

November 2019 Newsletter

St. John's Church Tralee

Tralee and Dingle November Newsletter 2019.

Date	Ballyseedy 9.45 am	Tralee 10.45 am	Ballymac 12 noon	Kilgobbin 10.00 am	Dingle 12 noon
3 rd November	HC	MP	MP	HC	HC
10 th November	HC	HC	HC	MP	MP
17 th November	MP	MP	HC	HC	HC
24 th November	No Service	HC	MP	MP	HC

The Holy Communion is celebrated in St. John's every Wednesday morning at 11 am, followed by coffee and fellowship in the Ashe Hotel. All welcome.

CCTV We recently installed Closed Circuit Television in Teach an tSolais and grounds. This has been done for the purposes of security and to give confidence to those who use the parish centre and grounds. It was financed with the assistance of a grant from the Community Support fund of Kerry County Council, for which we are most grateful.

Visits. Many of our long standing parishioners were delighted to learn that the Rev Gerry Riley who served in the parish in the early 1970's as part of a clergy exchange with the Episcopal Church of the USA. He served as part of a team ministry in the area for a few years before returning to minister in the USA. He was the last Rector to live in Ballymacelligott Rectory. He was accompanied by his son Benjamin and their trip included a visit to the old Rectory.

Other visitors to the parish included a small Baptist group from Oklahoma who participated in the morning service in Tralee, Between them they played a Hammered Dulcimer, a Mountain Dulcimer, a Lap Dulcimer, a Banjo, a Bazooka and an Auto Harp. When the children returned from Sunday Club, they were treated to an impromptu music lesson. We reciprocated by teaching them 'Aris'! They were amazed by the church, declaring themselves privileged to play in such an old building.

Bishops Visits. The House of Bishops has recently begun the practise of visiting the various diocese as part of their ministry. Tralee and Kilcolman have been assigned to the Bishop of Kilmore ,The Rt Rev Ferran Glenfield. More details later.

Harvest Celebrations:

Sunday, October 13th the Harvest Thanksgiving was celebrated in a beautifully decorated Ballymac Church where the Preacher was Andrew Coleman from Christian Aid. The rich colours of the flowers and the abundance of the fruit and vegetables made a lasting impression on us all.

Later that afternoon another Harvest Thanksgiving Service was held at Kilgobbin, enriched by the organ playing of John O'Rourke, the Village Voices choir and friends from St. Mary's Church, Camp. Refreshments were served in the Old School Rooms. We said farewell to Ellen Knapp

who returns to America having made a great impact in the Parish during her time amongst us. We pray that she soon settles into her new home.

The produce from both services was donated to the Soup Kitchen which serves between seventy and a hundred people who attend each Saturday for a hearty meal and, importantly for those living alone, companionship. We have been asked how people can donate to this worthy cause and the details found at their GoFundMe page at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/tralee-soup-kitchen> or contact Collette directly (086 3188736).

The Links ladies will not meet in November. Our next event will be our Christmas meal which will take place in the Ashe Hotel on Monday evening Dec 2nd at 7.30pm. Anyone wishing to attend please let Olive know in good time

November Remembering Sunday 10th November: November has traditionally been the month to prayerfully remember loved ones who have died. All those whose loved ones have died in the previous twelve months or so are welcome to the morning service in St Johns @ 10.45am to light a candle in memory of their loved one.

In fact any parishioner regardless of the length of their bereavement can light a candle and place it on the Altar. All welcome.

Remembrance Sunday is approaching and Poppies will be available at the back of each church if anyone wishes to buy one or to make a contribution. A reminder that money raised by the sale of Poppies in Ireland is spent in Ireland where Irish service men and women including ex UN troops are cared for.

Healer Prayer service: this short service will be held on Tuesday 12th November in Teach an tSolais at 8 pm followed by tea and fellowship.

Anyone who would like a friend or relative included in the prayers please contact me at marion.hogan@hotmail.com. All welcome.

Sunday Club:

Tralee 10th and 24th November. There will not be any in December but they will resume again in January. Ballymac Sunday Club 17th November

Care for Creation group: any Parishioner interested in joining this group from St.John's, Castle St. is very welcome. They have already had a positive outcome by supporting students in ITT to reduce the number of paper cups used for hot drinks in the college. Contact details to follow.

Recovery Haven Kerry: have a CLIMB Programme starting Weds 6th November from 5 pm - 6.30 pm., facilitated by Edel Lawlor (Expressive Play Therapist). This is a 6-week course for children aged between 7-11 years, who are experiencing the impact of a significant person in their lives with a cancer diagnosis. If you are interested in the course, please contact Reception on 066 7192122.

Christmas Fair: its that time of year again! This important fundraiser is planned for Saturday 14th December in Teach an tSolais. Raffle tickets are now available and it is hoped that each parishioner will endeavour to sell at least ten books each. Everyone whose talents include baking, knitting,

crochet, jam and chutney making is asked to start getting busy now. Those with contacts in businesses are urged to ask for Vouchers etc. This year we are concentrating on the Silent Auction and intend bringing it into the main hall or the Kilfenora room.

Circus Festival Performance, Double bill Teatime and Cikada

The shows are called Cikada and Stik Stok. Check it out at www.circusfestival.ie

This artistic performance will be held in St Johns Ashe Street at 9pm on Saturday 16th November.

Its circus in the form of contemporary arts and will be worth a visit.

Red Cross 80th Celebration and Fundraising concert This will be held in the Church starting at 7.30pm on Friday 22nd November. There will be refreshments in Teach an tSolais.

David Frizelle is one of the organisers and they would really appreciate support on the night as they are fundraising for a new premises. Featuring the Mens choir from Killorglin, local artists and soloists. This will be followed by refreshments in teach an tSolais.

All Saints Tide. It is sacred time as we remember with love those who were an important part of our lives but have passed to their eternal home. Their love touched our lives and we mark it in a number of different ways during the month of November. We are also invited to let God's love touch us too, particularly those parts of our lives that need it the most.