

Take Your Time - There's No Rush

Our guide to you if you are a 'senior' or have underlying health issues is to take your time in returning to church for mass.

Your health and the health of the community is more important.

The official church guideline is that the dispensation from attending Sunday Mass still applies.

You may consider, therefore, that watching Mass on webcam or listening to it on radio is a better alternative.

And whatever your age, if you're being disappointed in failing to get in to church for w/e mass, maybe you could join in a weekday mass instead.

Government Advice for Over 70's or Medically Vulnerable

If you are over 70 or medically vulnerable, please use your judgement to decide how best to apply the following health guidance:

- ◆ stay home as much as you can
- ◆ maintain social distancing with visitors/those whom you visit and use face coverings
- ◆ use the times specially allotted for shopping
- ◆ use face coverings when attending shops or busy public area

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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:

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PARISH OF SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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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.

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 28th June 2020

Indoor Gatherings Still Remain at 50

Despite our hopes to the contrary, the maximum indoor gathering rule of 50 is still the norm for the Church, irrespective of the size of the worship space.

This norm has the force of law and a breach would be criminal.

A process has been initiated whereby the norms of the HSE and those of the Churches would be examined and positions of agreement identified..

It is not clear when this process will be completed.

The new incoming Government, we hope, will follow the same path, but the outgoing Cabinet didn't allow for any flexibility to the current norm.

Current Maximum Occupancy

The current rule of '50', with social distancing remaining at 2 metres, would have no bearing on Dunmore or Johnswell Churches.

But it has a significant bearing on St John's Church. Our parish church could accommodate just over 100 while still observing social distancing.

However, it's very important that we recognise and follow the accommodation figures below and not take offence if you encounter a sign at the door:

"Sincere Apologies. We Have Reached Our Maximum Occupancy."

SAINT JOHN'S: 50

DUNMORE: 32

JOHNSWELL: 34

We know that you will give your full cooperation to our volunteers and ushers.

BEREAVEMENTS

Recently Deceased:

Ted Kenny, Ossory Park.
Pat Barry, Lintown Avenue.
Maura Heffernan, Dean Cavanagh Place.
Paul Reade, Troy's Court.
Susan Hayes, Birmingham.

Anniversaries:

Mary Connick, Elizabeth Hennessy (11.30); Ken & Teresa Foley, Jim & Kathleen Foley; Michael Wall; Ken & Pauline Hogan; Dan & Mary O'Hanlon; Bobby Gibbs; Enda Cantwell; Thomas & Catherine Ryan & the Ryan Family; Ellen Rowe.

Weekly Envelope Collection

Last week's envelope collection: €300.
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.

Donate Electronically

Some people ask: 'How can I support my parish?' Well, these days the use of cash is becoming less and less a reality. Many prefer to 'tap' and use cards and conduct transactions electronically.

Therefore, if you wish to donate to **PARISH FUNDS** you may do so by using;

IBAN: IE57AIBK93342232024285 (BIC: AIBKIE2D)

And if you wish to donate to the **CLERGY FUND** (priests' and bishop's salary:

IBAN: IE86AIBK93342232024442 (BIC: AIBKIE2D)

Please associate your name and address with any contribution.

Also, very soon, visitors to our Parish Website will have the opportunity to click on a '**DONATE**' button and choose an account to which to donate.

Mass Intentions for the coming Week

Monday: Ken & Pauline Hogan.

Saturday: Dan & Mary O'Hanlon 10.30 am.
Peggy Lanigan & Michael (Tosh)
O'Connor. 6.00 pm.

Sunday: Mick Butler 10.00 a.m.
Paddy Walsh & Mary Walsh 11.30am
Sr Máiréad Murphy 7.00 pm.

Daily Mass

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

Weekdays: 8.00 & 10.30 am.

Sundays: 6.00 pm Vigil; 8.00 & 11.30 am and 7.00 pm

Volunteers / Helpers Please Note

Firstly, we wish to recognise and be grateful for the generosity of so many in our three church areas. It's both inspiring and reassuring.

Some more of you might still be willing to come forward, if so, just contact any of the priests or drop your name into the Presbytery.

Volunteer Training & Practice will take place on the following evenings:

Monday	7.00 p.m.	St John's Church.
Tuesday	7.00 p.m.	Johnswell Church.
Wednesday	7.00 p.m.	Dunmore Church.

The more volunteer, the easier it will be on everyone

Face Screens or Face Masks will be supplied by the parish to all Eucharistic Ministers and Volunteers for the protection of all.

When The Weather Get's Nice Again

Whenever the weather picks up again we'll have a supply of chairs for the able-bodied to use outdoors whilst observing social distancing.

If the church is 'full' ask the steward for a chair. We are blessed to have outdoor loudspeakers on all our churches and the Government guideline in this area is: ***Outdoor gatherings of up to 200 people are permitted when conducted in line with public health advice.***