

Schedule of RTE broadcasts for Holy Week and the Easter Triduum.

Holy Thursday - 1st April

RTÉ One, 16.40 (repeated Radio 1 Extra / LW252, 1900) - Mass of the Lord's Supper celebrated by Fr Martin Smith (Chaplain, Carlow IT) with members of RTÉ Cor Linn

Good Friday - 2nd April

RTÉ One / Radio 1 Extra / LW252, 1500-1600 - Solemn Liturgy for Good Friday from Knock Basilica. Chief celebrant is the Rector of the National Shrine, Monsignor Richard Gibbons. The Choir is the Schola Cantorum Basilicae directed by Úna Nolan. The Organist is Mark Keane.

Holy Saturday - 3rd April

RTÉ One, 1200 noon. Countdown to Calvary (Rpt). Downton Abbey star and Cambridge University theology graduate, Hugh Bonneville, tells the story of the last days of Jesus' life. RTÉ One / Radio 1 Extra / LW252, 2300-0015 - Easter Vigil Mass from Knock Basilica, which is to be recognised by Pope Francis on 19 March as an International Marian and Eucharistic Shrine. Chief celebrant is the Rector of the National Shrine, Monsignor Richard Gibbons. The Choir is the Schola Cantorum Basilicae directed by Úna Nolan. The Organist is Mark Keane. 2240-2355 on RTÉ One. (Radio will air it with a slight delay at 2300.)

Easter Sunday - 4th April

RTÉ One / Radio 1 Extra / LW252, 1000-1100 - Easter Sunday Mass from « La Carità » COVID hospital in Locarno, Switzerland, celebrated by the Archpriest of Locarno, Fr Carmelo Andreatta, with commentary and translation by Fr Thomas McCarthy OP (This Mass will air with a delay on Radio 1 Extra / LW252 in our regular slot at 1100-1200). 12.25-12.55 (approx) Pope Francis' Easter Urbi et Orbi Message and Blessing will follow live coverage of the 1916 commemoration by President Michael D. Higgins

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.

Roman Catholic Diocese and Parishes of Ossory - Registered Charity No. 20015831

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

Johnswell - Sunday 10.00am

Dunmore - Sunday 11.00am

Palm Sunday - 28th March 2021

Holy Week Services in Kilkenny City Pastoral Area

	St. John's	St. Mary's	St. Patrick's	St. Canice's
Monday	Mass at 10.30am	Mass at 9.00am	Mass at 9.30am	Mass at 9.15am
	Penitential Service at 7.00pm	The Week of Mercy' at 7.30pm	Holy Hour at 7.00pm	
Tuesday	Mass at 10.30am	Mass at 9.00am	Mass at 9.30am	Mass at 9.15am
		In the Footsteps of Our Lady' at 7.30pm		Penitential Service at 7pm
Wednesday	Mass at 10.30am	Mass at 9.00am	Mass at 9.30am	Mass at 9.15am
		Diocesan Mass of Chrism at 7.30pm		
Thursday	Morning Prayer at 10.30am		Morning Prayer at 10.30am	
	Family Mass of the Lord's Supper at 4.00pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.30pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.00pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.30pm
Friday	Morning Prayer at 10.30am		Morning Prayer at 10.30am	
	Celebration of the Passion at 3.00pm	Celebration of the Passion at 3.00pm	Celebration of the Passion at 3.00pm	Celebration of the Passion at 3.00pm
	Stations of the Cross at 7.00pm	Stations of the Cross at 7.30pm	Stations of the Cross at 7.30pm	Stations of the Cross at 7.30pm
Saturday	Morning Prayer at 10.30am		Morning Prayer at 10.30am	
	Easter Vigil 9.00pm	Easter Vigil 7.30pm	Easter Vigil 9.00pm	Easter Vigil 9.00pm

Bereavements

Recently Deceased:

Christy Hackett, Headford, Galway
Maura O'Brien, Callan
Kieran Purcell, Jenkinstown

Ann Manley, McDonagh Street

Anniversaries: Lar Hackett, John & Elizabeth Tynan, Liz & Joe White, Frank Kavanagh, Alice Byrne, JJ & PJ McKenzie, Carol Shaw, Noel (Lou) Walsh, Mary Maher.
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 251

6.00pm Bridget Ahearn
8.00am No Mass
10.00am No Mass
11.00am No Mass
11.30am Mary Lynch
7.00pm Marie Fogarty

Weekly Envelope Collection

Last week's envelope
collection: €740. Thanks to all who contribute weekly, monthly and annually, as well as those who pay by Standing Order.
Your support is greatly appreciated.

Sincere Thanks

We sincerely thank all those who have contributed to the parish in recent weeks. During this time of pandemic your contributions are extremely necessary for the upkeep of the parish and we appreciate your generosity.

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.

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.

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.

Accord

Call the couples and relationships support line on 01 531 3331, staffed by counsellors Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 8.00pm. Counselling is also available to anyone wanting to talk through a relationship difficulty. Visit the accord.ie website to check for a convenient location and arrange a face to face appointment.

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.

Mass Intentions for the Coming Week

Saturday: Ken McDermott (6.00pm).
Sunday: Aileen Deegan (11.30am).
Seamus Donnelly, Helen Cruise
& Richard Fanning (7.00pm).
Monday: John & Mary Fenlon (10.30am).
Tuesday: Stephen Saunders (10.30am).
Wednesday: Billy, Edward & Jimmy McEvoy (10.30am).
Seamus Donnelly & Helen Cruise (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!

The Annual Chrism Mass

Members of our parish are invited to join with Bishop Denis Nulty, Apostolic Administrator, and the priests of our diocese for the annual Mass of Chrism at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 31st March. While the Chrism Mass will be celebrated behind closed doors at St. Mary's Cathedral the celebration will be available online at stmaryscathedral.ie. During the Mass the priests of the diocese will renew their vows and the holy oils for use at Baptisms, Confirmations, the Anointings of the Sick and Ordinations will be blessed. The Sacred Chrism for use at the ordination of our anticipated new bishop will be consecrated.

Forty-two candles representing the prayers and petitions of parishioners in each parish in the diocese will be lit during the Mass and later returned with the Sacred Oils for use in the local community. Please join with us in this important diocesan celebration.

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.

Palm Sunday Reflection

We are all familiar with the Passion Gospel and it can be tempting to allow ourselves to tune out, particularly when it comes to the unpleasant parts. We do not like to think of ourselves as part of the mob shouting 'Crucify him!' Yet, if we enter fully into the experience, we can see ourselves in the story. When things are going well, its easy to praise God and shout 'Hosanna!', and promise we will not lose faith. There are other times we fall asleep, become complacent. And then there are days when we struggle, when we are confused or do not know what God expects of us or whether we are able to handle the difficult times. We pull away from God. The different disciples display this rang of human reactions and emotions. This week, Holy Week, we are the disciples walking with Jesus on a journey that leads to the cross. And yet here at the cross, we find Mary Magdalene and the other female disciples, and Joseph of Arimathea. We know the story is not over for these disciples, or for Peter and the others. The journey of discipleship is just beginning.

'We don't have to be able to articulate all the logic of what is happening now. But Christians walk on with the conviction that there is One who does make sense of the apparent madness of shattered human dreams.' (Bishop Donal McKeown)