

COFFEE MORNING IN AID OF FRIARY RESTORATION FUND

Friday 1st June from 10am to 12.30pm in the Temperance Hall. All welcome. Donations of baking and raffle prizes would be very much appreciated.

CHURCH CLEANING

Church cleaning will take place on **Mon 21st May** at 6.30pm. Thank you to the people who make such a great effort in cleaning our church.

BISHOP JOHN BUCKLEY ON RIGHT TO LIFE

Following his pastoral letter, Bishop John Buckley asks us to reflect on a number of issues and misinformation people have brought to his attention regarding the right to life. Copies are available at the back of the church and on the parish website <http://kinsale-parish.org/news-and-notices/>

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The parish office will be closed on **Friday 25th May**. It will re-open on **Monday 28th May** at 9.30am.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION PREPARATION MEETING

The Corpus Christi Procession will take place on **Sunday 3rd June** after 12 noon Mass. There will be a meeting on **Tues 22nd May** at 8.15pm in the Upper Sacristy for those who would like to be involved in the procession. All are welcome.

DUNDERROW COMMUNITY ALERT

Committee meeting on **Monday 21st May** at 9pm in Eli Lilly.

K.A.R.A.

Kinsale Active Retired Association Meeting at the Temperance Hall on **Tuesday 22nd May** at 2.30pm for Tea Dance with live music and refreshments. Bring a guest

BUS TO PAPAL MASS

If you would like to travel by bus to the Papal Mass in the Phoenix Park, Dublin on **Sun 26th Aug** please contact the parish office. Cost €21 return. 021 4773821 kinsalecatholicparish@eircom.net

CORPUS CHRISTI 40 HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Following the Corpus Christi Procession on **Sunday 3rd June**, there will be 40 hours Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Benediction on **Monday 4th June** at 7.00pm. Kinsale Parish are privileged to have the 'Holy Family Monstrance' for this adoration, leading up to the World Meeting of Families. The monstrance was designed to promote devotion to Jesus in the Blessed Eucharist, and to pray for our Families and for vocations to the Priesthood. The Monstrance contains all of these elements; Jesus at the centre in the Eucharist. His Mother Mary pointing towards him, and praying for families, the chalice and St John the Evangelist representing our need to pray for vocations. Our aim is for families to gather as a group and give one hour to Jesus during this special time.

BALLINSPIITTE GROTTA

- Rosaries continue each night for the month of May at 9pm.
- Two special vigils will be held from 9pm- midnight on **Sunday 20th May** and **Thursday 24th May**. There will be special prayers to ask Our Lady and the Holy Spirit to guide and lead the Irish people in their vital and life-changing vote on referendum day.

MASS AT TRINITY WELL

Mass at Trinity Well (near Charles Fort) on **Friday 25th May** at 7.30pm (weather permitting).

PRAYER VIGIL FOR LIFE

Prayer vigil for life in Riverstick church from **Saturday 19th May** at 8.00pm to **Sunday 20th May** at 8.00pm. All welcome.

YELLOW BEACON

The Yellow Beacon will be published on Thurs 24th May. Please submit articles by **Mon. 21st May** to the parish office on 021 4773821 or email kinsalebeacon@eircom.net

PARISH ASSEMBLY MEETING

The Parish Assembly met on Monday 14th May and discussed the following:

- World Meeting of Families,
- Ice Cream Sunday,
- Book review of Divine Renovation,
- Ideas for a parish mission in 2019,
- Diocesan Sustainable Energy initiative,
- Links to Age Friendly Kinsale,
- Preparation for Confirmation,
- Exam Mass for students facing exams,
- Graduation Mass in Community School,
- Corpus Christi plans,
- Feedback from rollout of pilot faith discussion program for teenagers in the Youth Cafe,
- Adoration of the Holy Family Monstrance,
- Repeat of the recent successful teas and coffees after Mass.

TEA DANCE

Sunday 20th May at 3pm in Actons Hotel. In aid of the Kinsale Carmelite Lourdes Fund.

ALL IRELAND ROSARY RALLY Knock Shrine on **Saturday 2nd June** at 2pm. Contact Jerry 087 2571881 or Nuala 087 2313762 or visit www.allirelandrosaryrally.com

OBITUARY

The death took place in Cork University Hospital on Saturday 12th May 2018 of **John Hurley**, Sleaveen Park.

John was a native of Kinsale. He was the fourth in a family of seven. He was a great sportsman – football, hurling, road bowling, hunting. He joined the Merchant Navy. Afterwards he worked as a rigger with builders. He loved the outdoors and was a great family man. Sadly he suffered in health for a number of years but kept going despite his difficulties.

The funeral Mass was celebrated by Fr. Robert accompanied by Fr. Stan. The burial was to St. Eltin's cemetery.

We extend our sincere sympathy to John's wife Breda, sons Daniel and Mark, daughter Fiona, brothers Neddy, JJ and Patrick, sisters Josie and Julia, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends.

May he rest in peace.

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ANNIVERSARIES

We remember in our prayers:

Anselm McCarthy,

Sean O'Donovan,

Michael Brett,

Leo McCarthy,

Maurice Murphy,

Marie Lombard,

Ellen and Jimmy Ryan,

Kevin O'Shaugnessy.

May they rest in peace.

THANK YOU FROM THE PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Fr. Charlie Kiely wishes to acknowledge your generosity to the annual collection taken up last weekend and looks forward to meeting many of you over the coming year at our various events in the Diocese.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

The Most Holy Trinity

Deut 4:32-34. 39-40. Ps 32:4-6, 9, 18-20,
R/ v 12. Rm 8:14-17. Mt 28:16-20.

PRIEST ON DUTY

Fr. Robert Young PP

EMERGENCY No.: 086 3339063

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday 26th May

will be a very special day for 25 children from Gaelscoil Cionn tSáile. On that day they will receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. We wish the children and their families a very happy day.



SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Parish Church: Vigil 6.30pm (Sat.)
10.00am & 12 Noon

Carmelite Friary: 8.30am & 11am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Parish Church: 8.30am

Carmelite Friary: 7.30am & 10.00am

SATURDAY MASS TIMES

Parish Church: 11.00am

Carmelite Friary: 10.00am

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Parish Church:

Mondays from 9am to 1pm

Tuesdays from 9am to 8pm

Carmelite Friary:

Wednesdays from 7-8pm

CONFESSIONS

Parish Church: Saturdays after
11.00am and 6.30pm Masses.

Carmelite Friary:

Saturdays 10.30am & 3.30pm

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Pentecost Sunday

20th May 2018

Fr. Robert writes...

HOLY INNOCENTS

The current debate and discussion in our country about the forthcoming referendum on the 8th Amendment to the Constitution is entering its final week. Friday next, 25th May is voting day. It is up to us to decide whether we keep the Constitution as it is, protecting the life of the unborn with Constitutional rights, or change it and allow the government legislate and allow abortion in certain cases.

I look to the Scriptures for guidance. Is there any reference to the unborn in the Bible? There is the Gospel story of when two expectant mothers, who are cousins, meet:

"When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child in her womb leapt for joy and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. Elizabeth exclaimed, 'As soon as your greeting reached my ears the child in my womb leapt for joy'." Lk 1.42.44

The baby in the womb is a real person. I believe no father or mother decides lightly on having an abortion. Sometimes they feel they have no other choice. But in solving one problem are they creating another? We know from those who work in counselling that there is a variety of consequences. The sad reality is that where abortion is legally allowed for specific difficult cases in other countries, the exception can quickly become the norm.

As we come to the end of this debate where both sides have naturally made their case as strongly as possible, inevitably old wounds have been opened and sharp divisions have emerged in the community. It is important for us to remember that God is a God of mercy and compassion. May the Holy Spirit, whose Feast we celebrate this Sunday, give us the wisdom to know what is right and the courage to do it.