

Barnardos National Collection Day Friday 13th September

The Barnardos National Collection Day, kindly supported by Dell, takes place on Friday 13th September 2019.

We need **you** on **Friday 13th September 2019** to help with organised bag packs and on-street collections in communities across the country.

This is a fun opportunity to take part in a very worthy cause. By generously volunteering your time you'll be helping change lives and create brighter futures for some of the most vulnerable children across Ireland.

If interested you can go to this web page <https://www.barnardos.ie/how-you-can-help/fundraising/national-collection-day>.

If you have any questions please contact us on (01) 7080418 or email buckets@barnardos.ie Thank you!

John Needs Pembro

The John Needs Pembro fundraising committee has permission to fundraise around Croke Park on the day of the Leinster senior Hurling Final. This could be a wonderful opportunity to raise funds to help John Holmes pay for an infusion of his cancer medication Pembrolizumab.

John has been fighting cancer for seven years and last October he was prescribed 30 infusions of the drug. Unfortunately, as it is not licensed by the HSE for his rare cancer, he must pay for this treatment out-of-pocket. Each infusion costs €5,111.50 (incl. VAT).

The committee is fundraising to relieve him of this financial stress. If anyone would like to help them in Dublin by shaking a bucket for an hour or two before the match, please contact Kieran at 085 1620 321 or e-mail johnneedspembro2018@gmail.com.

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Website: stjohnskilkenny.com

Office: 056 772 1072; **Secretary:** Áine Butler; **Office Hours:** Mon-Fri 9.30 a.m. - 2.00 p.m.

Newsletter Deadline: Thursdays 12.00 noon **SVP Help Line:** 086 895 1239

Fr Frank Purcell: 086 601 0001; Fr Brian Griffin: 087 064 4158; Fr Lorcan Moran: 086 855 0521

PASTORAL COUNCIL (374 middle aisle; 326 side aisles; 700)

Mary Brennan; Alan Burke; Margaret Cleere; Paul Colgan; Fr Brian Griffin;
Siobhán McKiernan; Fr Lorcan Moran; Aidan Phelan; Fr Frank Purcell; Pat Ryan.

SAFEGUARDING

IF YOU HAVE A SAFEGUARDING CONCERN CONTACT

The Diocesan Designated Liaison Person, Mr Cathal Cullen, 087 100 0232 - dlp@ossory.ie

OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES ARE:

Kathleen Ferguson; Phil Curran; Brenda Whitely; Marian Eardly.

PARISH OF SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST

incorporating | St John's | Dunmore | Johnswell | church areas

MASS TIMES

St John's – Sundays & Holy Days: Vigil: 6.30 p.m.; Sun: 8.00 a.m., 10.30 a.m., 12 noon & 7.30 p.m.

Polish Mass: 2nd Sun. monthly, 2.00 p.m.; **Weekdays:** 8.00 a.m. & 10.30 a.m. (Sat. 10.30 a.m. only)

Johnswell – Sunday 10.00 a.m.

Dunmore – Sunday 11.00 a.m.

Corpus Christi - 23rd June 2019

Peter's Pence Collection

The Annual Peter's Pence Collection takes place at all masses this weekend as the 'Second Collection.' This collection enables our Holy Father give emergency financial aid to the neediest throughout the world – e.g. those who suffer as a result of war, famine, oppression, and natural disasters. Your generosity is gratefully appreciated.

Cemetery Masses

The Annual Cemetery Mass in **St Kieran's Cemetery** will be celebrated next **Friday, 28th June at 7.30pm.**

The **Dunmore and Johnswell Cemetery** will be celebrated on the **following Friday, 5th July at 7.30pm.**

Changes in Times & Numbers of Masses

For quite some time now, the staffing of parishes, the grouping of parishes into **Pastoral Areas** and the numbers of masses within these Pastoral Areas, has come under much discussion.

Relating to our own parish, the **Four City Parishes** have been clustered into one **Pastoral Area**. And, as in all pastoral areas throughout the Diocese, the Bishop has mandated representative priests and members of the relevant Parish Pastoral Councils to come together to rationalise mass-times and mass-numbers in each area. The numbers attending masses, the frequent overlapping of mass-times, and the diminishing numbers of available active priests, were all to be taken into account in these decisions.

All Pastoral Areas throughout the Diocese will have made their decisions for change by the end of June, and with the approval of the Bishop, these changes will come into effect on the First Sunday of Advent this year - Dec. 1st. Changes affecting our parish will be published next weekend, the last weekend of June. A full listing of Pastoral Areas and changes will follow at a later date.

BEREAVEMENTS

Recently Deceased:

Month's Mind:

Tommy O'Connell (12.00 noon).
Catherine Holohan.

Anniversaries:

Keith & Gina Fleming (6.30pm); Thomas & Clare Drennan (10.30am);
Richard & Mary Hennessy (11.00am); Margaret Heffernan (7.30pm);
Murt Flanagan; Patricia Cass; Tom O'Neill; Andrew Lane; Phil Hogan;
Joe Neary; Patrick Foley; Mary Harris; John & Mary Green; Patrick Doheny;
Peter Paul Ryan.

Readers for Next Weekend – Page 102 (C.Vol 2)

6.30pm Mairin Bergin
8.00am Martin Blake
10.30am Paula Rogers
12.00noon John Joyce
7.30pm Eileen Kinane
Johnswell Josie Manning & Fiona Manning
Dunmore Bernard O'Gorman & John McGourty

Eucharistic Ministers - Next Weekend: Panel 1

Weekly Envelope Collection

Last week's envelope collection: €1,260.

Thanks to all who contribute weekly, monthly and annually, as well as those who pay by Standing Order. Your support is greatly appreciated.

As A Matter Of Interest . . .

After the 10.30 a.m. mass last Monday, a very kind group of **'average sized parish-ioners'** remained on after mass to survey how many 'average sized adults' could fit into the church pews of our Parish Church (*not that the 'maximum occupancy' information is often required*) The same survey in Johnswell and Dunmore coming soon! As some seats are shorter than others in the centre aisle as well as in the side aisles, a number of sample sittings had to be taken. There were various guesses as to what the result might be - 500, 650, 900 etc. - but none was correct. Of course we were only referring to **seating** capacity. The number would greatly increase if Standing room, Organ Loft and Sanctuary areas were included. What's your guess? (Answer after "PASTORAL COUNCIL" in framed box on back page)

Mass Intentions for the coming Week

Tuesday: Murt Flanagan (8.00am).
Catherine Holohan (10.30am).

Wednesday: Patricia Cass (10.30am).

Friday: Patrick O'Shea (10.30am)

Saturday: Tom O'Neill (10.30am).
Patrick & Margaret Shortt (6.30pm).

Sunday: Mary Connick (10.30am).
Joe O'Neill (11.00am).
Lizzie Hennessy (12.00 noon).
May Shortis (7.30pm).

Marian Movement of Priests

A meeting of the Marian Movement of Priests will take place this Monday at 7.30pm at Villa Maria in Talbots Inch on the Freshford Rd. Mass, Rosary holy hour. All are welcome.

A Day of Encounter with the Saints

St Benedict's Priory, Cobh, Co. Cork is holding a special retreat day with a series of lectures by William A Thomas and John Donovan. Present in the Monastery on this day will be some First-Class Relics of well-known Saints. Early booking is essential as space is limited. Please write to Mother Prioress, St Benedict's Priory, The Mount, Cobh, Co. Cork. Tel. 021 4811 354 or email. cobhtyburnconvent@gmail.com.

Corpus Christ

Many people have memories of the Corpus Christ procession when the monstrance with the Blessed Sacrament was brought around the parish. All groups in the parish were represented. Children scattered petals before the host and houses were decorated. The meaning of the feast was to bring the Lord into the streets of his people and to appreciate the gift he gives us of himself in the Eucharist. This procession still takes part in many places.

On Holy Thursday we also celebrate the Eucharist, but in another way It is more of the sacrifice of Jesus on Calvary. We unite ourselves with his offering that brought him to death, and look forward to the resurrection when the risen Lord would be present in many ways among people, including in the form and shape of bread and wine. On the feast of Corpus Christ ,the Body and Blood of Christ, the emphasis is more on gift than on sacrifice.

The Eucharist as Gift

This is what he wishes to leave us as a gift forever. It is the way he could give himself forever in a very close way, so that this is his gift of 'food for the journey.' We need this gift. We need to know certainly that God is close with us in life, and the Eucharist at Mass gives us this certainty. We need to know that God is really present in our lives, and we know this in the real presence of the Eucharist.

**Lord in this Eucharist today I welcome you into my life;
help me to live like you and love like you. Amen.**