

Annual Parish Outing

This year's Parish outing will take place on Wednesday June 27th. Kilkenny to Dungarvan Co Waterford taking in the Waterford Greenway at Kilmacthomas and the Lemybrien section of the Vee. Depart Kilkenny 9.30. Travel to Kilmacthomas. Morning tea/Coffee etc. at Coachyard stop of Waterford Greenway in Kilmacthomas. Weather permitting take a stroll over the Kilmacthomas Viaduct on the Greenway. On to Dungarvan travelling through the Lemybrien section of the Vee. Lunch in Dungarvan with optional tours of Dungarvan Castle and Waterford County Museum, Shopping, and Leisure time. Return to Kilkenny for 6pm approx. Cost per person is €30. Contacts: Kay Gray 0860762336. Eamon Cleere 0879582127. Martin O'Neill 0863944224. and Aine Butler at the Presbytery.

Visit of the Holy Family Icon to the Diocese of Ossory

The **Holy Family Icon** has been journeying through the Dioceses of Ireland for the last number of months in preparation for the World Meeting of Families which takes place in Dublin in August 21st - 26th. The Icon will be present in the Diocese of Ossory from June 11th to 16th and arrives in St Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny at 4pm on Monday June 11th. A Prayer Service for the parishes in the Deanery will take place on Tuesday June 12th at 7.00pm in St Mary's Cathedral to which the people of St John's Parish are invited and welcome. Please take home a leaflet from the Church Porch which has the full itinerary of the Icon throughout the Diocese of Ossory.

Johnswell 10K Challenge

Run, Jog or Walk in the **Annual Johnswell 10k or 5k Family Fun Run on Sunday 10th June at 1.00 pm**. Registration on the day from 11am or pre-register on Saturday between 2-5pm in Johnswell School. Entry Fees 10k €15, 5k €10 & Children €5. Refreshments provided after the race. All proceeds in aid of Johnswell Community.

Irish Wheelchair Association

... will hold its church gate collection on Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th June.

The Irish Kidney Association

The Irish Kidney Association have a Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving on Sunday 10th June at 2pm in The Black Abbey Kilkenny. Families of organ donors, transplant recipients, their carers and the medical profession involved in organ transplantation along with the public, are invited. This Service celebrates the act of generosity of those who gave the 'Gift of Life' to so many.

Add: St John's Presbytery, Dublin Road, Kilkenny. **Email:** stjohns@ossory.ie **Web:** stjohnskilkenny.com

Parish Office: 056 772 1072; **Secretary:** Áine Butler; **Office Hours:** Mon-Fri 9.30 a.m. - 2.00 p.m.
Newsletter Deadline: Thursdays 12.00 noon **SVP Help Line:** 086 895 1239

Fr Frank Purcell: 086 601 0001; Fr Brian Griffin: 087 064 4158; Fr Lorcan Moran: 086 855 0521

PASTORAL COUNCIL

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MASS TIMES

St John's – Sundays & Holy Days: Vigil: 6.30 p.m.; Sunday: 8.00 a.m., 10.30 a.m., 12 noon & 7.30 p.m.
Polish Mass: 2nd Sun. monthly, 2.00 p.m.; **Weekdays:** 8.00 a.m. & 10.30 a.m. (Saturday 10.30 a.m. only)

Johnswell – Sunday 10.00 a.m.

Dunmore – Sunday 11.00 a.m.

Corpus Christi - 3rd June 2018

ANNUAL CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

Bishop Dermot Farrell will lead our Corpus Christi Procession this Sunday at 2.00pm. We gather in Prayer at the Capuchin Friary for the First Station and process via Parnell Street to the Statue of Our Lady in James's Green for the Second Station. We will then continue in Prayer to St Mary's Cathedral for the Final Station for prayer and solemn benediction. Please join us.

IRISH RAIL ATTEMPTS TO SOFTEN BLOW

Despite reports emanating from Social Media and Local Radio stating that Irish Rail had reversed its position that the free parking concession for mass-goers ceases this weekend, we can now inform you that this is far from being the full and accurate story. What we do know with certainty is that Irish Rail has offered a temporary reprieve and a brief extension to the current arrangement.

The only communication the parish has had during the past week was from Mr Barry Kenny, Corporate Communications Manager, Iarnród Éireann. He states: ***"It was decided at local level between our District Manager Emmett Cotter and our Station Manager Kieran Kelly that this concession/promotion would be withdrawn, and this was communicated to you... As it stands, and given the confusion, we will maintain the free parking concession with a view to reviewing it at the end of the Summer. You will understand that due to the financial constraints within which Iarnród Éireann operates, when the review takes place, it is likely that a decision will be taken to enforce the reduced hourly rate of €1.50, which is more suited to mass goers than the 24-hour rate of €4.50 which is generally in place... However, we will make no changes without advising you, and not until the Autumn. I hope this clarifies the situation for you."***

Once again, the parish reminds you that FREE PARKING is available for ALL SUNDAY MASSES (including Saturday Vigil Mass) in JOHN'S GREE and the carpark behind GUINEYS STORE (excluding Guineys walled-in space).

BEREAVEMENTS

Recently Deceased:

Kathleen Hayden, Lord Edward Street & late of Golf Links Road.
James Hindle, Outrath Road.
Elizabeth Dowling, Parliament Street.
Bridget Drennan (nee Walsh) Jacob Street. *Removal from her home Mon. to St John's for Requiem Mass at 10.30 a.m. Interment in St Kieran's Cemetery.*

Month's Minds:

Chrissie Curran (7.30pm).

Anniversaries:

Michael Owens (6.30pm); Thomas Comerford (10.00am); Eugene Jordan (10.30am); Willie, Nan & Noel Meany (12.00 noon); Jim Bourke; Hannah & Patrick Dineen; Matthew Redmond; Jake Brennan; James & Catherine McGuinness; Joseph Maher; William Deegan; Nora Barcoe; Ellen Mooney; Michael O'Carroll;

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8.00am	Margaret Leahy
10.30am	Seamus Brennan & Deirdre Dowling
12.00noon	Mary Lynch
7.30pm	Anne Marie Grace
Johnswell 10.00am	Josie Manning & Fiona Manning
Dunmore 11.00am	Fiona McGeary & Nora Guilfoyle

Eucharistic Ministers for Next Weekend – Panel 2

Weekly Envelope Collection

Last week's envelope collection: €1,230
Thanks to all who contribute weekly, monthly and annually, as well as those who pay by Standing Order.

St Kieran's College Reunion

Last year over 300 past pupils attended our reunion so why not join us again this year?

On Friday 29th June come to our gala banquet to meet up with many familiar faces from your days on the Glasshall and on Saturday 30th June take part in our Golf Challenge at Kilkenny Golf Club.

Bookings available at www.stkieranscollege.ie or 056 7721086. All year's welcome.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday: Matthew Redmond (10.30am).

Saturday: Jake Brennan (10.30am).
Mary O'Driscoll (6.30pm).

Sunday: Patrick Fogarty (10.30am).
Edward Delaney (11.00am).
Loughlin O'Keeffe (12.00 noon).
Joe O'Connor (7.30pm).

PLEASE NOTE

No 8.00am mass on Bank Holiday Monday. 10.30am Mass as usual.

Cake Sale

Medjugorje Youth Group are holding a cake sale this weekend in the Day Centre after the 8.00am, 10.30am & 12 noon Mass.

Johnswell Active Retirement

Meeting in Johnswell Hall next Wednesday 6th June at 8.00pm.

LETTER TO THE SUNDAY INDEPENDENT

**Cormac Bourke, Editor. Sunday Independent, Independent House, 27/32 Talbot St., D 1
1 June 2018**

Dear Editor,

I wish to make a complaint about the highly offensive cartoon published prominently on the back page of the Sunday Independent edition of 27 May. This cartoon included the caption in block lettering 'THE ROSARECTOMY' and depicted a caricature of a medical surgeon announcing '... MISSION ACCOMPLISHED ... OBSTRUCTION REMOVED ...' holding aloft a set of Rosary Beads over a female patient lying in a hospital operating theatre with the words 'MNA na hEireann 25.5.18' on her cover sheet.

As you are aware the Press Council of Ireland's Code of Practice, in Principle 8, advises that "the press shall not publish material intended or likely to cause grave offence or stir up hatred against an individual or group" identifying a number headings including the category of "religion."

Your cartoon is offensive to Catholics and makes a mockery of the Rosary prayer which honours the Blessed Virgin Mary and celebrates the mysteries of the life and death of Jesus Christ. Many Catholics have a particular devotion to the Rosary which is deeply revered as the centrepiece of the traditional prayer in the home and at family funerals.

For a mainstream media outlet, such as yours, to refer to the Rosary in such a contemptuous fashion is more serious than just being a one-off insult. It has consequences. People of faith suffer. It contributes to a groupthink attitude which has a polarising effect on our society. Your publication adds to this environment as it exemplifies an anti-faith editorial bias.

I ask that you publish an apology in your next edition.

Yours sincerely,

Martin Long. Director Catholic Communications Office, Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference, Columba Centre, Maynooth, Co Kildare.