

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH MASS TIMES

The church is open for Masses with restrictions in place.

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES: Mondays and Tuesdays: 8.30am.
Wed, Thurs and Fri. NO MASS

SATURDAY MASS TIMES: 11.00am

SUNDAY MASS TIMES: Vigil 6.30pm (Saturday), 10.00am and 12 Noon

CARMELITE FRIARY MASS TIMES

The church is open for Masses with restrictions in place.

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES: Monday to Friday: 10.00am

SATURDAY MASS TIMES: 10.00am

SUNDAY MASS TIMES: 8.30am and 11.00am

You can participate in Mass through the webcams:

Parish Webcam (log on to www.kinsaleparish.org and click on Live Church Streaming).

Carmelite Friary Webcam (log on to www.carmeliteskinsale.ie or
www.churchservices.tv/kinsalecarmelites)

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Parish Church: Mondays: 9am - 1pm; Tuesdays: 9am - 6pm

ROSARY

Parish Church: Monday to Friday 12 Noon

CONFESSION

Parish Church: Saturdays after 11am Mass

PARISH OFFICE

- ☪ **Hours:** Mon–Fri 9.30am to 12.45pm **Tel:** 021 4773821
- ☪ **Address:** Frenchfield, Lower Catholic Walk, Kinsale, Co. Cork
- ☪ **Email:** parishoffice@kinsale-parish.org **Website:** www.kinsaleparish.org
- ☪ **Webcam for streaming Masses & Services:** Open website & click on Live Church Streaming
- ☪ **Facebook Page:** <https://www.facebook.com/kinsaleparish/>

Fr. Robert writes...

GENEROUS SOWING



In ancient Egyptian tombs, archaeologists have found grains of wheat and corn that are still good after thousands of years. Seeds can wait years for the right conditions to germinate. When the right moment comes, they spring forth in seemingly impossible places, determined to carry out their genetic programming. As gardeners of experience say, “if the soil is good, the plants will almost inevitably look after themselves”. The power is in the seed and it is the surrounding environment of the soil that unlocks its potential.

When Jesus saw the farmer going out to sow the seed, it reminded him of the way God was at work in His ministry. Jesus noticed that the farmer scattered the seed everywhere, almost recklessly, not knowing what kind of soil it would fall on. A lot of the seed was lost; it never germinated; the birds ate it; some fell among thorns and when the plants grew they were choked. Some seed fell on rich soil and produced an extraordinary harvest.

God wants to touch the lives of everyone. There is nothing selective about how God works. Jesus spoke of God allowing His sun to rise on everyone and the rain to fall on the righteous as well as the unrighteous. Jesus tells the parable of the sower to give encouragement to His disciples. Despite the setbacks, opposition and hostility, God is at work and that work will lead to something wonderful. The seed is good and powerful.

A lot depends on how we hear God’s word and how open we are to its possibilities. Our God is a God of mercy and forgiveness. What kind of soil are we as we receive the seed of God’s word? May the Lord pour out His Spirit upon us to be able to hear and heed His life-giving word. May our hearing of God’s word put fresh hope in us all.

VIDEO ABOUT RETURN TO MASS

The diocese of Cork and Ross has prepared a short video which explains some of the changes that churches have made in order to help keep everyone safe as people return to church.

The video is available on:

- The parish website
www.kinsaleparish.org
- Parish Facebook page
www.facebook.com/kinsaleparish/
- and the Cork and Ross website
www.corkandross.org

ANNIVERSARIES

We remember in our prayers:

**Miah and Olive Hurley,
John Joe Hurley,
Anthony Sheehan,
Ben McCarthy,
John O'Connell,
Jim Buckley,
Keith Buckley,
Sonnie O'Connell,
James and Nora Buckley,
Teddy Roche.**

May they rest in peace.

CONFIRMATION 2020

Congratulations to the 84 young people who received the Sacrament of Confirmation during the past week. Fr. Robert Young administered the Sacrament to the young people.



A PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

Lord Jesus, you sent your Apostles on Pentecost Sunday to help them to build God's Kingdom in the world of the first century. You sent your Spirit to me on the day of my Confirmation so that I could help to build God's Kingdom in the world of the twenty first century.

Please, Lord, help me to grow day by day in the gifts of the Spirit.

*Give me Lord, the Spirit of **wisdom** so that I will know what God wants of me.*

*Give me the Spirit of **understanding** so that I will grasp the meaning of your teaching better.*

*Give me the Spirit of **right judgement** so that I will see what I should do at important and difficult moments in my life.*

*Give me the Spirit of **courage** so that I will never be afraid to speak the truth and to do what is right.*

*Give me the Spirit of **knowledge** so that I will know the true meaning of life and see the world as you see it.*

*Give me the Spirit of **reverence** so that I will love and revere God and all God's children as you did.*

*Give me the Spirit of **wonder and awe in God's presence** so that I will always appreciate the majesty and the holiness of God.*

Help me, Lord Jesus to build God's Kingdom of love and peace, truth and justice.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH GUIDELINES FOR ATTENDING MASS

- Safety for everyone is the top priority. We need to be patient, tolerant and respectful of each other.
- Be guided by signage and stewards. Enter through the centre aisle. Exit by the side aisles.
- Families can sit together. Children should remain with parents at all times.
- Sanitise hands on entry and exit.
- Maintain social distance of 2 metres.
- Observe cough and sneeze etiquette.
- Take Mass leaflet home with you after Mass, as people are not encouraged to use leaflets that have already been used.
- For Communion:
 - i. Please come forward slowly, row by row.
 - ii. Receive Communion in the hand only.
 - iii. When you have received Communion, step to one side, left or right, bow and return to your seat.
- Collection will be taken up as people leave Mass, to prevent handling the collection baskets.
- Wear a mask if you feel comfortable doing so.

BALLINSPIITTE GROTTA

Sunday Rosaries every Sunday
between 3pm and 4pm.
Please maintain social distance
of 2 metres.

SUNDAY MISSALS

On sale at the back of the church
or in the parish office. Cost €15

CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP

The Kinsale Parish Children's Liturgy Group has kindly prepared resources and ideas for parents and guardians to help explore next Sunday's Gospel with children. These resources are available on the parish website www.kinsaleparish.org and the parish Facebook page www.facebook.com/kinsaleparish/

COVID-19 SUPPORT LINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.