

Newpark Close Family Resource Centre Pharmacy and Beauty Retail Skills QQI Level 4

This FREE course is designed for anyone:

- ◆ considering a career in Beauty
- ◆ interested in working in retail especially in a Pharmacy
- ◆ or needs a science subject at leaving cert level.

This course offers QQI Level 4 modules, Irish Pharmacy Union-Over the Counter Product Knowledge and Introduction to Beauty. Registration is opened, places are limited. To apply or for further information contact Mary Donnelly on 056 7723309 or email newparkitl@gmail.com. Part Time course – runs September 2020 to June 2021, 5 mornings a week.

Total Commitment

Have you heard the story of the hen and the pig traveling along the road and seeing the sign in the café window: Bacon and Eggs for Breakfast. The hen said: “Doesn’t that make you feel proud?” “It’s alright for you,” answered the pig, “for you it’s a small donation, for me, it is total commitment.”

Total commitment is what Jesus calls for. In life, we ask more, not less, of people. More, not less, is the norm. More is the name of the game. More is what the manager demands of his players in the locker room before the game. Players giving less, not more, end up sitting on the bench or playing in a lower division. You can be an ordinary athlete by getting away with less than your best. But if you want to be great, you have to give it your everything. Being a champion is not easy. Being a Catholic is not easy, but nothing worthwhile is ever easy.

The totally committed Christian knows failure and sin, many times, every day, but these setbacks do not deter or cause him or her to give up.

When the explorer, David Livingstone, was asked where he was prepared to go, he answered: “I am prepared to go anywhere, so long as it is forward.” In the same way, the idea of turning back never occurs to the genuine follower of Jesus.

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:

**Fergal Brennan; Mary Brennan; Alan Burke; Margaret Cleere; Fr Brian Griffin;
Fr Lorcan Moran; Iris O’Flynn; Karena Phelan; Fr Frank Purcell.**

SAFEGUARDING:

IF YOU HAVE A SAFEGUARDING CONCERN CONTACT

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OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES ARE:

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PARISH OF SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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MASS TIMES

St John’s – Sundays & Holy Days: Vigil: 6.00 p.m.; Sun: 8.00 a.m., 11.30 & 7.00 p.m.

Polish Mass: 2nd Sun. monthly, 2.00 p.m.; **Weekdays:** 8.00 a.m. & 10.30 a.m. (Sat. 10.30 a.m. only)

Johnswell – Sunday 10.00 a.m.

Dunmore – Sunday 11.00 a.m.

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 20th September 2020

‘We Are Workers, Not Master Builders’

As the world struggles with the chaos of the COVID Pandemic, and as our country tries to cope with 32,000 cases of COVID and close to 2,000 deaths, ‘clerical changes’ in the midst of all this tend to pale into insignificance.

However, it would be remiss of me not to say a big ‘Thank You’ and a fond ‘Farewell’ this weekend as I finish 18 years of happy ministry amongst you here in ‘The Premier Parish’ of St John’s (don’t tell them Inistioge I said that)!

It has been a privilege and a pleasure to be let into your family lives and circle to accompany you in inevitable highs and lows that come all our way.

Thank you for your kindness, patience and generosity over the years, and if I ever offended any of you, I unreservedly apologise.

I won’t go into things like achievements, high points, etc., or lack thereof, during my time here. All I hope is that I leave the parish in at least as good a condition as when I found it in 2002.

In our ministry, priests are completely dependent on the Holy Spirit and the support of the people we serve. Thank God I was blessed with of both.

I pray for you all and your continued safety. I thank my current colleagues, as well as all my former colleagues that worked and shared the Presbytery with me over the years. I know that you will welcome and support my successor and good friend, Fr Dan Carroll, who takes up duty next weekend.

As the great Oscar Romero (now Saint) once said of us priests: **“We are workers, not master builders; We plant seeds that one day will grow; We lay foundations that will need further development; It may be incomplete, but the Lord’s grace will enter and do the rest.”** God bless. Fr Frank.

BEREAVEMENTS

Recently Deceased:

Betty Evans, De La Salle Place.
Úna Mahoney, Altamount Park.
Frances McDonagh, Leggetsrath.
Kathleen Butler, Johnswell.
Christy O'Reilly, Freshford.

Anniversaries:

Michael Denieffe (6.00pm); Aine & Tom Dooley (8.00am); James & Margaret Butler (10.00am); Maurice, Anna & Jack Nolan (11.00am); Kathleen Maher (11.30am); Margaret & Patrick Shortt (7.00pm); Sheila Bergin; Frank Coyne; John & Ann Breen; Bernadette Woods; Tommy Dillon; Marie Delaney; Bridget Cahill; The Tynan Family; Syd & Elizabeth Bluett; Nora Connick; Maureen Delaney; John Foley; Michael & Bridget Maher;

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6.00pm	Mary Lynch
8.00am	Jo Browne
11.30am	Bobbie Lahart
7.00pm	Eileen Kinane
Johnswell	Betsy Rice & Teresa Dowling
Dunmore	Fiona McGeary & Nora Guilfoyle

Weekly Envelope Collection

Last week's envelope collection: €1,105.

Thanks to all who contribute weekly, monthly and annually, as well as those who pay by Standing Order. Your support is

St Mary's Restoration Draw

The first draw of the Diocesan Draw 2020/2021 will take place on Wednesday 30th September.

Tickets bought prior to lockdown are still valid for Septembers draw.

Tickets are €10 per month and are available from Jane in the sacristy or Áine in the Parish Office.

Mass Intentions for the coming Week

Tuesday : Sheila Bergin (10.30am).

Friday: Frank Coyne (10.30am).

Saturday: John & Ann Breen (10.30am).
Diarmaid Ryan (6.00pm).

Sunday: Elizabeth Brett (11.30am).
Marie Holohan (7.00pm).

Daily Mass

Please join us each morning on our **Webcam Service**, stjohnskilkenny.com, or through our Parish **Radio Service** (106.8 FM).

Weekdays: 8.00 & 10.30 am.

Sundays: 6.00 pm Vigil; 8.00 & 11.30 am and 7.00 pm

Drive in Bingo - Fundraiser for Johnswell Development Fund

Drive in Bingo will take place on Saturday 17th October at 7pm in City Lime Works (*Entry Via John's Green Car Park).

Single Book €10, Double Book €15.

Bingo Books can be purchased through

- ♦ John Joe Cullen, 48 John Street,
- ♦ Edel Holmes, Poccocke Golf Centre,
- ♦ Brennan's Bar, Johnswell,
- ♦ or call 087 0516040

Johnswell First Holy Communion

The celebration of First Holy Communion will take place next Saturday at 11am in Johnswell.

We encourage you to say the following prayer for all the children and families involved.

Loving Father,
we thank you for the gift of our children,
who bring so much light and love into our lives.
We thank you for this opportunity to think
about how to help them grow in faith.
May we support one another as we journey
toward our children's Holy Communion.
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen