

December 2019

St. John's Church Tralee

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The Tralee & Dingle Group of Parishes December 2019.

Date	Ballyseedy 9.45 am	Tralee 10.45 am	Ballymac 12 noon	Kilgobbin 10.00 am	Dingle 12 noon
1 st December	HC	HC	HC	HC	No Service
8 th December	MP	School Nativity	MP	MP	HC
9 th December (Monday)				St Marys RC Camp@ 7.30pm	
15 th December	MP	HC	HC	HC	MP
22 nd December		Carols 7pm	MP		Carols 7pm
24 th December			Christmas HC 9pm		Christmas HC 7pm
25 th December		Christmas HC		Christmas HC	
26 th December	No Service	No Service	St Stephen HC 11am		
29 th December	United Service at 11am	No Service	No Service	HC	HC
1 st January		11am			

Christmas Fair: The Annual Christmas Fair will be held in Teach an tSolais on Saturday **14th December from 10.30 to 2 pm**. Admission €2 for a door prize. **This is**

an extremely important community building and event and fundraising event for our parish. If you haven't started already, please get baking the ever popular cakes, we also need home made jams and preserves and Christmas arrangements. We are looking for

new and good as new Childrens' toys and books.

For the Silent Auction we would like to get Vouchers as well as any other items please.

The Raffle this year has a main prize of two nights B&B and one dinner for two people in the Ross Hotel in Killarney. Mona has asked that all these Raffle tickets and cash to be returned to her by Sunday 8th December. If you have any unsold tickets please inform Mona at 087 2054827.

Other raffles will be for Mary Kinch's famous iced Christmas cake and a generous Hamper.

There will be great value in Fire Wood on sale on the day.

Don't forget to ask your local shops for a contribution as we need to make up hampers, so we would be delighted with bottles of wine, spirits edible treats etc. The main hall in the parish centre will be open from 4pm on the Friday so that goods can be dropped in for sorting and pricing. To keep our strength up there will be tea, coffee and tasty burgers. So, come along and enjoy a great day!

Links Ladies: Once again this year the ladies will be serving tea, coffee and scones etc at the Christmas Fair on Dec. 14th so plenty of home baking needed on the day. Our next meeting will be held at end of January, more details nearer the time.

Healer Prayer: our monthly meeting will now take place on Wednesday 4th December at 8 pm in Teach an tSolais. If you would like someone added to the list to be prayed for please email me at marion.hogan@hotmail.com. Everyone welcome.

Concerts: A very enjoyable fundraising concert which celebrated 80 years of the Red Cross was held in St. John's on the 22nd November, followed by refreshments in Teach an tSolais.

The Tralee School of Music will hold their annual Christmas concert in St Johns Ashe Street on the 13th December at 7.30pm

The Friends of St James, Dingle have organised another high-profile event as a fundraiser to conserve and extend the iconic church of St James, famous as the spiritual home of the Other Voices concert series in St. James, Dingle on Sunday, 29 December 2019 from 19:30 to 22:00. The line-up include the incomparable Seán Keane, classical songstress Linda Kenny and special guests, making it an evening to remember.

November Remembering.

Those whose loved ones died in the past twelve months or so were invited to the morning service in Tralee on the 10th November to light a candle, many candles were lit during the service. Those who died in world wars were also remembered. The music was led by the parish choir and St Marys parish folk choir in Listowel. The theme of remembering was continued with the children from the school when they joined Wednesday morning group for the mid week service.

Bishops Visit.

The parish was delighted to welcome the Bishop Ferran Glenfield of Kilmore who spent some time in the parish as part of the visitation by the house of Bishops to Limerick and Tuam. He shared a meal with some parishioners, a mid morning get together in Camp. He also spent some time with the BB on Friday night and with the soup kitchen on Saturday morning.

Sympathy; To the family of Betty Jenkinson whose funeral was held in O'Connors funeral home in Firies and to the family of the late Glen Handley whose funeral service took place in St Johns Ashe Steet.

St John's National School, The children from the school will take part in the morning service on the 8th December when they will perform their School Play in St John's Ashe Street 10.45am.

The **Scholastic Book Fair** is coming to St. John's School. There will be a huge range of books to choose from at really great prices. Everyone is very welcome to come into the school on Monday and Tuesday December 2nd and 3rd from 9.00am to 10.00am to buy books. Children love receiving books and these would make a great a Christmas present. The school will receive vouchers from each book sold so we can update the books in the school library.

Tralee Flower and Garden Club are presenting a Christmas Floral Gala 'Let the bells ring' by Samantha Foran from Galway on Monday 2nd December at 8 pm in the Rose Hotel. Admission €10 in aid of Pieta House.

The annual **Poppy Appeal** raised €248 this year. Many thanks to all who contributed and remember that all money raised will be spent in Ireland.

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