

30<sup>th</sup> March 2020

## 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 12.00 Noon

Rosary will be recited each day, Monday to Friday, at 12.00 Noon.

You can participate through the parish webcam (log on to [www.kinsaleparish.org](http://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](http://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](mailto:parishoffice@kinsale-parish.org)

### ANNIVERSARIES

*We remember in our prayers:*

**Deo Quirke,  
Marian Sheehan,  
Mary Hayes O'Brien,  
Tim O'Brien,  
Luke Owens.**

*May they rest in peace.*

*Fr. Robert writes...*

## HOLY WEEK 2020

**5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> April**

Holy Week is our Church's most solemn week. This year our celebration of Holy Week will be like no other in our history because of the closed Churches everywhere. We will still celebrate Holy Week. I invite you to seize the moment. God is leading us to a deeper understanding and knowledge of our faith. This year, Holy Week will be celebrated in each of our homes and connecting with our Church through social media. Bishop Fintan invites us all to join him in the Cathedral of St. Mary and St. Anne, Cork for the Easter Triduum through the Cathedral website [www.corkcathedral.ie](http://www.corkcathedral.ie)

In Kinsale, we will have Mass on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, and Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at 12 Noon.

### **Palm Sunday (5<sup>th</sup> April)**

- Please have some palm in your sacred place at home and join the Mass from the Parish church through the webcam on Saturday at 6.30pm, Sunday 10.00am or 12 Noon ([www.kinsaleparish.org](http://www.kinsaleparish.org) click on Live Church Streaming)

### **Holy Thursday (9<sup>th</sup> April)**

- Mass of the Lord's Supper, Cathedral of St. Mary and St. Anne at 7.00pm ([www.corkcathedral.ie](http://www.corkcathedral.ie))

### **Good Friday (10<sup>th</sup> April)**

- Stations of the Cross from the Parish church at 12 Noon ([www.kinsaleparish.org](http://www.kinsaleparish.org) click on Live Church Streaming)
- Celebration of the Lord's Passion, Cathedral of St. Mary and St. Anne at 3.00pm ([www.corkcathedral.ie](http://www.corkcathedral.ie))

### **Holy Saturday (11<sup>th</sup> April)**

- Easter Vigil Mass, Cathedral of St. Mary and St. Anne at 9.00pm ([www.corkcathedral.ie](http://www.corkcathedral.ie))

### **Easter Sunday (12<sup>th</sup> April)**

- Mass from the Parish church through the webcam on at 10.00am and 12 Noon ([www.kinsaleparish.org](http://www.kinsaleparish.org) click on Live Church Streaming)

*'Blessed are those who believe, though they do not see'*

## PARISH OFFICE

- ☞ **Hours:** CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE **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/>

## PRAYER RESOURCES

The following prayer resources are available on [www.corkandross.org](http://www.corkandross.org) and [www.kinsaleparish.org](http://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 a funeral
- Further prayer resources will be available over the coming days and weeks.

## RADIO MARIA

Mass is broadcast daily at 10.00am and on Sunday at 10.00am and 11.00am. Listen on **Saorview ch210**, or on the "Radio Maria Ireland" App, or on Internet <https://www.radiomaria.ie> / and on Facebook "Listen Live Radio"

## 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.

## PRAYER TO ST. ROCH/ROCCO

### Patron Saint of those Suffering from Infectious Diseases

*St. Roch - Through your intercession, may we be protected from contagious diseases and from the contagion of sin. May we have healthy air but, above all, purity of heart. Assist us to make good use of our health; to bear suffering with patience and after your own example to live in the practice of penance and charity, that we may one day enjoy the happiness which you have merited by your virtuous life. Amen.*

*Christine Valters Painter, Abbey of the Arts*

## PRAISE SONG FOR THE PANDEMIC

*Praise be the nurses and doctors, every medical staff bent over flesh to offer care, for lives saved and lives lost, for showing up either way,  
Praise for the farmers, tilling soil, planting seeds so food can grow, an act of hope if ever there was,  
Praise be the janitors and garbage collectors, the grocery store assistants, and the truck drivers  
barrelling through long quiet nights,  
Give thanks for bus drivers, delivery persons, postal workers, and all those keeping an eye on  
water, gas, and electricity,  
Blessings on our leaders, making hard choices for the common good, offering words of assurance,  
Celebrate the scientists, working away to understand the thing that plagues us, to find an  
antidote, all the medicine makers, praise be the journalists keeping us informed,  
Praise be the teachers, finding new ways to educate children from afar, and blessings on  
parents holding it together for them,  
Blessed are the elderly and those with weakened immune systems, all those who worry for their  
health, praise for those who stay at home to protect them,  
Blessed are the domestic violence victims, on lock down with abusers, the homeless and refugees,  
Praise for the poets and artists, the singers and storytellers, all those who nourish with words  
and sound and colour,  
Blessed are the ministers and therapists of every kind, bringing words of comfort,  
Blessed are the ones whose jobs are lost, who have no savings, who feel fear of the unknown  
gnawing,  
Blessed are those in grief, especially who mourn alone, blessed are those who have passed into  
the Great Night,  
Praise for police and firefighters, paramedics, and all who work to keep us safe, praise for all  
the workers and caregivers of every kind,  
Praise for the sound of notifications, messages from friends reaching across the distance, give  
thanks for laughter and kindness,  
Praise be our four-footed companions, with no forethought or anxiety, responding only in love,  
Praise for the seas and rivers, forests and stones who teach us to endure,  
Give thanks for our ancestors, for the wars and plagues they endured and survived, their  
resilience is in our bones, our blood,  
Blessed is the water that flows over our hands and the soap that helps keep them clean, each  
time a baptism,  
Praise every moment of stillness and silence, so new voices can be heard, praise the chance at  
slowness,  
Praise be the birds who continue to sing the sky awake each day, praise for the primrose poking  
yellow petals from dark earth, blessed is the air clearing overhead so one day we can breathe  
deeply again,  
And when this has passed may we say that love spread more quickly than any virus ever could,  
may we say this was not just an ending but also a place to begin.*