

Clerical Changes in Ossory

Bishop Dermot Farrell has announced the following clerical appointments for the Diocese of Ossory which are to come into effect on 25 September:

- Very Reverend Frank Purcell, Team Leader Saint John's Parish, Kilkenny City to become PP Inistioge.
- Very Reverend Dan Carroll, PP, Danesfort to become Team Leader Saint John's Parish, Kilkenny City.
- Reverend Mark Condon to become PP Danesfort.
- Very Reverend Raymond Dempsey PP Inistioge to further studies.
- Very Reverend Eamonn O'Gorman PP Ballyragget and Conahy, appointed PP Lisdowney, residing in Ballyragget.
- Very Reverend Pat O'Farrell retires as PP Lisdowney to become CC to the Pastoral Area of Ballyragget, Conahy and Lisdowney
- Very Reverend William Hennessy, PP Castletown appointed PP Camross, residing in Castletown. Camross is grouped within the pastoral area of Borris-in-Ossory, Castletown and Seir Kieran.
- Very Reverend Liam Taylor PP Ballycallan appointed Administrator Tullaroan in succession to Monsignor Kieron Kennedy. Tullaroan is grouped in the pastoral area with the parishes of Freshford and Ballycallan.
- Very Rev. Dean Seamus McEvoy retires as Administer of Seir Kieran.

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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

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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.

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 19th July 2020

Confirmations To Take Place August 29th

Our parish Confirmations will take place on Saturday, 29th August providing there will be no reintroduction of restrictions on indoor gatherings.

- Because of 'social distancing' they will take place in two sessions:
First session at 11.00 a.m. – Miss Bolger & Model School.
Second session at 3.00 p.m. – Mr Kearns & Johnswell School.
- If indoor gatherings increase to 100 persons on Aug. 10th, the two sessions will take place in St John's Church.
- If indoor gatherings remain at 50 persons, then the two sessions will take place in St Mary's Cathedral.
- Each Candidate may only have their two parents/guardians with them.
- One parent/guardian will act as sponsor for the real 'per proxy' sponsor. The 'per proxy' sponsor will be the one named on the Register.
- Candidates may wear their normal clothes – 'Albs' will not be used.
- There will be no group photographs before or after Confirmations.
- There will be a Ceremony of Light and a rehearsal for the Confirmation Ceremony at a time to be announced beforehand.

In the meantime let us pray that the Holy Spirit will bestow his Gifts on us that we will safely get through this COVID-19 pandemic.

BEREAVEMENTS

Recently Deceased:

Lizzie Nolan, Maudlin Street.
Bridie Brennan, Fatima Place

Months Mind:

David 'Blondie' Hanlon

Anniversaries:

Frank Power (6.00pm); Brenda Flynn (8.00am); Kathleen Manning (10.00am); Tony McEvoy (11.00am); May Tyrrell (11.30); Ger Malone (7.00pm); Tom Brennan; Sr Gabriel McMahon; Derek Shealy; Eamonn Reidy; Richard & Stephen Cassin.

Readers for Next Weekend – Page 108

6.00pm	Ann Daly
8.00am	Séan Rodgers
11.30am	Deirdre Dowling
7.00pm	Anne Marie Grace
Johnswell	Sarah Manning & Fiona Manning
Dunmore	Eddie Holohan & Liz Holohan

The 'Red Button' is now active

Eventually, the DONATE button is active on our parish website. So, 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..

Weekly Envelope Collection

Last week's envelope collection: €1,635.

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

Mass Intentions for the coming Week

Monday: Sr Gabriel McMahon (10.30am).

Tuesday: David 'Blondie' Hanlon (10.30am).

Saturday: Derek Shealy (10.30am).
Bríd Maher (6.00pm).

Sunday: Seamus Murphy (10.00am).
Michael Geoghegan (11.30am).

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

First Confessions, First Communions

Preparations for 1st Confessions and 1st Holy Communions will be made from the middle of September. You will be informed from the Parish and the School as soon as decisions are made.

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.

More Nonsense!

A new pastor was visiting the homes of his parishioners. At one house it seemed obvious that someone was at home, but no answer came to his repeated knocks at the door.

Therefore, he took out a business card and wrote 'Revelation 3:20' on the back of it and stuck it in the door.

When the collection was being counted the following Sunday, he found that his card had been returned. Added to it was this cryptic message, 'Genesis 3:10.'

Reaching for his Bible to check out the citation, he broke out in gales of laughter. **Revelation 3:20 begins** 'Behold, I stand at the door and knock.' **And Genesis 3:10 reads**, 'I heard your voice in the garden and I was afraid for I was naked.'