

Tralee and Dingle September Newsletter 2020.

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6 th September	MP	H C	HC	HC	H C
13 th September	No Service	Short Service Easter Vestry	No Service	MP	MP
20 th September	MP	HC	HC	Short Service Easter Vestry	No Service
27 th September	No Service	MP	MP	MP	HC

Thankfully we are getting into the regular routine of church again after reopening in July, Numbers are returning slowly. We believe that Church has to be one of the safest places to frequent, after all the preparations that have been made and with all the precautions that are in place. For those who are cautious or have health concerns or may have concerns about the health of a loved ones, we understand, so take your time. Thankyou also to those who continue to support the church financially, in your prayers and by your presence during this time.

For those in church who would like to receive Holy Communion spiritually rather than sacramentally, either come to the rails or remain in your seat and us the following prayer.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion.

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ. For all the benefits that you have given to me. Since I am not able for the moment to receive you sacramentally, I ask that you come spiritually into my heart. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly and follow you more nearly day by day. Amen

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

Leaving cert results.

This week will be an important week for all those who will receive their results on Monday.

We wish you every blessing on the next stage of your journey, whether that is in further education or training, maybe you are taking time out to take stock or as you begin to look for a job. Don't worry if you don't get your first choice as there are many avenues and possibilities open to you today so be encouraged.

Return to School.

It was lovely to pop into St Johns on Monday as the Staff and Children returned after a long period away from School and friends. Everyone was calm and happy. The children were delighted to see their friends again. The building looked so well, Congratulations to the Principal and the staff who have worked so hard during the summer to convert the regulations from the department into the practical arrangements on the ground in time for the new year. Thankyou also to the Board of Management for being so supportive.

Notice of Easter Vestries.

These will be held in Tralee @ 10.45am on the 13th September as part of a united service and in Camp on the 20th as part of a united service in Kilgobbin at **11am**.

Soup Kitchen: Thank you to everyone who supported our recent fundraiser. All our pebble family frames have now all sold.

Principal of St John's Parochial School.

On behalf of the Board of Management I would like to thank Mrs Aoife Benton for all that she has accomplished in St Johns since her appointment in 2015.

In her role as Principal, she has put a huge amount of work into the various administrative tasks such as drafting policies, liaising with the Department,

other relevant agencies and guiding the Board of Management on all the regulations and requirements that our schools have to be comply with.

She has worked well with the other staff to maximise the opportunities for all of the children in the school. There is a great team spirit in the school. (Ní neart go cur le chéile)

This was done in addition to her interaction with the children as a class teacher and their parents. So, thank you Aoife, we wish you well as you move back to Mid Kerry to begin work in Glenbeigh in a few weeks. You can be proud of your legacy.

I would also like to welcome Mr Michael O'Toole, currently Principal of Curraheen School, Glenbeigh on his appointment as the new Principal. We look forward to welcoming Michael and getting to know him in the future.

Walk in aid of Christian Aid,

We have organised a short walk on part of the Dingle way for this Saturday, the 5th September at 2pm. As it was not possible to hold the annual fund raising walk this year at Sheep's Head, they have suggested a series of mini walks in various places to raise some funds and awareness of the work of Christian Aid.

Duration 1.5 to 2 hrs, walking boots required

Meeting at the South Pole Inn Anascaul. It will be led by Linda Woods.

Season of Creation, Sept 1st to Oct 4th, 2020 – Rev Jim participated in a short act of worship in the town park on Monday morning which was led by Sylvia Thompson and Sr Maureen from

the Presentation Convent. The Diocese of Kerry's Justice, Peace & Integrity of Creation Committee will be hosting a Webinar on 17th Sept. at 8pm. This will feature Lorna Gold as Keynote speaker who will be joined by a panel including David Tough who will talk about the initiatives in St Johns. The title of the Webinar is 'Cultivating Hope. A faith Response to the Climate Crisis. To register, please email desbailey@dioceseofkerry.ie / 064 6632644.

The Boys' Brigade will return to meetings after Christmas, so long as it is safe to do so. We will have a couple of outdoor meetings over the coming months and we will be setting tasks for current members once a fortnight.

We have set up a Facebook page, where you will be able to keep up to date on our activities. <https://www.facebook.com/1st-Tralee-Company-Boys-Brigade>

If you would like your child to join Boys' Brigade, please contact Collette Price on 086 318 8736

Two prayers that I would like to share with you.

Lord when we face hard choices grant us wisdom,
When making painful decisions, affirm us.
During moments of testing, give us strength,
In times of suffering supports us, and when our energy low, revive us. **Amen**

Eternal God, we pray for those who this day need our prayers: those we see around us... family and friends near and far... strangers and communities we will never meet or know, but whose peril we see on our screens... those whose life is ebbing away... those who grieve deeply for lives and loves lost... those who are forgotten, unnoticed, unloved, unmissed... Lord God, in your abundance of mercy, hear these and all our prayers. **Amen.**



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