

## St. John the Baptist Church and Carmelite Friary

The churches are open for personal prayer only.

### Monday to Friday

**Carmelite Friary:** 10.30am to 5.00pm

**Parish Church:** 9.00am to 5.00pm

### Saturdays

**Carmelite Friary:** 10.30am to 5.00pm    **Parish Church:** 11.30am to 5.30pm

### Sundays

**Carmelite Friary:** 12 noon to 5.00pm    **Parish Church:** 1pm to 5.00pm

### ROSARY

**Parish Church:** Monday to Friday at 12noon.

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**Parish Church:** Mondays: 9am to 1pm;

Tuesdays: 9am to 6pm;

**MASSES** will be celebrated behind closed doors.

You can participate through the webcams:

**Parish Webcam** (log on to [www.kinsaleparish.org](http://www.kinsaleparish.org) and click on Live Church Streaming).

**Carmelite Friary Webcam** (log on to [www.carmeliteskinsale.ie](http://www.carmeliteskinsale.ie) or  
[www.churchservices.tv/kinsalecarmelites](http://www.churchservices.tv/kinsalecarmelites) )

### SUNDAY MASS TIMES

**Parish Church:** Vigil 6.30pm (Saturday), 10.00am and 12 Noon

**Carmelite Friary:** 8.30am and 11.00am

### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

**Parish Church:** Mondays and Tuesdays: 8.30am. Wed, Thurs and Fri. NO MASS

**Carmelite Friary:** Monday to Friday: 10.00am

### SATURDAY MASS TIMES

**Parish Church:** 11.00am

**Carmelite Friary:** 10.00am



*Jane Mellett, Intercom Magazine writes ...*

## FINDING OUR FEET

It can be very hard to live with uncertainty. Back at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, a counsellor was interviewed on radio about how people were coping with the 'lockdown'. People were anxious and fearful, she said. Many were experiencing loneliness, as their normal routines and social life came to an abrupt halt.

Another thing that people really struggled with was the inability to make decisions. They felt trapped and stuck, unable to plan ahead. They couldn't make plans to visit family or go on holidays. They didn't know if their jobs were secure, or if their children would return to school. When things are up in the air, it is hard to find your feet and feel grounded. Many of us are still struggling with these feelings.

This Sunday we enter a new church year, and our first Advent season since the pandemic hit. Many of us are feeling more subdued than normal as we begin our preparations for Christmas. It will be very different from the usual family and social occasion, and we are saddened and worried by this.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus urges his disciples to 'stay awake'. We might feel we have no choice at the moment – the feeling of not knowing what is coming is very familiar. We are on our guard, on edge, waiting for the latest news. Yet already, there are initiatives springing up to support those who are vulnerable or in need this Christmas. In our own families, we are plotting ways to ensure no one is alone or isolated. We are 'awake' to the strange circumstances, and we are finding ways to cope. We pray today for the strength to guide us through the coming weeks, and for the peace and joy of Christ to lift our hearts and carry us onwards.

*'In this time of tribulation and mourning, I hope that you will be able to experience Jesus, who comes to meet you, greets you and says: 'Rejoice.'*

Pope Francis

## PARISH OFFICE

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• **Webcam for streaming Masses & Services:** Open website & click on Live Church Streaming

• **Facebook Page:** <https://www.facebook.com/kinsaleparish/>

### REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

There will be a Remembrance Service for residents of Haven Bay Care Centre who died during the past year on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** at 2.30pm. The service will be live-streamed on the parish website.

### SACRED SPACE PRAYER BOOK 2021

The Sacred Space prayer book for 2021 costs €10 and is available from the back of the church or from the parish office.

### THE ADVENT WREATH AT HOME



The Season of Advent begins this Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. It is a time of preparing for and looking forward to Christmas. It will all be different this year because of the pandemic. Individuals at home, families at home and parish communities will still keep the season as a special time of encounter with Christ. Many people love to decorate their homes with Christmas Wreaths. Advent Wreaths are also part of our tradition, a prominent item in homes and churches. An Advent wreath has four candles (three purple and one pink) set in an evergreen wreath and lit progressively each Sunday as Advent unfolds and we await the coming of the Baby Jesus. The wreath is usually set in the middle of the dining-room table or another prominent place, and a prayer is recited as each candle is lit before a meal each day. Why not make an Advent Wreath this year for your home and/or make the following a daily prayer as you journey through?

#### ***First Week [Purple Candle]***

*All powerful God, Increase our strength of will for doing good that Christ may find an eager welcome at his coming and call us to his side in the kingdom of heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, for ever and ever. Amen*

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL (KINSALE AREA) ANNUAL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The contact number for St. Vincent de Paul, Kinsale Area is 085 2186966. If you would like to donate to SVP (Kinsale area), envelopes are available at the back of the church. Please hand donations in to the parish office.

Alternatively you can donate online [www.svp.ie](http://www.svp.ie)  
Thank you.

### ANNIVERSARIES



*We remember in our prayers:*

**Paddy Bollard,  
Finbarr Connolly,  
Cliona Thuillier (nee Cummins),  
Edward Hunt,  
Sheila Corcoran,  
Michael Hurley,  
James Murphy,  
Frank Kiernan,  
Tess Daly,  
Matt Murphy,  
Babs Collins,  
Michael Corcoran,  
Michael Whelton,  
Michael Carbery,  
Sandra Caulfield.**

*May they rest in peace.*

### SERVICE FOR THE BEREAVED



This Service will be live-streamed from the Parish Church on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm.**

The Service will consist of readings, hymns and prayers. The night will be for all who have known the pain of grief and loss. Those bereaved over the past twelve months will get a special invitation but the night is not just for those alone. It is equally for those who still struggle with a past bereavement. Indeed often it is those bereaved for some time who derive most benefit from such nights.

### OBITUARY

**Joan Lucey,**

#### **Scilly and Monastery Gardens**

The death took place in Haven Bay Care Centre of **Joan Lucey** on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020. Joan was a native of Scilly, she was fourth in a family of five. After finishing school she worked in Acton's Newsagency. She married Dan Lucey, who was a native of Carriganima and worked in Acton's Hardware. Joan was widowed in 1990. She was very involved in many community activities: Choirs, Drama, Panto, Kinsale Opera. Joan helped out making tea and coffee at fundraising events in the Temperance Hall.

The funeral Mass was celebrated by Fr. Robert. The burial was to St. Eltin's. We extend our deepest sympathy to Joan's family Sheila, Stephen and Gina, son-in-law Gerry, daughter-in-law Minnie, grandchildren Kate, Joanna and Alice, sister Kitty, in-laws, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends.

*May she rest in peace.*

### 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 (Corona virus). The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024. **To volunteer your help, visit [www.alone.ie](http://www.alone.ie)**