

THANK YOU

Thanks to all who drop in their Lenten Stations, Weekly Envelope and Donations through the Presbytery Door. It's very much appreciated.

Trócaire

Trócaire is launching a national advertising campaign to encourage people to return their donations over the Pentecost Weekend, i.e. 29th May - 1st June.

You Are In The Spirit

It's like the story of the shark and the whale. . .

Both were swimming in the sea when the shark swam up to the whale to engage in conversation. As they swam along, the shark said to the whale, "You are so much older than I, and wiser too. Could you tell me where the ocean is?" The whale responded, "The ocean is what you are in now." The shark would not believe it. "Come on, tell me where the ocean is so I may find it!" The whale repeated, "The ocean is here, now; you are in it." Unbelieving, the shark swam away searching for the ocean.

The moral of the story is this: don't spend too much time looking for God because the Spirit of God is here in the now of your life, dwelling within you, within me, within this community. And that truth is nurtured in prayer.

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MASS TIMES

St John's – Sundays & Holy Days: Vigil: 6.00 p.m.; Sun: 8.00 a.m., 11.30 & 7.00 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.

Pentecost Sunday - 31st May 2020

Jesus Fulfils His Promise

Jesus did not abandon his apostles, even when departing from this world to return to his Father in heaven. Ten days later, at Pentecost, one of his most significant promises — the promise to send the Holy Spirit in abundance on them — was extraordinarily realised.

At Pentecost the Church earnestly began its mission to the whole world. This mission centres on preaching about the saving name of Jesus and about the wonders of God. God's greatest wonder is that, through the suffering and death of Jesus the Messiah, people are saved from the consequences of their sins: alienation from God.

Jesus' fundamental promise to his apostles was that they would never be without his presence and his help. He knew that they would be unable to contribute successfully to the universal mission that he had given them unless he sent the Holy Spirit.

The feast of Pentecost celebrates a promise realised. It acknowledges that the Holy Spirit is at the heart of the Church's life. Because that is so, the Church cannot ultimately fail in its task of witnessing to Jesus' death and resurrection. It will eventually succeed in communicating the message of God's salvation to everyone in the world.

The sacrament of confirmation, which celebrates the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our lives and is the sealing of the graces given in baptism, is our personal Pentecost experience when we are transformed into witnesses to the teaching and example of Jesus and his Church. We willingly take on the responsibility to share our Catholic faith with others.

BEREAVEMENTS

Anniversaries:

Philip Morrissey, Thomas Comerford, Liam & Mae Davitt, Patsy & Michael Davitt (11.30); Elizabeth Lynch; Margaret & Martin Hanlon; Mary O'Driscoll; Matthew Redmond; Jack & Ciss Mahoney; Fr Willie Meany; Agnes Dermody; Michael & Shane O'Carroll; Ellen Mooney; Bridget Drennan; Ger Kelly; Mary & Patrick Campion; Thomas Comerford; Seán Kelly.

Weekly Envelope Collection

Last week's envelope collection: €1,357.

Thanks to all who contribute weekly, monthly and annually, as well as those who pay by Standing Order. Despite there being no public masses, we appreciate you dropping off your envelope or donations at the Presbytery. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Lost and Found

Picture a little girl lost in a big city. There she sits, crying on the curb. A Garda finds her, puts her in his squad car and drives her up and down the streets, hoping she'll recognize something familiar. Which, at last, she does. She sees a steeple with a cross on it. Tears vanish. Speech returns. "That's my church," she says. "I can find my way from here." Food for thought!

A Backyard Neighbour Funeral

Mr. Green peered over his fence and noticed that the neighbour's little boy was in his backyard filling in a hole. Curious about what the youngster was up to, Mr. Green asked, "What are you doing, Jimmy?" Tearfully, little Jimmy replied, "My goldfish died, and I've just buried him." "That's an awfully large hole for a goldfish, isn't it?" Mr. Green said. Patting down the last bit of earth, little Joey replied, "That's because he's in your cat!"

Mass Intentions for the coming Week

Tuesday: Margaret & Martin Hanlon.

Wednesday: Mary O'Driscoll.

Thursday: Matthew Redmond.

Friday: Jack & Ciss Mahoney.

Saturday: Fr Willie Meany.

Sunday: Mary Butler; Edward Delaney;
Philip Drohan; Michael Owens.

Daily Mass

Please join us each morning on our **Webcam Service**, stjohnskilkenny.com, or through our Parish **Radio Service** (106.8 FM).

Weekdays: 10.30 a.m.

Sundays: 11.30 a.m.

Golfing with Moses, Jesus, and An Old Man

One day in Heaven, Moses and Jesus was playing a round of golf when an old man asked if he could join them. They said, "Sure".

Moses hit first and he hit a duck-hook that went immediately towards the water. When the ball got close to the water, the waters parted on dry land and rolled up onto the green.

Jesus was next to hit and He also hit His ball towards the water but instead of parting, the ball hovered over the water and onto the green some 6 feet from the hole.

The old man asked himself, "How am I ever going to top those two guys?" He took a swing and he severely sliced the ball to the right, hit a tree, and bounced along the shore next to the water. Before the ball came to a stop, a squirrel picked up the ball and starting running away when an eagle swooped down to pick up the squirrel making him drop the ball onto the green which proceeded into the hole for a hole in one!

Jesus came over to the old man, looked over him for a moment and said, "Good shot Dad!"

Pray for My Hearing

The stranger approached the pastor after service and said, "I'd like you to pray for my hearing." The pastor placed his hands on the man's ears and said a passionate, earnest prayer. "How's your hearing now?" the pastor asked. Looking surprised, the man said, "Well, it's not until tomorrow." ('Twas a Court Hearing) . . .