritual growth.



This is the Good News: our lives are not trivia or defined by the problems we face. Love and truth, suffering and death are not objective problems that we confront but experiences that develop us as we experience them. We are in them, not outside them; they transcend us and compel us to explore a larger world of interaction and exchange.

Sr. Stan Kennedy
Great thoughts come directly from the heart.
Vauvenargues

Q Questions People Ask

Q. 'Whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven.'

I can understand that. But what is meant by 'Whose sins you retain, they are retained'?
A. The mission bestowed on the disciples by the risen Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, was twofold. They were to celebrate God's forgiveness of the sinner who repented. But they were also to pronounce judgement on the sins which are not repented. In other words, to tell people that they are retained or living in sin unless they repent and change. In today's climate of political correctness, calling a sin a sin is not fashionable.
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Saints of the week....

Mon 24 – St Fidelis of Sigmaringen, 1578-1622, a Capuchin who preached to the Calvinists in Switzerland, where he was killed by a group of extremists.

Tue 25 – St. Mark was closely connected with the preaching of Ss Peter, Paul and Barnabas. His Gospel was probably written at Rome and is traditionally viewed as representing St. Peter's approach to the preaching of the Good News.

Thurs 27 – St. Asicus was St. Patrick's expert craftsman. He was left in charge of the church in Elphin which Patrick is said to have founded.

Fri 28 – St. Peter Chanel, 1803 – 41, is honoured as the first martyr of the Church in Oceania.

St. Louis Marie Grignion de Montfort, 1673 – 1716, was a priest whose calling was to preach missions and to care for the sick and the poor.

Sat 29 St. Catherine of Siena, 1347 – 80, humble and dauntless Dominican tertiary who

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brought peace to her native Siena, to Italy and to fourteenth-century Europe.

It's good to laugh....Muldoon

Muldoon lived alone in the Irish countryside somewhere in Co. Kerry, with only a pet dog to keep him company. One day the poor ould dog died and Muldoon was distraught. It was nearly worse than the death of his second wife. He thought he would like to give the poor creature a decent burial and cycled the ten miles into the village to see his parish priest.

'Father' he said, 'my dog is dead. Could ya be saying a Mass for the poor creature?'
Father Tom replied, 'I'm afraid not Muldoon. We cannot be having services for an animal in the church. It just wouldn't be the thing. But there is a new denomination down the lane towards the river. You might try them as there's no way of telling what they might get up to. Maybe they'll do something for the poor creature.
Muldoon, scratching his head said, 'I'll go right away Father and thanking you for the advice.'
'Do ya think €500 is enough to give them for the service, Father Tom?'
Father Tom nearly collapsed with shock.
'Sweet Mary, Mother of God, Muldoon! Why didn't ya tell me the poor dog was a Catholic?'

Quote for the Week (349)

There is a proverb, "As you have made your bed, so you must lie in it," which is simply a lie. If I have made my bed uncomfortable, I will make it again.

(G.K.Chesterton)

Quip for the Week

*An understanding heart is
Superior to an understanding mind;
and a religion without emotion is
a cold, cheerless affair.*

...thought for the week

*It is wise to remember that you are one of those
who can be fooled some of the time.*



2nd Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday

**"I'll need to see some proof."
"How can you be certain?"**

Have you used one of those expressions today?

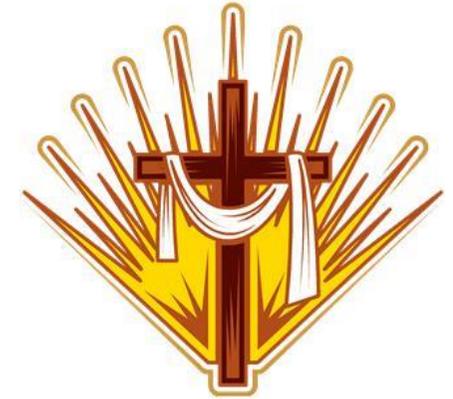
Most of us are used to a scientific approach to the world around us. We need proof for anything out of the ordinary or beyond our experience. We don't want to be "taken in" by extravagant claims or wild speculations.

So today's Gospel, the story of "Doubting Thomas," has a modern appeal. Thomas wants proof of the resurrection. Scripture scholar Father Raymond Brown says that in John's Gospel the resurrection stories link faith in the Risen Jesus to something concrete: the Beloved Disciple sees Christ's burial cloths; Mary Magdalene hears his voice; the gathered disciples see the Risen Lord in the upper room. So it's natural for Thomas, in turn, to look for concrete evidence.

But Fr. Brown says that the Gospel's author and Jesus are looking for a different reaction. What about those who believe without any physical proof? They are to make an act of faith, for Jesus calls such believers "blessed."

When we hear this Gospel proclaimed in our local parish this weekend, let's look around and take heart from our fellow believers, who "have not seen, and yet believe." When my faith wavers, I gain strength from our shared faith, present in the community of faith, the Church.

St John's Church Waterford



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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:

Third Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:-14, 22-33.
Ps 15:1-2, 5, 7-11, R/ v 11.
1 Pt 1:17-21.
Lk 24:13-35.