

St. John the Baptist Church

To prevent the spread of the Corona virus, churches are temporarily closed. The infection is so easily passed on when door handles, seats etc. are touched, so to prevent the spread of the disease, regrettably, our church is closed.

The Lord is always open to us and delights in hearing our prayer, so continue to pray wherever you are.

MASS will be celebrated here behind closed doors:

Mondays and Tuesdays: 8.30am

Saturdays: 11.00am and 6.30pm (Vigil Mass)

Sundays: 10.00am and 12 Noon

ROSARY at 12 Noon Monday to Friday.

You can participate through the parish webcam (log on to www.kinsaleparish.org and click on Live Church Streaming).

Let us continue to remember and pray for one another.
The Lord is Our Shepherd.

BEACON NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE ON PARISH WEBSITE

The Beacon newsletter is available on www.kinsaleparish.org (go to the 'News and Notices Page' tab at the top of the homepage). If you would like to receive a copy of the newsletter by email, please contact the parish office parishoffice@kinsale-parish.org

ANNIVERSARIES

We remember in our prayers:

Marian Sheehan,

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Baby Beth O'Mahony,

Jack Tierney

May they rest in peace.

PARISH OFFICE

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- ⌄ **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...

JESUS SAYS: “PEACE BE WITH YOU”

Watching the news on television and reading the newspapers these days can be very upsetting. There seems to be nothing but bad news. People are suffering all over the world because of the Corona virus pandemic. There are unjust economic systems where the poor are getting poorer; there is greed and destruction of the environment. The list goes on. In our own country, despite much discussion on the problem of homelessness, the situation is not improving.

It can be easy to lose hope and our faith can go through shaky patches. With all the suffering in the world, we sometimes ask: “Where is God in all this?”

This Sunday’s Gospel is the story of Thomas the apostle, the doubter. He is one of the apostles who has also been through the mill. Their friend and teacher, Jesus, the one who gave them all hope, is dead. What he suffered is fresh in their minds. They are fearful that the same might happen to them because of guilt by association. They are lying low. We can identify with Thomas these days. There is anxiety and fear around us. What does the future hold?

Into the fear and despair of the disciples Jesus comes with the simple blessing: “Peace be with you.” He calms their troubled hearts. With Jesus there is hope. May we, the followers of Jesus, spend time with Him. When we do He will give us hope. He will say to us too: “Peace be with you.” Where there is darkness, Jesus calls us to be people of hope.

COVID-19 SUPPORT LINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE

ALONE has launched 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, 8am-8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

BOTTLES OF EASTER WATER

Thanks to all who collected the bottles of Easter Holy Water which were left outside the church on Easter Sunday.
More bottles of Easter Holy Water will be left outside the parish church at 10.00am this Sunday.

THANK YOU

Sincere thanks to all who sent in Easter and Station offerings and to those who have sent messages of support. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

PRAYER RESOURCES

The following prayer resources are available on the parish website www.kinsaleparish.org

1. Prayers to say at home during this pandemic
2. A prayer service to pray at home when you cannot attend Mass
3. A prayer service to pray at home when you cannot attend confession
4. A prayer service to pray at home when you cannot attend a funeral

OBITUARY

Angela Eaton, Assumption Terrace

The death took place, in the excellent care of Kinsale Community Hospital, of **Angela Eaton** on Good Friday 10th April 2020. Angela was a colourful character. When she left school she worked in the Candle Factory and Kyre Factory. She went to Germany to train for Polytron Electronics where she worked as a supervisor. Angela was gifted at sport and made a contribution to Kinsale Camogie. She struggled with her own demons at times and her health declined. Angela was a patient in Kinsale Hospital for a number of years.

The funeral was celebrated by Fr. Stan and the burial was to St. Eltin's cemetery.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Angela's sisters Pat, Rosie, Carmel and Tina; brothers Charlie, Bernard, Michael, Gerard, Timmy, Martin, Patrick and Paul, in-laws, nephews, nieces, relatives, cousins, all the staff and residents of Kinsale Community Hospital and all her friends.

May she rest in peace.

PRAYER FOR A PANDEMIC

May we who are merely inconvenienced remember those whose lives are at stake
May we who have no risk factors remember the most vulnerable
May we who have the luxury of working from home remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making their rent
May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close remember those who have no options
May we who have to cancel our trips remember those who have no place to go
May we who are losing our savings in the tumult of the economic market remember those who have no savings at all
May we who settle in for a quarantine at home remember those who have no home
During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbours and friends.

TRÓCAIRE

Trócaire boxes from schools and homes all over Ireland are usually returned to us in the weeks following Easter. Almost three million people in some of the world's poorest communities are supported by the generosity received through Trócaire boxes each year. This year is different. As we all know, the Coronavirus crisis has closed down much of Irish society. Most of what we considered to be normal day-to-day life has been paused. One impact of this is that people will not be able to return their Trócaire boxes as they usually do. Trócaire want to thank the thousands of people who have been filling their boxes over recent weeks. Please hold onto your Trócaire box and return it at a later date when it is safe and possible to do so. In the meantime, our programmes overseas need your support more than ever. The Coronavirus is now present in all the countries we work in, including some of the poorest countries in the world.

Until it is safe to return your Trócaire box, you can help these efforts:

- 1) You can donate online www.trocaire.org
- 2) You can phone 1850 408 408 to make a donation over the phone
- 3) You can send a cheque donation in the post: Trócaire Head Office, Maynooth, Co. Kildare, W23 NX63

Trócaire are very grateful for your support.