

## Day for Life – 4th October 2020

There were 6,666 abortions in the Republic of Ireland in 2019 and over 200,000 in Great Britain. We, the Catholic Church, have a message of hope and a story of love; together, we can promote a culture of life. We grieve the loss of life and we seek to change minds and hearts about the care of pregnant women and the innate dignity of the child in the womb.

How can Catholic parishes and communities be places of welcome, assistance and support? The parish is a 'family of families.' Our pledge 'As Catholics, we promise to foster a culture of welcome and acceptance of new life. We will pray and work for better social & legal protections for pregnant women and the child in the womb. God offers hope and healing and does not withhold his forgiveness from all those who seek it with a sincere heart, even when they are not ready to forgive themselves.

In the Lord we can find peace: 'Hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.' (Romans 5:5) If you are concerned about an unborn child with a life-limiting condition, go to: [www.everylifecounts.ie](http://www.everylifecounts.ie) OR [www.onedaymore.ie](http://www.onedaymore.ie). Access the Day for Life Resources on: [www.councilforlife.ie](http://www.councilforlife.ie)

Day for Life is celebrated yearly by the Catholic Church in Ireland. It is a day dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition.

## Drive in Bingo - Fundraiser for Johnswell Development Fund

Drive in Bingo will take place on Saturday 17th October at 7pm in City Lime Works (\*Entry Via John's Green Car Park). Single Book €10, Double Book €15. Bingo Books can be purchased through - John Joe Cullen, 48 John Street, Edel Holmes, Pockocke Golf Centre, Brennan's Bar, Johnswell, or call 087 0516040.

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**Office:** 056 772 1072; **Secretary:** Áine Butler; **Office Hours:** Mon-Fri 9.30 a.m. - 2.00 p.m.

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

Fr Dan Carroll: 087 907 7769; Fr Brian Griffin: 087 064 4158; Fr Lorcan Moran: 086 855 0521

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:

Fergal Brennan; Mary Brennan; Alan Burke; Fr Dan Carroll; Margaret Cleere; Fr Brian Griffin; Fr Lorcan Moran; Iris O'Flynn; Karena Phelan.

### SAFEGUARDING:

#### IF YOU HAVE A SAFEGUARDING CONCERN CONTACT

The Diocesan Designated Liaison Person, Mr Cathal Cullen, 087 100 0232 - [dlp@ossory.ie](mailto: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.

**Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - 3rd October 2020**

## Our Life Work

I used to think that following Christ meant going to church and obeying rules, and neither sounded like much fun. Luckily, I was wrong.

Here is what a life of faith is really about: being free, being loved, being forgiven, and then giving kindness, goodness and love of Christ to all. That's the calling. What we do here on earth has eternal consequences. The Gospels tell us that one day we will all have to give account for what we've done with our lives.

Watching The Crown on Netflix recently I was amazed to see Queen Elizabeth II being handed a Bible at her coronation inscribed with these words: 'We present you with this book, the most valuable thing that this world affords.' It's a powerful reminder of our responsibility before God to share the love and truth of the Gospels. But we do not do it alone. We are serving an all-powerful God who encourages us at every turn: '*And know that I am with you, until the end of time.*' So, let's never give up. Let's make sharing the love of Christ our life work.

## Peter's Pence Collection

The Annual Peter's Pence Collection will take place next weekend. This collection enables the Holy Father give emergency financial aid to the neediest throughout the world – e.g. those who suffer as a result of war, oppression, and natural disasters.

## First Holy Communions

Congratulations to all the girls and boys who received their First Holy Communion this weekend in St John's and last weekend in Johnswell. We are all encouraged to pray for them and for their families.

It is also important to acknowledge and thank the Parents, Teachers and Volunteers who put so much dedicated work into the preparation of the children for the Sacrament.

## BEREAVEMENTS

### Recently Deceased:

Joe Daly, Golf Links Road.

John Valentine, Dukesmeadows.

### Month's Mind:

Anne McDermott

### Anniversaries:

Michael O'Driscoll (6.00pm); Michael Brophy (10.00am); Eamon Morrissey (11.30am); Statia, Stephen & Bosco Buckley (7.00pm); Andy Doyle; Willie Drennan; Elizabeth James; Declan Ahearn; Mary McDermott; Liam O'Gorman; Anastasia & William Tallent; Joe Hennessy; Bill Dullard;

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6.00pm	Bridget Ahearn
8.00am	Joe Browne
11.30am	Seamus Brennan
7.00pm	Marie Fogarty
Johnswell	Betsy Rice & Teresa Dowling
Dunmore	Christy Murray

### Weekly Envelope Collection

Last week's envelope collection: €945.

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

### St Mary's Restoration Draw Results

1st Prize	2,000	Mary Lawlor	St Mary's
2nd Prize	1,000	Tom Fitzgerald	Castlecomer
3rd Prize	500	Tony O'Farrell	Ferrybank
4th Prize	300	Pat Kinsella	Mooncoin
5th Prize	200	Pat Saunders	Ballyragget
6th Prize	200	Lil Quinn	Lisdowney
7th Prize	200	Mary Veronica Dobbyn	Aghaboe
8 <sup>th</sup> Prize	100	Kay Murphy	St Canice's
9 <sup>th</sup> Prize	100	John William Dowden	Lisdowney
10 <sup>th</sup> Prize	100	S & E Kennedy	St Canice's

### Mass Intentions for the coming Week

**Tuesday :** Andy Doyle (10.30am).

**Wednesday:** Willie Drennan & Declan Ahearn (10.30am)

**Saturday:** Anne & Mary McDermott (10.30am).  
Joe Cleere (6.00pm).

**Sunday:** Frank Dalton (11.00am).  
John Butler (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**

### HSE Guidance for Religious Services **CORONAVIRUS PASTORAL ADVICE**

For the moment, the entire diocese is considered to be at Level 2 of the government's new COVID-19 Resilience and National Recovery Plan. For your information, please see below the norms for Level 2 for religious services. They remain as current advice. Should Kilkenny at some stage pass to Level 3, more stringent norms will apply about which we will inform you.

*"Level 2 - Religious services - Open with protective measures (for example, appropriate social distancing, one-way traffic within the venue, removal of communal prayer items) for up to 50 worshippers. Where the premises allow for a capacity of greater than 50 this may be permitted in separated sub-groupings of no more than 50, with additional protective measures as per guidelines."*

For weekend masses in St John's a new seating plan is in place to accommodate up to 83 people in two separate groupings, 4 meters apart, with no overlap of groupings. Early comers will enter through the main entrance and be seated in the main body of the church until the capacity of 50 is reached. Our second grouping of 30 will then enter through the left-hand side door and be seated on the left side of the Church. Since the aisle is narrow on this side, attendees are asked to remain in their seat for the distribution of holy communion. A minister of the Eucharist will go to them. Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience caused. We know that many have a favourite seat in St John's, which may now be cordoned off. We appreciate your small sacrifice which will allow 33 more people to attend mass indoors. If anyone is uncomfortable attending mass indoors, mass will continue to be broadcast on our outside speakers and a minister of the eucharist will distribute communion outdoors. Alternatively, mass will can be watched and listened to on our webcam and radio. Please note: Up to 50 people can attend a wedding ceremony and reception.