

# May Newsletter

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## St. John's Church Tralee

to John's, bcc: me

Tralee and Dingle May Newsletter 2019.

Date	Ballyseedy 9.45 am	Tralee 10.45 am	Ballymac 12 noon	Kilgobbin 10.00 am	Dingle 12 noon
5 <sup>th</sup> May	HC	MP	HC	United Service in St James 11am	11am HC Feile Na Bealtaine
12 <sup>th</sup> May	United Service Tralee	<b>Confirmation Tralee 10.30am</b>	United Service Tralee	United Service Tralee	HC
19 <sup>th</sup> May	MP	MP	HC	HC	MP
26 <sup>th</sup> May		HC	HC/MP	MP	MP

**The Holy Communion** is held each Wednesday in St. John's, Tralee at 11 am. This is followed by coffee and fellowship in the Ashe Hotel. Everyone is most welcome.

A short **Healer Prayer** service is held on the first Tuesday of the month in Teach an tSolais at 8pm, followed by light refreshments. If anyone is worried about the health of a friend or family member they are invited to write the names into the black notebook at the back of each church or else email [marion.hogan@hotmail.com](mailto:marion.hogan@hotmail.com).

**The Easter General Vestry** meeting will take place on Wednesday May 8th at 7.30pm in Teach an tSolais.

**Concert:** A concert in aid of the Kerry branch of Down syndrome Ireland will be held in St. John's, Ashe St., Tralee; on Saturday 11th May @ 7.30pm. It will feature The Gledholt Male Voice Choir, from Huddersfield, U. K., and Kerry Choral Union. It promises to be a lovely evening. Tickets are available @ €10 p/p or, can be bought on the night, in St. John's. All are warmly invited to the performance.

**Holy Week and Easter.**

Services were held every day in Holy week with three Good Friday liturgies of varying styles held in Camp ,Ballymacelligott and in Tralee.

Many thanks to the readers who led some of the services and assisted with the Easter Day Holy Communions in Tralee and Ballymac.

Easter is a time of surprises and just as those first disciples were surprised to discover the empty tomb those who attended St Johns on Easter Day were also joyfully surprised at the sight of the lovely floral arrangements that were on display.

Many thanks to all who prepared our churches and contributed to our worship either in the choir, as an organist or as member of the congregation.

### **Welcome Back and congratulations to Noreen.**

It was lovely to welcome Noreen back to the organ in April after the birth of her son Patrick, who also accompanied her to church together with his dad Tom and his proud brother and sister.

### **Confirmation on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30am.**

On next Sunday we will welcome Bishop Kenneth to our parish for the confirmation service.

The service will be at the slightly earlier time of 10.30am.

This is a big day for the children and their families.

### **Sunday club Dates :**

Tralee are the 5<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> May.

Ballymacelligott 19<sup>th</sup> May

The **Annual Vintage Fair** will be held in Dingle this Saturday and Sunday 4/5<sup>th</sup> May 11 am to 5 pm in gairdín Mhuire Day Care Centre. On offer will be a vast variety of items: jewellery, China, linens, glassware, vintage books, clothing and lots lots more. Proceeds will be in aid of St James Church Restoration Fund and a donation to Gairdin Mhuire Day Care Centre.

### **Lenten project :**

The children from St Johns school collected coins and cents for waste aid Gambia as part of the parish contribution to the Bishops appeal Lenten project in Gambia. The school collected almost 100 euro in coins and in donations for this worthy project.

We invited Sean Lyons from Tralee to speak at the service, Sean has first hand experience of Gambia having volunteered there on any many occasions. He reminded us how far our contributions can go and what a difference that it

would make. He mentioned how poverty comes in many forms, material, education, lack of opportunities and of being unable because of circumstances to take the opportunities that are available..

We brought our service to close by giving thanks for all the opportunities that we have in this country.

### **Christian Aid Coffee Morning:**

Christian Aid invites parishes to hold coffee mornings to highlight their work and to raise funds for their projects usually on the first Sunday in May.

This year we have invited the Parents and children who are preparing for their confirmation to assist with this. Learning is as much about practical work as it is theory. We had the lessons and now it is an opportunity for the children to something to help those who are dedicated to helping others.

It will take place this Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup> May after the morning service in Tralee.

### **Bake Sale.**

A very successful bake sale was run by the parents council on Friday morning the 3<sup>rd</sup> May to raise funds for the parents council of St Johns National School. Well done to all who organised this event and many thanks to those who supported it.