

## Places Of Worship Guidance

Last evening (Friday) at 7.11 p.m. we were notified new guidance developments for religious services had taken place.

***The Cabinet Committee has decided that where the size of the premises allows for a capacity of greater than 50, this may be permitted only where:***

***Social distancing is adhered to;***

- ***The premises can be subdivided into sections of not more than 50;***
- ***There is a minimum of 4m between sections;***
- ***Each section having its own entrance/exit.;***
- ***No movement of people between sections before, during, or after mass;***
- ***The premises is well-ventilated.***

***Account must also be taken regarding the risk of congregation by people outside before and after any service, having regard to outdoor over-all limits on mass gatherings, and arrangements made for staggered exiting after ceremonies.***

***The use of face coverings is strongly recommended for such indoor gatherings.***

We have carefully examined the various permutations and combinations involved for St John's to see if we could increase our numbers above 50, but failed. In each option examined we were unable to fulfil all of the regulations.

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

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### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:

**Fergal Brennan; Mary Brennan; Alan Burke; Margaret Cleere; Fr Brian Griffin;  
Siobhán McKiernan; Fr Lorcan Moran; Iris O'Flynn; Karena Phelan; Fr Frank Purcell.**

### 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:

Mary Weadick; Máirín Bergin; 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: 6.00 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.**

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 5th July 2020

## WELCOME BACK TO MASS IN OUR CHURCHES

After sixteen Sundays without open public mass in our churches we are delighted to be back once again to masses with congregations. Although useful and valuable from a Radio and Webcam point of view, there is nothing as strange and dispiriting as celebrating Mass in an empty church.

So, welcome back. It's great to meet and greet and pray together again whilst following the law and maintaining social distancing.

Despite the pain and sacrifice that you yourselves had to endure, it is only right and fitting to thank you all who continued to support your parish, your priests and bishop during the 'lockdown.' It's a great reflection of esteem in which you hold us all and, for that, we are very grateful. The new 'norms' regarding numbers, signage, etc. are still very uncomfortable for us to cope with, but they are given to us by the experts who are best placed to adjudicate what best and safest for our community and country. It behoves us all to abide by them as best as possible.

- **On entering our churches please use the sanitisers by pressing the foot-pedal while having your hands under the nozzle.**
- **Follow the signage on the floors and seats. Maintain distances.**
- **And, whilst tempting, please, don't congregate in the porches for a chat after masses.**

## BEREAVEMENTS

### Recently Deceased:

Rita Dowling, The Fairways.  
Marjorie McGrath, Meadow Way.  
Brendan Mellon, Dun Laoghaire

### Month's Mind:

Patsy Fitzgerald

### Anniversaries:

Peggy Lanigan & Tosh O'Connor (6.00pm); Mick Butler (10.00am); Mary & Paddy Walsh (11.30); Sr Máiréad Murphy (7.00pm); Gertie Fitzgerald; Brigid Marrinan; Renee Murphy; Mary Carey; Christopher & Julia Bergin; Edward & Colleen Dionne; Seamus & Margaret Bergin; Nicky, Bridget & Jimmy Kavanagh; Tom McDonald;

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6.00pm Mary Lynch  
8.00am Ann Marie Hogan  
11.30am Seamus Brennan & Deirdre Dowling  
7.00pm Eileen Kinane  
Johnswell Seán Colgan  
Dunmore Fiona McGeary & Nora Guilfoyle

**Eucharistic Ministers - Next Weekend: Panel 1**  
**11.30am Mass - Next Weekend: Panel 3**

### Weekly Envelope Collection

Last week's envelope collection: €2,230.

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

## Collections

The collections are now taken up at the church doors.

The '**Offertory Collection**' is taken in the supervised bucket as you enter the church and the '**Second Collection**' is taken as you exit after mass.

## Mass Intentions for the coming Week

**Saturday:** Larry Nolan (6.00pm).

**Sunday:** Martin Manning (10.00am).  
Paddy Bergin (11.30am)  
Mary Nolan (7.00 pm.)

## Daily Mass

Please join us each morning on our **Webcam Service**, [stjohnskilkenny.com](http://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

Many thanks to all the volunteers who turned up for training in our churches during the week. It is much appreciated.

We are all on a sometimes difficult learning curve, so please be patient and cooperate with our volunteers as best you can.

Remember, we have a supply of chairs for use outdoors whilst observing social distancing. If the church is 'full' ask the steward for a chair.

We also have outdoor loudspeakers on all our churches if you happen to be unable to gain entry.

## 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..