

Knock Shrine to Host Special Online Faith Discussions During Lent

This year Knock Shrine will host a new series of online discussions to help engage Christians during Lent. We will discuss topics like What nurtures our faith and what challenges it today? Where do we find hope and joy in our lives? How can our faith build mental strength, wellbeing and resilience? How has the Covid pandemic impacted upon our faith?

The discussions will be streamed online offering people the opportunity to engage in relevant topics and to hear from a range of people such as Baroness Nuala O'Loan and Senator Ronan Mullen to groups of young teachers and members of the clergy.

Thursday 25 February 'Living Christian Faith as Young Adults'. The talks will be streamed at 8.30pm every Thursday during Lent. Join us at www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live

Your Support is Key - New Distributors Required

Will you help with the distribution of Offering envelopes to homes in our Parish?

We are looking for your help to distribute envelopes four times a year; Lent, October, November and December, in the following areas: Johnswell Upper, Ashfield East, Lintown, John's Street, Glendine Road, O'Loughlin Court, Weir View, Weir Crescent, Weir Hill, Ballyragget Road, Kirwin's Inch.

Our call for help is due to the retirement of several distributors who have served us faithfully for many years. We wish to thank them sincerely for their dedication and selfless service to our parish. We pray that they will be rewarded for their efforts and kindness.

Please call the parish office 056 772 1072 if you would like to volunteer.

Lenten Offering Envelopes are now available from the Presbytery for distribution.

The "**Lenten Offering Collection**" goes towards the salaries of the priests of the parish as well as our contribution towards the bishop's salary.

The "**Weekly/Yearly/Standing Order**" contributions go in their entirety to capital expenditure and maintenance of the three parish churches and buildings, as well as all the running costs of the parish.

We are very conscious of the sacrifices that you make as you support these collections, and once again we take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to all who do so.

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

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 Dan Carroll: 087 907 7769; Fr Brian Griffin: 087 064 4158; Fr Lorcan Moran: 086 855 0521

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:

Fergal Brennan; Mary Brennan; Alan Burke; Fr Dan Carroll; Margaret Cleere; Fr Brian Griffin; Fr Lorcan Moran; Iris O'Flynn; Karena Phelan.

SAFEGUARDING:

IF YOU HAVE A SAFEGUARDING CONCERN CONTACT

The Diocesan Designated Liaison Person, Mr Cathal Cullen, 087 100 0232 - dlp@ossory.ie

OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES ARE:

Mary Weadick; Máirín Bergin; Brenda Whitely; Marian Eardly.

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MASS TIMES (During Covid-19 Restrictions)

St John's – Sundays & Holy Days: Vigil: 6.00pm; Sun: 8.00am, 11.30am & 7.00pm.

Polish Mass: 2nd Sun. Monthly, 1.00pm; **Weekdays:** 8.00am, 10.30am. (Sat. 10.30am only).

Johnswell - Sunday 10.00am

Dunmore - Sunday 11.00am

1st Sunday of Lent - 21st February 2021

I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.

Psalms 34:4

The habit of fear takes a lot of energy and becomes an ingrained, unhealthy, meaningless way of life. We fear getting Covid-19. We fear unemployment, We fear not having any friends.

We fear our boss. We fear being rejected. We fear failure. We fear success. We fear going hungry. We fear not having the right clothes. We fear strangers. We fear we might not be able to meet our mortgage payments. We fear our identities may be stolen. We fear the next generation will stop going to church. We fear terrorist attacks. We fear illness. We fear growing old. We fear death. We fear we are unlovable.

We have the illusion of being in control when we worry and fret and put our focus on what might go wrong. We think we are preparing ourselves for any eventuality, but we are really wearing down our inner resources and becoming spiritually, mentally, emotionally and physically depleted.

Fear is the problem. Seeking God is the solution. With God we find faith that gives us the strength to face every problem that surfaces. With God we find hope that leads us to see goodness and beauty wherever we look. We find God we find unconditional love that helps us to let go of fear and live by joy.

'Lord, you are the source of love and life. Help me to seek you when I am afraid. Remove my fears that I may live in peace with my neighbours. Amen'

Stations of the Cross

During the Fridays of Lent, Stations of the Cross will be broadcast from our Church at 7pm.

Prayer for the Sick

On Tuesdays during Lent, a prayer for the Sick will be said at 10.30am mass. Please place your intentions for loved one's in the special box in front of the altar.

Bereavement Support

Kilkenny Bereavement Support is a voluntary organisation that offers a free listening service to bereaved people of all ages. Since the arrival of Covid-19, we have not been able to offer face to face meetings. At the moment, we continue to support the bereaved by phone or by Zoom. People can discuss their preferred option with their bereavement support volunteer. For appointment: phone 056 775 6538 or email director@kilkennybereavementsupport.com.

Bereavements

Recently Deceased:

John Bergin, Newpark, Requiem Mass on Monday, 22nd at 10.30am.
William Rehling, De La Salle Place, Requiem Mass on Tuesday, 23rd at 10.30am
Teresa Wall, Fatima Place (formerly Maudlin St) Tony Johnson, Hebron Park
Rita McKiernan, Foxrock Anne O'Neill, Bishop Birch Place
Peter Maher, Garden Villas Liam Casey, Knockanore
Paddy Fogarty, Newpark Drive Liam Kelly, Newpark
Carmel Murphy, Macauley Place Nancy O'Sullivan, Larchfield
Nora Webster, Newpark Close

Months Mind: Michael Kinchella, Mary Theresa Butler, Michal Mahony

Anniversaries: Peter & John O'Rourke, Jim Cody, Veronica Aylmer, Michael Loftus, Sadie & Theresa McGrath, Seamus Culleton, Liam Reidy, Ena Doogue, Maura Butler, Vera Shortall, Kitty Rice, Jimmy Gahan, JJ & PJ McKenzie, Carol Shaw, Paddy Barry, Mary Jordan, Jimmy Leahy, Thomas Cassin, Antoinette Kavanagh, Maeve Farrell, Catherine (Kitty) White, Kathleen Foley, Mick Coughlan. *May they rest in peace.*

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6.00pm Bridget Ahearn
8.00am No Mass
10.00am No Mass
11.00am No Mass
11.30am Deirdre Dowling
7.00pm Marie Fogarty

Weekly Envelope Collection

Last week's envelope collection: €425. Thanks to all who contribute weekly, monthly and annually, as well as those who pay by Standing Order. Your support is greatly

Do you want to Fast this Lent?

In the words of Pope Francis

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
Fast from worries and have trust in God.
Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.
Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy.
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.
Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
Fast from words; be silent and listen.

Covid-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE manage a national support line for older people who have concerns relating to the outbreak of Covid-19. The support line is open seven days a week by calling 0818 222 024.

Samaritans - We Are Here for You

Every hour, every day, a Samaritan is waiting to answer your call. Please don't suffer in silence. We are here today, and always, on freephone 116 123 or email jo@samaritans.ie.

Cathedral Draw

The February Draw, scheduled to take place on Wednesday, 24th February, is postponed. If Covid-19 restrictions allow, the January and February Draws will take place, along with the March Draw, on Wednesday, 31st March 2021.

Mass Intentions for the Coming Week

Saturday: Philomena Drohan (6.00pm).
Sunday: Joseph Lawless (11.30am).
Michael Brennan (7.00pm).
Monday: Funeral: John Bergin (10.30am).
Tuesday: Funeral: William Rehling (10.30am).
Wednesday: Months Mind: Mary Theresa Butler (10.30am).
Thursday: Molly Cunningham (10.30am).
Friday: John Dineen (10.30am).
Saturday: Months Mind: Michael Mahoney
Christine O'Connor & Dolores Dowling (6.00pm).
Sunday: Joan Tallis (11.30am).
Declan Delaney (7.00pm).

May they rest in peace.

Daily Broadcast Mass

Please join us each Sunday and weekday on our Webcam Service, stjohnskilkenny.com, or our Parish Radio Service (106.8 FM).

Please note: At the moment the webcam only broadcasts during Mass and services.

Weekdays: 10.30am.
Saturday: 6.00pm Vigil;
Sunday: ~~8.00am~~, 11.30am
and 7.00pm.

All are welcome!

Sustaining Faith in a time of Pandemic.

Join Pope Francis for his weekly Wednesday audience, Sunday Angelus and all Lenten Services, live from Rome, from the safety and comfort of your home. Watching is easy! See Daily Mass, Rosary from Lourdes and Catholic Devotions, Children and Educational programming. Free to air on Sky TV Channel 588 - Virgin Media 815 – www.ewtn.ie or download the app to your phone.

To receive a Free Catholic TV Guide, contact EWTN, PO Box, Limerick.

Call 065 683 5891 or E-mail: mail@ewtn.ie

Lenten Resources in Ossory

Lent Texts: Sign up for a free daily thought sent to you by text message. A little prompt on your phone to pause each day during this Lenten journey. Text your number to 085 831 3100.

Lent Tweets: Follow @OssoryDiocese for a simple thought each day during this Lenten journey. Have your timeline prompt you to pause each day to be reminded of our Lenten journey.
Lectio Divina - Zoom: Each Monday night of Lent why not join for a virtual gathering of Lectio Divina. This 30-40 minute gathering allows us to come together to reflect on the scriptures and what they are saying to us today. To sign up simply email afd@ossory.ie for the link.

Online Resources: Lots of online resources for Lent are available on the Ossory website. Download them for use in your home. Visit www.ossory.ie and church posters for details.

Trócaire Lenten Campaign

The Family Fast Boxes have arrived and are available in our churches. Please take a box and encourage your family to help this very worthy cause.

Beginning on this Tuesday Trócaire is offering a series of online workshops throughout Lent 2021. Please visit our parish page on www.trocaire.org and sign up to indicate which workshops you are interested in attending. Each workshop will last for one hour and will explore an aspect of our overseas programmes in more detail, as well as our work in campaigning and awareness raising in parishes and communities.