Bus to Knock

On Saturday, 6th December there will be a bus The Ossory Priests' Society is charged with leaving the Butts Green for the First Saturday making suitable financial provision for the care tact 086 846 9011 for further information.

First Saturday Conference in Knock

To mark the 100th anniversary of the First Saturday Apparition in Pontevedra, Spain, there will be a special conference in Knock on Saturday, 6th December. The day begins with adoration and confessions at 10.00am in the Reconciliation Chapel.

There will be three talks from Bishop John Keenan, Antonia Moffat, and Fr Philip Kemmy in St John's Centre. There will also be the Rosary Our next club meetings is at 8.00pm on Tuesled by the Children's Rosary Group, a medita- day, 2nd December at the Club House Hotel on tion led by Fr. Marius O'Reilly and time for Patrick Street. Develop your public speaking, lunch. At Fatima, Our Lady promised that there presentation and leadership skills in a safe, supwould be peace in the world and that many portive place. For more information please visit souls would be saved through this devo- our website at tion. For more details visit firstsaturdays.ie.

St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund

This month's draw will take place on next Wednesday, 26th November. Tickets are availa- The Pope's Monthly Intention for November ocesan Cathedral.

Collection for the Ossory Priests' Society

Conference in Knock, Co. Mayo. Please con- of the priests in the Diocese of Ossory in sickness and old age. The annual collection for this good cause takes place on next weekend, the Feast of Christ the King, 22nd/23rd November. A contribution to the Ossory Priests' Society collection is an opportunity to show appreciation for the many years of service our sick and retired priests have given to God and to His people throughout the Diocese of Ossory. Your

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ble from the St. John's Parish Office, or any of For the prevention of suicide: Let us pray that the priests of St. John's Parish. We encourage those struggling with suicidal thoughts might your support for St. Mary's Cathedral, our Di-find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

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Email: stjohns@ossory.ie Website: www.stjohnskilkenny.com

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Mary Brennan; Jo Browne; Alan Burke; Fr Dan Carroll; Claire Coogan; Fr. Paul Kasu; Luke Leydon; Paddy Manning; Iris O'Flynn; Fr Tom O'Toole; Karena Phelan.

IF YOU HAVE A SAFEGUARDING CONCERN CONTACT

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St John's – Saturday: 6.00pm (Vigil); **Sunday**: 8.00am, 11.30am & 7.00pm.

Holy Days: 6.00pm (Vigil); 8.00am, 10.30am & 7.00pm.

Weekdays: 8.00am, 10.30am. (Sat. 10.30am only). Adoration: Wednesdays at 11.00am.

Johnswell - Sunday 10.00am

Dunmore - Sunday 11.00am

St. John's Parish, St. Mary's Parish, St. Patrick's Parish, St. Canice's Parish together form the Kilkenny City Pastoral Area

Christ, King of the Universe - 23rd November 2025

Pope goes to Nicaea

The Creed, said at Mass every Sunday, is 1700 years old this year. It was written at the Council of Nicaea in 325AD. Pope Leo will visit Nicaea during an Apostolic visit to Turkey and Lebanon to celebrate the 1,700th anniversary. He will meet civic leaders and bishops, priests, deacons, consecrated men and women and pastoral workers at Istanbul's Cathedral of the Holy Spirit on Friday, 28th November. Later that day he will travel to Nicaea – approximately 100km from Istanbul – and will participate in an ecumenical prayer service on the site where the Council took place and will give an address. On Saturday, 29th November the Pope and the Orthodox Patriarch Bartholomew I will sign a joint declaration.

On 30th November, the Feast of St Andrew, the Pope will travel to Beirut where again he will meet civic and religious leaders, visit local important religious sites, celebrate Mass and visit local hospitals.

"Leo From Chicago" - A new Documentary

A new documentary "Leo from Chicago," with interviews, footage, and images that trace the history and explore the story, the family roots of Robert Francis Prevost, and his vocation to the Augustinians, has been launched showing "the guiding threads of his personality and how he lives out his charisms and roles." The documentary is available on YouTube.

The Vatican News journalist Salvatore Cernuzio who produced the film hopes that it is more than just a film about an ordinary person who answered a calling to serve the Church. Other details, like his love of the Chicago White Sox, his emotions at watching the Blues Brothers, and his affinity for pepperoni pizza, are "details that also show the normality of this person." "He is a normal man, called by God and chosen by the cardinals to lead the universal Church," Cernuzio said.

Readers Rota - St John's Church and Johnswell Church

The readers' rota for the coming year is available for collection in the sacristies in St John's Church and Johnswell Church. Thanks to all who undertake this very important ministry in our parish. Your commitment is appreciated.

Dunmore Cake Sale

Join us for our Annual Christmas Bake Sale on Sunday, 7th December after the 11.00am Mass. Please drop baked goods and raffle prizes into the Community Hall before Mass. Everyone is very welcome to come along for a cuppa and refreshments after the 11.00am Mass.



Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: Kevin Delaney, Shandon Park, Funeral Prayers on Saturday at 6.00pm in Johnston's Funeral Home. Requiem Mass in St. John's Church on Sunday at 11.30am. Interment in Foulkstown Cemetery.

Josephine Browne, Lucan (Mother of Edmund in 6.00pm Choir). Funeral arrangements later. Margaret Geoghegan, Lacken Drive Brendan O'Brien, Fr Murphy Square

Months Mind: May Noonan (6.00pm) Kevin Barry (6.00pm).

Anniversaries: Gay Noonan (6.00pm); Oliver Martin (11.00am); May & Sheila Cleary; Kathleen, Micko & Stephen Slattery; Helen Butler; Stephen, Statia & Bosco Buckley (7.00pm); Hannah Byrne; Deceased members of the Hoban & O'Meara Families; Ned & Bridie Langton; Langton & O'Connor Families; Liam 'Lou' Leydon; Kitty & Jack Hennessy; Deceased members of Hennessy Family; Michael Kearney; Madeline Geoghegan; John Darcy; Patrick J. Crotty; Margaret Guilfoyle; John Kennedy; Fr Ignatus Phelan; William and Ellen Bergin.

Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard, but always near. Still loved, still missed and very dear.

	Readers for Next Weekend	Attendance/Collections Last Weekend		
		Envelope Collection:		€1,055.00
6.00pm	Claire Coogan	Mass	Attendance	Baskets
	Mary Elliott	6.00pm St. John's	103	191.00
	Teresa Dowling	8.00am St. John's	89	291.00
	Jim Kavanagh & Claire Hanrick	10.00am Johnswell	39	125.00
	Mary Hanafin & Mary Lynch	11.00am Dunmore	76	110.00
7.00pm	Linda O'Leary	11.30am St. John's	168	333.00
7.00pm	Ellida O Ecary	7.00pm St. John's	135	306.00
			610	€1, 356.00

John Paul II Awards

Calling young people between 16 and 18 years. Our parish will be involved with this year's John Paul II Awards. Visit: thepopejohnpauliiaward.com for further information.

Thanks to those who have already enrolled. More are needed - come and join our team of young helpers.

The Kilkenny Stroke Support Group

The Kilkenny Stroke Support Group meets on next Friday, 28th November, from 2.15pm to 4.00pm, at the Tuiscint day services meeting rooms, at St Canice's Hospital Complex, Old Dublin Road Kilkenny. Meetings are open to stroke survivors and carers, are social and informative. For further information Lynda 087 781 4697.

South Kilkenny Historical Society Lecture

The Irish Legal System - before and since Independence. Speaker: Thomas Teehan (retired judge). Date: Thursday, 27th November. Time: 8.00pm. Venue: Mullinavat Parish Hall (opposite St. Beacon's Church).

Fiat Women's Discernment Group

A discernment group for young women 18-40 to explore the beauty of the call to consecrated life will hold their next meeting on Saturday, 13^{th} December from 10.00am to 4.00pm, in the Convent of Mercy Retreat Centre, Main Street Charleville, Co. Cork.

The day will consist of Adoration, Mass, Presentation and Discussion. There will be an opportunity to discuss the Consecrated Life and an opportunity for a retreat during the year. Facilitated by Sister Caitriona Kavanagh, O.P. with Guest Speakers. Cost: Donation only.

Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 24th November 2025

Monday: 10.30am May & Sheila Cleary (BM)

Tuesday: 10.30am Hannah Byrne

The Hoban & O'Meara Families

Thursday: 10.30am: Ned & Bridie Langton

The Langton & O'Connor Families
Saturday: 10.30am Liam Lou Leydon

Kitty & Jack Hennessy
The Hennessy Family

6.00pm Damien & Lilly Dowling

Sunday: 11.00am Agnes Power Helen Purcell

The Sullivan Family

11.30am Kathleen & Tom Cody

Ollie Bergin

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

Intentions

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – Thought for the Day

He is not our King if we do not listen to him, love him, serve him, and follow him. We belong to his Kingdom only when we try to walk with him, when we try to live our lives fully in the spirit of the Gospel and when that Gospel spirit penetrates every facet of our living. If Christ is really King of my life, he must be King of every part of my life, and I must let him reign in all parts of my life. By cultivating in our lives, the gentle and humble mind of Christ, we show others that Jesus Christ is in indeed our King and that he is in charge of our lives.

(Fr Antony Kadivil)

Survey on Primary School Choice

Catholic Education Patrons welcomed the recent Department of Education and Youth announcement of a survey on primary school choice. This survey on the future of patronage in the primary sector is important in that it will shape the discussion on primary school divesting for the years to come throughout the Republic of Ireland. It is important that those who wish for a change in patronage would have their voice heard. It is equally important that those who wish for a Catholic Education for their children and for those who would wish for sacramental preparation within school would have their voice heard also. For those reasons and to ensure that an accurate picture emerges, please participate in this survey if you are a parent or a prospective parent of a Primary school student.

According to Marie Griffin, Chairperson of the Catholic Education Partnership, "The choice of school ethos, and how it can fully realise the potential of each child, is of paramount concern to parents. Catholic education is about nurturing the whole child - mind, body, and spirit - in an environment where every child is valued and included." The survey, closes on 16th December and can be accessed at https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-education/campaigns/primary-school-survey/

Online Advent Retreat.

The Priory Institute is delighted to offer a free of charge Advent Retreat featuring a series of online reflections. Given by Fr. John Harris OP with reference to the four Advent Sundays with readings, it consists of a weekly reflection (approximately 15 minutes). Visit our website prioryinstitute.com to register/find out more.

Ministry of Catechist

We are still seeking volunteers to explore the Ministry of Catechist in our parish and diocese. Necessary information is contained in the bishop's Pastoral Letter and on the Diocesan Website (Ossory.ie). Those wishing to explore this ministry should give their names to Gemma Mulligan at: catechist@ossory.ie