

## First Confessions, First Communions and Confirmations

Ongoing discussions are taking place regarding these three sacraments that were postponed in the last few months. The results will depend on National Public Health Emergency Team's (NPHE) advice to the Government regarding the size of indoor gatherings and any social distancing changes.

Once we have any definite information and knowledge we will be in touch immediately with all concerned by Text, phone, etc.

### GO TO CHURCH WILLIAM!

*One sunny Sunday morning, William's mother came into her son's room and said, "William, it's Sunday. Time to get up! Time to get up and go to Mass! Get up!"*

*From under the covers comes out a mumble, "I don't want to go!"*

*"What do you mean you don't want to go?" she said. "That's silly!"*

*Now get up and get dressed and go to Mass!"*

*"No!" he shot back. "I'll give you two reasons why I don't want to go.*

*I don't like them and they don't like me!"*

*"Nonsense," the mother said. "I'll give YOU two reasons you must go.*

*First, you are 45 years old, and second, you are the Parish Priest!"*

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#### SAFEGUARDING:

##### IF YOU HAVE A SAFEGUARDING CONCERN CONTACT

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##### OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES ARE:

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## 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.**

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 12th July 2020

### As We Try To Adapt ...

- Thanks to you all for your cooperation, patience and understand as we all try to adapt to the myriad of changes brought about through the COVID-19 Pandemic. It's a learning curve that we all must cope with for the greater good.
- So, please continue to observe by the signage.
- Apologies in advance if you are unable to gain access to your chosen mass: we are obliged to observe the law.
- Be aware that the dispensation from attending mass still applies.
- You might alternatively like to attend a weekday mass instead.
- 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 recommended social distancing on entering, queuing for and from Holy Communion, and on exiting the church..
- Please, do not congregate in the porches or on the steps for a chat after masses - go well out into the forecourt instead.
- Well done and our thanks to all the volunteers and stewards in our three churches.

## BEREAVEMENTS

### Recently Deceased:

Ignatius Cantwell, Upper Waterbarracks.

### Anniversaries:

Larry Nolan (6.00pm); Michael Ryan (8.00am); Martin Manning (10.00am); Paddy Bergin (11.30am); Mary Nolan & Stephen Kelly (7.00 pm); Chris Phelan; Mary Donovan; P.J. Mealy; Bridget Ward; Bridie Walsh; David Gaffney; Christy, Brigid & Pat Murray; Mary Fry.

### Readers for Next Weekend – Page 105

6.00pm Claire Coogan  
8.00am Martin Blake  
11.30am Tony Dalton & Paula Rogers  
7.00pm Linda O'Leary  
Johnswell Betsy Rice & Teresa Dowling  
Dunmore Pierce Lennon & Liam Maddock

**Eucharistic Ministers - Next Weekend: Panel 2**  
**11.30am Mass - Next Weekend: Panel 4**

### Weekly Envelope Collection

Last week's envelope collection: €2,575.

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

## All Church Collections At Mass

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

**Wednesday:** Mary Donovan (10.30am).

**Thursday:** P.J. Mealy (10.30am).

**Saturday:** Frank Power (6.00pm).

**Sunday:** Kathleen Manning (10.00am)  
Tony McEvoy (11.00am).  
May Tyrrell (11.30).  
Ger Malone (7.00pm)

## 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**

## Sowing the Seed

One of William Barclay's friends tells this story. In the church where he worshiped there was a lonely old man, old Thomas. He had outlived all his friends and hardly anyone knew him. When Thomas died, this friend had the feeling that there would be no one to go to the funeral so he decided to go, so that there might be someone to follow the old man to his last resting-place. There was no one else, and it was a miserable wet day. The funeral reached the cemetery, and at the gate there was a soldier waiting. An officer, but on his raincoat there were no rank badges. He came to the grave side for the ceremony, then when it was over, he stepped forward and before the open grave swept his hand to a salute that might have been given to a king. The friend walked away with this soldier, and as they walked, the wind blew the soldier's raincoat open to reveal the shoulder badges of a brigadier general.

The general said, "You will perhaps be wondering what I am doing here. Years ago Thomas was my Sunday School teacher; I was a wild lad and a sore trial to him. He never knew what he did for me, but I owe everything I am or will be to old Thomas, and today I had to come to salute him at the end." Thomas did not know what he was doing.

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