

### 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. 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. This **Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> March** 'Living Christian Faith in Public Life' The talks will be streamed at 8.30pm every Thursday during Lent. [www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live](http://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, Newpark Close, Castlecomer 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 Resources in the Diocese of Ossory

Lectio Divina - Zoom: Each Monday evening 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](mailto:afd@ossory.ie) for the link.

### 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! Free to air on Sky TV Channel 588 - Virgin Media 815 - [www.ewtn.ie](http://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](mailto:mail@ewtn.ie). family to help this very worthy cause.

**Address:** St John's Presbytery, Dublin Road, Kilkenny. **Email:** [stjohns@ossory.ie](mailto:stjohns@ossory.ie)

**Website:** [stjohnskilkenny.com](http://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](mailto:dlp@ossory.ie)

#### OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES ARE:

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

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# PARISH OF SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST

*incorporating | St John's | Dunmore | Johnswell | church areas*

**MASS TIMES** (During Covid-19 Restrictions)

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

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

Johnswell - Sunday 10.00am

Dunmore - Sunday 11.00am

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent - 7<sup>th</sup> March 2021

### 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 ones 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. Because of Covid-19 we are not able to offer face to face meetings. At the moment, we support the bereaved by phone or by Zoom. For appointment: phone 056 775 6538 or email [director@kilkennybereavementsupport.com](mailto:director@kilkennybereavementsupport.com).

### Trócaire Lenten Campaign

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

### Scripture Reflection

*'You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.'* - Exodus 20:7

It is disrespectful to curse and swear at others using the name of God. But this commandment is not just about cursing and swearing; it is concerned with the ways in which we use God's name to justify things that are contrary to the ways of God.

Some people misuse God's name to justify killing others. Some people misuse God's name to manipulate and oppress others. Some people misuse God's name to enforce unjust laws and inflict punishment on others. Some people misuse God's name to keep people in bondage.

Our relationship with God must reflect the God of the Covenant who promised to be faithful to the people, to show love and compassion in times of need, and to be merciful and forgiving. As partners of God's Covenant, we, too, promise to be like God in the world: faithful, loving, compassionate, merciful and forgiving towards people. When we speak and behave negatively towards others, we not only misuse the name of God, we also misuse the power and wisdom of God.

*"Lord, you instil within me your power and wisdom. Help me to discern more clearly how to use your power and wisdom in service of others. Amen."*

### Bereavements

#### Recently Deceased:

Eithne Ivory, Ossory Park. Requiem Mass in St. John's Church on Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> March at 11.30am.

Margaret (Bobby) Ryan, Bleach Road. Requiem Mass in Dunmore Church, Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> March at 11.00am.

Sandra Elton, England

Paul O'Beirne, Loughboy.

Seamus O'Connor, Ayrfield.

**Months Mind:** Tom Walsh

**Anniversaries:** Neddie Phelan, Phil Murray, Michael Manning, John & Kitty Brown, Seamus Campion, Gerry (Gerard) Lynch, Andy & Catherine Henderson, Jack Pigott, John Hodge, Dolly Blanch. *May they rest in peace.*

**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 – Page 162

6.00pm	Mary Lynch
8.00am	No Mass
10.00am	No Mass
11.00am	No Mass
11.30am	Ann Maria Walsh
7.00pm	Eileen Kinane

#### Weekly Envelope Collection

Last week's envelope collection: €1,420. Thanks to all who contribute weekly, monthly and annually, as well as those who pay by Standing Order. Your support is greatly appreciated.

#### 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](mailto:jo@samaritans.ie).

#### Accord Relationship Counselling

Many individuals, couples and families experience ongoing levels of tension and stress. Call the couples and relationships support line on 01 531 3331, staffed by counsellors Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 8.00pm. Visit [accord.ie](http://accord.ie) to check for face to face appointments.

#### Age Action

Age Action is offering five hours tutoring, by telephone, to anyone who needs support using their smart device or laptop. Covering topics like how to set up an email, how to download an app, how to use video to see your loved ones etc. For more information, please call 01 475 6989 or email [gettingstarted@ageaction.ie](mailto:gettingstarted@ageaction.ie).

#### Covid-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to Covid-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8.00am - 8.00pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

#### Food for Thought

A Notice on a Church Door: "There is so much good in the worst of us and so much bad in the rest of us, that it is rather hard to tell which of us ought to reform the rest of us."

### Mass Intentions for the Coming Week

Saturday: Paddy O'Brien (6.00pm).  
Sunday: Margaret Dwyer (11.30am).  
Stephen Clowry(7.00pm).  
Monday: John & Ellen Kelly (10.30am).  
Tuesday: The Bergin Family (10.30am).  
Wednesday: Patrick & Peg Hickey (10.30am).  
Thursday: Hannah Hogan (10.30am).  
Friday: For the Holy Souls in Purgatory & FOSS (10.30am).  
Saturday: Months Mind: Tom Walsh (10.30am)  
Paul & Michael (Icy) Lanigan (6.00pm).  
Sunday: Sean Connick (11.30am).  
Denis (Dinny) Brennan (7.00pm).  
**May they rest in peace.**

### Daily Broadcast Mass

Please join us each Sunday and weekday on our Webcam Service, [stjohnskilkenny.com](http://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!**

### FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

St Kieran's Day, 2021.

Greetings from St Mary's Cathedral.

In January, here in the Cathedral, we launched an initiative "Friends of St. Mary's Cathedral" seeking 1,000 Friends. With the assistance of the *Friends of St. Mary's* it is hoped to develop the Cathedral and enhance the experience of parishioner, pilgrim and tourist who visit us.

I write to invite you to become a *Friend of St Mary's* and to commit to a small monthly donation to St. Mary's. Through the small contribution of many we plan to restore the Lady Chapel and the Chapel of St. Joseph, repair the Cathedral Crib and develop the Chapter House and Corridor as a visitor centre. The contribution of a minimum of €5 per month from 1,000 friends will enable this work to be done.

Conscious that many of you already contribute to the Cathedral through the Diocesan Draw I would ask you to help also with this work. The contribution of €5 per month will enable us to begin this work and ready us for the return of visitors later this year. We have a jewel here in the heart of the city and with the plans now in place we can maximise the generosity of visitors and locals alike as we face the future.

Contributions can be made monthly through Standing Order or through the "Donate" facility on the Cathedral Website.

Thank you for your interest in St. Mary's Cathedral and I sincerely hope that you will help us as a Friend of St, Mary's to improve, maintain and preserve our Cathedral. Annually a report will be given to the Friends and I hope also to give a report to the Conference of Priests.

With thanks.

Fr Richard Scriven  
Cathedral Administrator