

## Swine Flu Pandemic

At the October General Meeting of the Irish Episcopal Conference, the Bishops discussed the HSE Guidance for Churches on Pandemic (HIN!) 2009 (Swine Flu). Bishop Freeman has sent out the guidelines and the Parish Pastoral Council discussed the implementation of them at the recent Parish Pastoral Council Meeting.

If members of the congregation, priests or Ministers of the Eucharist feel ill and display influenza-like symptoms they should stay at home and not attend Mass/Church for at least seven days.

The practice of the Sign of Peace during mass will be suspended.

In light of the advice by The Episcopal Conference which notes that, in this present stage of HINI influenza spread, the HSE advises that receiving Holy Communion on the tongue should be discouraged, we would encourage parishioners to receive communion reverently in the hand.

The practice of receiving from the Chalice will also be suspended at all masses. Coeliacs will be invited to receive from a separate chalice..

Bins will be provided for the disposal of tissues at church. Tissues and hand-washing gel will be available in our churches.

Please use the gel provided on entering the church.

Information Notices will be placed in each of the churches and in Church Public Buildings.

These temporary arrangements shall be revised in light of further guidance from the Public Health Authorities.

## ST JOHN'S PARISH – KILKENNY



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## **Twenty Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time 11th October 2009**

### **Silver Jubilee Mass**

The Parish Pastoral Council invite you to the 6.30pm Mass on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> which will be the celebratory mass for the Silver Jubilee of Fr Scriven. All are welcome to this mass and to the parish reception afterwards in St John's Day Centre afterwards.

### **Choir Practice**

Practice for musicians at 7.30p.m. on Tuesday night and choir members at 8.00p.m. All are welcome to be part of the choir or musical group.

### **Parish Pastoral Council**

The Parish Pastoral Council met on Thursday night. A review of the guidelines issued by the Bishops' Conference in light of the HSE Guidance for Churches on Pandemic (HIN!) 2009 (Swine Flu). See Backpage for decisions. Final Plans were put in place for the celebration of Fr Scriven's Silver Jubilee Mass. The final edition of the booklet for Couples Getting Married in St John's was also presented.

## Deaths – Month’s Minds – Anniversaries

**Recently Decd:** Betty McCann (nee Clooney) Kilbarrack Dublin, formerly 59 Maudlin St. Funeral Prayers at 6.15p.m. on Monday in Johnston’s funeral home followed by removal to St. John’s. Funeral Mass on Tuesday at 10.30a.m. followed by interment in St. Kieran’s.

Jack Power Castleinch. Funeral Mass in St Mary’s Cathedral at 1.00pm Sunday. Burial in Foulkstown Cemetery.

**Month’s Minds** Natasha Keating (Sat. 6.30p.m.)  
Michelle Reynolds (Sun. 10.30a.m.)

**Anniversaries:** Marion Campion (Sun. 8.00a.m.); O.N.E. Annual Mass (Sun. 12 Noon); Catherine & Richard Shortall (Sun. 7.30p.m.); William Carthy; Michael Corr; Mary Delaney; Derek Dooley; John Dowling; Dullard Family; Catherine Kavanagh; John Kelly; Billy Maher; James & Cotterire Manogue; Michael & Mary Kate Morris; David & Simon Morris; Jane & William Renehan; Elizabeth Rooney; Patrick Tynan.

## Eucharistic Ministers For Next Weekend – Panel 2 Readers for Next Weekend – 80

8.00 a.m. Mass	
10.30 a.m.	Paula Rodgers/Seamus Mahony
12.00 Noon	Anne Marie Walsh/Carol McEnergy
7.30 p.m.	Marie Fogarty
Johnswell 10.00 a.m.	Paul McKiernan
Dunmore 11.00 a.m.	Jim Kavanagh/Colette Brennan

## Loreto Secondary School

Past pupils of Loreto Secondary School, Kilkenny are invited to attend a special mass to celebrate 400 years of Loreto Education in the May Ward tradition. This mass will be celebrated by Bishop Seamus Freeman in St. Mary’s Cathedral on this Sunday at 3pm.

## Youth 2000 Retreat, St. Kieran’s College

Youth 2000 will be hosting a youth retreat in St. Kieran’s College, from Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October. All young people aged 16-35 are very welcome to this donation only even, with newcomers very welcome. Under 18s must have parental consent – forms available from website below. The weekend will consist of a programme covering Youth Masses, talks, music, workshops, games, etc.. Residential – so please bring a sleeping bag! For more information contact James Mahon on 085-735 1210. Check out [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie).

## Legion of Mary

The Rosary will be recited at the Grotto on the Callan Road each Sunday during October at 3p.m. All are welcome.

## Divine Mercy

An hour of prayer in honour of Divine Mercy will be held in the **Friary Church** this Sunday from 3p.m. to 4p.m. Please note change of venue.

## Kilkenny Social Services

The Annual Church Gate Collection for Ossory Social Services will take place this weekend. Your support is needed again to help us to continue to provide a wide range of services to the people of Kilkenny and Diocese of Ossory. During 2008 we supported disadvantaged families, elderly, lone adults without dependants and tried to enhance their coping capabilities. We endeavoured to work closely with all Community Care Services. The Counselling & Support Services worked with pupils at second level, their parents and teachers and is now at full capacity. We support community based groups with both day and night time access to our various facilities which remain fully booked out. Your generosity is much appreciated.

## O’Loughlin Gaels Lotto Results

Numbers: 6; 8; 12; 15; Bonus No: 1. No Jackpot winner. 10 x Piltown Draw Tickets or €40. Next Weeks Prize Fund €14,400.00