

## St. John's Church Tralee

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### Tralee & Dingle Newsletter April 2019

Date	Ballyseedy 9.45 am	Tralee 10.45 am	Ballymac 12 noon	Kilgobbin 10.00 am	Dingle 12 noon	Killiney
7 <sup>th</sup> April	HC	MP	MP	HC	HC	
14 <sup>th</sup> April Palm Sunday	HC	HC	HC	MP	HC	
15 <sup>th</sup> April	Holy Week 8pm					
16 <sup>th</sup> April			Holy Week 8pm			
17 <sup>th</sup> April		Holy Week 8pm				
18 <sup>th</sup> April	Maundy Thursday 8pm			Maundy Thursday 7pm		
19 <sup>th</sup> April Good Friday		liturgy at dusk time to be announced	8pm	Service at 2pm		
21 <sup>st</sup> April		Easter Day HC	Easter Day HC	Easter Day HC	Easter Day HC	
28 <sup>th</sup> April		HC	HC	HC	MP	

The Diocesan Board of Nomination has met and the appointment of Rev Canon Jim Stephens as Rector of the Tralee and Dingle Group of Parishes has been approved. Jim has been Priest -in-Charge for the past two years. Congratulations and best wishes to him and his family for the future'.

The 8<sup>th</sup> **County Clean Up Day** is on Saturday April 13<sup>th</sup>. Last year 5,500 volunteers removed 8,000 bags of litter! If any parishioner wants to join this great community effort, they start by registering on <http://www.countycleanup.com> or phoning 087 6533777.

**Sunday club and Family Services:** 7th April and 21st April Easter Sunday family service.

**Boys' Brigade:** The Girls and Boys enjoyed a sleepover last weekend in Teach an tSolais. During the Saturday evening they took part in a Treasure hunt around the local area including the church and graveyard. They also watched a late-night movie before a hot chocolate supper and eventually bed. Sunday morning, they were up early for a cooked breakfast and cleaned up the hall and got ready for church. During the Mothers' Day Service, they sang a song and did some readings including some nice thoughts for their Mums. Thanks to all the BB Leaders for organising such a great weekend.

The Boys Brigade also recently took on their community challenge badge. The aim of the challenge was to go to Dunnes Stores and buy a meal for a

family of four with only €5.00. We have some very savvy shoppers in the Boys Brigade and all groups completed the task and some even brought back change. All the food they purchased was donated to The Soup Kitchen.

**Mothering Sunday** It was wonderful to see so many families in Tralee Church on mothering Sunday, Many thanks to the BB and the Sunday clubs and the confirmation group for taking part in the service. At the end of the service Daffodils were presented by the children from the Sunday clubs. Many thanks to Michael, Sam and Godfrey who served tea afterwards.

**Care of our Church Grounds:** Many thanks to the parishioners and the members of the RSS who keep the grounds in such good order.

**The Soup Kitchen** is looking for help with some food shortages (mainly meat and vegetables). If anyone would like to donate anything to the soup kitchen please contact Collette on 086 317 8736

**Rev John Kerin:** A plaque was dedicated in Ardfert Cathedral in memory of The Rev John Kerin on Monday the 25th March. John was the son of a farmer in Kerry. He entered Trinity College, Dublin on a scholarship in 1773 and was ordained a Priest in 1781. He was appointed as vicar of O'Brennan in 1798. He was also the perpetual Curate of Ardfert, Vicar of Killury (Causeway) and the incumbent at Kilmoylee. He married Avis Giles of Kilcolman (Milltown) in the late 18th century and had at least nine children. Only two of these children give lines of descent today. Those present at the dedication included Donal Stack, a local historian, The Rev Jim Stephens, and Ms Sylvia Turner a descendent of John Kerin who lives in Winchester.

**St Patricks Day:** It was lovely to see the Boys Brigade and their leaders take part in the St Patricks day parade in Tralee. It was also good to see parishioner walk with the various associations in the town with which they are involved. The weather was good and great day was had by all.

**News from the West:** The series of short Lenten services: continue each Friday at Kilgobbin Church, Camp at 11.30am followed by a Lent Lunch in The Rectory, donations to The Bishops' Appeal. Last service and lunch will be on 12th April. All welcome but please advise for catering purposes. (Revd. Phyllis 085 855 8594)

**Easter Monday, 22nd April:** there will be a sale in the Old School Rooms, Camp, from 11.00 - 4.00 to raise funds for Kilgobbin Church. Any items for sale gratefully received and support on the day would be much appreciated. All enquiries to: Ellen Knapp 087 062 9971

**Mothers' Day in Camp:** Our thanks to Joy Condell for the beautiful posies she donated to give to the ladies in church on Mothering Sunday, they were much appreciated. Special thanks to my lovely 'little helper' Alison Hoffmann who presented the flowers.

**Links,** A very interesting evening was held in Teach an tSolais on Wednesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> April, when the Links Ladies hosted Ladies from the local Muslim community to discuss faith and belief. Both groups were delighted to discover that the two faiths hold much in common. This promises to be the first of many meetings and the Links ladies were invited to join the Muslim ladies some evening when they break their fast at sundown during Ramadan. Many delicious cakes and savouries were well received from both sides. Well done to the Links ladies for organizing this event.

### **Bicentenary St Johns Ashe Street.**

The parish has set aside the 6<sup>th</sup> of October for this celebration, there will be a service of thanksgiving at which the Archbishop of Armagh, The Most Reverend Richard Clarke will preach. The parish would like to mark this occasion with a few events. We are looking to parishioners for some suggestions on how we can mark the occasion. Please send any suggestions that you may have to the Rev Jim. More details next month.

### **Sympathy:**

To the family of the late Lorna Reid. Lorna left Tralee aged 12 to attend boarding school in Dublin which was followed by college and a long career as a journalist in the Irish Independent. She had not long retired. She was educated in St Johns NS where her mother was principal and is remembered by many of her class mates. Lorna passed away after a very short illness well before the biblical three score years and ten. Her funeral service was held in Dublin and her burial was in the family plot in Ballyseedy on the following afternoon.

We extend our sympathy to her husband Ciarian and their friends at this sad time.

### **Lenten Talk in Tralee,**

The Rev Annmarie Staurt will give a talk on the theme of Celtic Spirituality on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> at 8pm. This talk should be very interesting as Annmarie has a lot of experience and insight in this area. Please come and support this event.