

## **‘I Shared My Rice Because She Has Several Starving Children’**

From her personal experience, Mother Teresa relates a story showing how generous the poor are, and how ready to share what little they have with others because they themselves have experienced hunger and poverty.

Learning of a poor Hindu family in Calcutta who had been starving for many days, Mother Teresa visited them and gave a parcel of rice to the mother of the family. She was surprised to see that the woman divided the rice into two equal portions and gave one to her Moslem neighbour.

When Mother Teresa asked her why she had done such a sacrificial deed, the woman replied: “My family can manage with half of what you brought. My neighbour's family is in greater need because they have several children who are starving.”

In the Gospels’ account, the Apostles or the young boy, gave Jesus all they/he had — five small loaves of barley bread and two dried fish, — and Jesus used that tiny amount to feed a multitude.

Thus, either the apostles, or the young boy, became the instrument of a miracle in Jesus’ hands.

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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.**

**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 2nd August 2020**

## **Tax Relief For Donations Scheme**

### **Please Return Your CHY3 Certs**

Those who are eligible for the ‘CHY3’ forms by virtue of having donated €250 or more through the combined ‘Dues’ and the ‘Envelope’ collection, received them in the post in the last week or two.

The CHY3 Certs are **‘enduring’**, i.e. they endure for five years. So, when your five years are up you get a renewal notice and Cert from us.

***If you received one, it is more urgent now than ever that you read, complete and return it to our office as soon as you can.***

***The income from this scheme is very important, indeed essential, in these times of dwindling income.***

***Thank you for generosity and cooperation.***

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***No 8.00am Mass on Bank Holiday Monday***

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### ***Please Note***

***The Parish Newsletter takes a break for August and will return on 6th September.***

***Bereavements, Month’s Minds and Anniversary notices will be read out as usual at all Masses.***

## BEREAVEMENTS

### Recently Deceased:

Mick Cantwell, Beech Park & late of Leggettsrath.

### Month's Mind:

Pat Mulcahy

### Anniversaries:

Eveline Hennessy (10.00am); Deceased Members of Crotty Family(11.00am); Tony Teehan (11.30am); Eileen Roche; David, Jim & Peggy Gaffney; Tommy Ruth; Ann Ahearn; Betty Quelch; Mary Murphy;

### Readers for Next Weekend – Page 117

6.00pm Máirín Bergin  
8.00am Ann Marie Hogan  
11.30am Paula Rogers  
7.00pm Joan Galwey  
Johnswell Betsy Rice & Teresa Dowling  
Dunmore Jim Kavanagh & Claire Hanrick

### Weekly Envelope Collection

Last week's envelope collection: €1,165.

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

### 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..

### Mass Intentions for the coming Week

**Monday:** Pat Mulcahy (10.30am).

**Sunday:** Paddy Tynan (11.00am).  
John Browne (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**

## Christ's Love Stands Up To Trials

There is a funny story about a small-town trial many years ago. Everyone was gathered in the courthouse.

The prosecuting lawyer called his first witness, an elderly woman, to the stand. He approached her and asked, "Mrs. Jones, do you know me?"

She responded, "Why, yes, I do know you, Mr. Williams. I've known you since you were a young boy. And, frankly, you've been a big disappointment. You lie, you cheat on your wife, you manipulate people and talk about them behind their backs. Yes, I know you."

The lawyer was stunned. Not knowing what else to do, he pointed across the room and asked, "Mrs. Jones, do you know the defence lawyer?" She replied, "Why, of course I do. "I've known Mr. Bradley since he was a youngster, too. I used to babysit him. And he, too, has been a real disappointment. He's lazy, bigoted, and has a drinking problem. The man can't build a normal relationship with anyone, and his law practice is shoddy and crooked. Yes, I know him."

At this point, the judge rapped the courtroom to silence and called both counsellors to the bench. In a very quiet voice, he said with menace, "If either of you ask her if she knows me, I'll hold you both in contempt of court and I'll see to it you'll never practice law again!"