

Mr Roche – New Principal

Last weekend Mr Brian Roche was appointed as new Principal of St John's Senior School, Ballybough Street. He will succeed Mrs Mary Neary will retire on the 8th of January, with Brian taking up his appointment the following day.

Son of Tommy and Geraldine Roche, Greenridge, Johnswell Road, Brian has been teaching in St John's Senior School since his graduation 17 years ago. He has experienced a wide range aspects of the primary education system: special needs, home-liaison, senior and junior cycles, etc.

We congratulate him on his elevation and wish him every blessing in his new and challenging role as Principal Teacher.

Daily Mass next week at 10.30am. No 8.30am.

Parish Newsletter

There will be no newsletter until the week ending 7th/8th January.
Listings of the deceased will be announced as usual.

Christmas Offerings & Envelopes for Parish Funds

- The “Weekly/Yearly/Standing Order” contributions go in their entirety to capital expenditure, the maintenance of the three parish churches & buildings, and all the running costs of the parish.
- The “Christmas Offering Collection” goes towards the salaries of the Priests of the parish, the Bishop of the Diocese.
- **If you've let the practice of supporting your Parish or Parish Personnel slip, we urge you to recommence and play your part in running this very fine parish.**
- We express our sincere gratitude to all who contribute our parish Collections and Offerings each year.

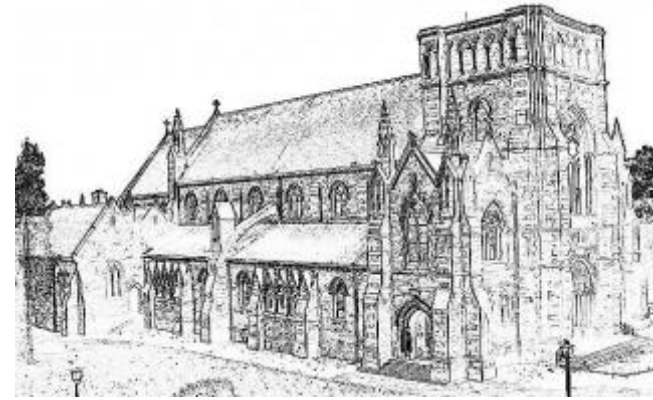
Suicide Awareness Gathering

The Annual Suicide Awareness Gathering will take place at St. John Church, Monday, 2nd January, at 7.30 p.m. Speakers: Mikey Drennan, Football Player; Dr. Fergus Heffernan. Music by: Local Kilkenny Musicians. All are welcome.

Foster Families

Foster a child? Families needed to care for children from short term to long term care. Visit www.fiveriversireland.ie for further information or call 01-8665290.

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**The Nativity of Our Lord
25th December 2016**

*Le gach dea ghuí I gcomhair na Nollag
agus na hAthbhliana*

The Priests, staff and the members of the Parish Pastoral Council of the St John's Parish would like to take this opportunity to wish all our parishioners and their families a very Happy Christmas. We welcome those who are home for Christmas - enjoy these special days with your loved ones. Those who cannot make it home are in our prayers. Our special thoughts go to those who are sick or hospitalized at this time - may God send his healing upon you.

Thank you all for your support in so many areas – too numerous to mention – during the past year. Special thanks to everyone involved in various ministries and those who made sure that every aspect of our churches and liturgies were ‘finely tuned’ for Christmas this year. It's a credit to you all. We wish you a very happy Christmas, and peace, health and blessings to you throughout 2017.

Deaths – Month's Minds – Anniversaries

Deaths: Sheila Geoghegan, Michael Street.
Rose Crotty (nee McEvoy) Ballincollig; formerly Hebron Road.
Sally Cody, Wetlands. *Funeral Mass in St Patrick's, Monday at 11.00 am. Interment in Foulkstown Cemetery.*

Anniv: Justin Wall; Kathleen Hayes; Lisa Brennan; Helen O'Neill;
Declan Lanigan; Peggy Blanchfield; Edward Taylor; Josephine Grace;
Margaret Coleman; Jim Carroll; Liam & Mary Ryan; Tom Cantwell;
James & Josephine Foley; John, Mamie & Terry Brett; Ted Carroll;
Catherine, James, Joseph & Patrick Fogarty; Lena & Danny Cassidy;
Annie Gorey; Joseph & Mary Hickey; Christopher Bateman;
Jack, Peg & Breda Molloy; Roseanna Smyth; Kathleen Fahy;
Mary Foley; Danny Leahy; John & Patricia Dinneen.

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8.00am	Martin Blake
10.30am	Peggy Wall
12.00noon	Tony Dalton
7.30pm	Marie Fogarty
Johnswell 10.00am	Betsy Rice & Teresa Dowling
Dunmore 11.00am	Fiona McGearry & Nora Guilfoyle

Weekly Envelope Collection

Thanks to all who contribute and those who pay by Standing Order. S.O. forms available in Parish Office.

Local History Calendar

Local History Calendar 2017 (photos of people and places of St John's) is now available. Proceeds go to local charity. Contact Frank Cody 087 292 5464.

Adoration Chapel

The Adoration Chapel in St John's is closed from 27th Dec. to the 3rd Jan.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO A CHRISTMAS PARTY!

Guest of Honor: Jesus Christ.
Date: Every day. Traditionally, December 25, but He's always around, so the date is flexible.
Time: Whenever you're ready. Please don't be too late though, or you'll miss out on all the fun.
Place: In your heart. He'll meet you there--you'll hear Him knock.
Attire: Come as you are. Working clothes are okay as He'll be washing our clothes anyway. He said something about new white robes and crowns for everyone who stays till the last.
Tickets: Admission is free. He's already paid for everyone. He says you wouldn't have been able to afford it-it's cost Him everything He had!
Refreshments: New wine, bread and a far-out drink He calls "living water." This will be followed by a supper, that promises to be out of this world!!
Gift Suggestions: Your heart. He's one of those people who already has everything else. (He's very generous in return though-just wait until you see what He has for you!)
Entertainment: Joy, Peace, Truth, Light, Life, Love, Real Happiness, Communion with God, Forgiveness, Miracles, Healing, Power, Eternity in Paradise...and much more! (All 'G' rated so bring your family and friends)
Rsvp: Very Important! He must know ahead, so He can reserve a spot for you at the table. Also, he's keeping a list of His friends for future reference. He calls it the "Lamb's Book of Life."
Party Given By: His Kids. That's us! Hope to See You There! Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear (linen stands for the good acts of the saints) Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb! Revelation 19:7-9

**All of You Who Will Be There - Please Share
This Invitation with Someone Else.**