

Thank You from Trócaire

Thanks again for your continued commitment and generous giving of your time and effort in support of Trócaire's work. It is very much appreciated by all of us, not least by those communities whose lives are being changed. Watch this short video to see how your contributions are helping in South Sudan: <https://vimeo.com/536423075>.

Outstanding contributions may be returned to the Presbytery or mailed directly to Trócaire, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.

Some Useful Help Agencies

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

Society of St. Vincent de Paul: The St. John's Parish helpline number is 086 895 1239. Letters may be addressed to: SVP, The Presbytery, Dublin Road, Kilkenny or dropped in the presbytery letter box.

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. Open from 8.00am - 8.00pm; call 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 telephone or by Zoom. For appointment: telephone 056 775 6538 or email director@kilkennybereavementsupport.com.

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.

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.

Counseling Services - Towards Healing Confidential Helpline

1800 313 316 - www.towardshealing.ie

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

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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

Fourth Sunday of Easter - 25th April 2021

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is a day on which we pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. In his message for World Day of Vocations 2021 Pope Francis invites us to reflect on three words that emerge from the life of St. Joseph to whom this year has been dedicated and which in a special way can help us discern our own vocation. The words are: Dream, Service and Fidelity. The full text is available at www.vatican.va.

Bishop Nulty, our Diocesan Administrator, has also issued a special message for the day. It is available on our parish website, diocesan website and hard copies are available in church.

Former Principal Ordained Priest

On Saturday, 24th April 2021 Damian Casey, former Principal at Mother of Fair Love School, Kilkenny, was ordained a priest of the Franciscan Order by Most Rev. Dermot Farrell, Archbishop of Dublin. Damian was born in Waterford and attended Mount Sion C.B.S.. After school, his life took him on a career in teaching, ending up as Principal of Mother of Fair Love School. He made many friends in the Marble City and is well remembered in the area.

In 2011 Damian began exploring his vocational calling and this led him to the Franciscan Family. In September 2014 he made his first profession. On 14th September 2019 in the Franciscan Friary, Clonmel, Damian made his solemn profession as a Brother of St. Francis. He then moved to Dublin to train in hospital chaplaincy and on 8th September 2020, Archbishop Eamonn Martin ordained Damian a Deacon. This Saturday the journey Damian began 10 years ago sees him answering the call to priesthood. May God bless Fr. Damian.

Re-opening of Churches for Public Worship

In a letter to Church leaders during the week An Taoiseach, Mr. Micheál Martin, assured us that the re-opening of churches will be given "careful and positive consideration" at government discussions during the coming week. In advance of the re-opening of churches, the number of people allowed to attend funeral services in being increased from 10 to 25 from Monday.

The re-opening of churches will not simply be the flicking on of lights and opening of doors, it will take time and we must do it gradually, cautiously and carefully. In St. John's Parish, with the help of our wonderful sacristans, volunteer stewards and cleaners, we will do all in our power to provide a safe and comfortable environment for when we are allowed re-open. The parish celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist and Confirmation will take place as soon as we are permitted and will follow the relevant public health advice. The dates provided for these sacraments are provisional. Watch this space for updates.

Bereavements

Recently Deceased:

Margaret (Mags) Smyth, Glendine Road. Requiem Mass at St. Canice's Church at 11.00am on Monday.

Bernadette Molloy, John Street.

Lena Delaney, John Street.

Martin Delaney, Newpark Close.

Nancy Hennessy, Patrick Street.

Margaret Wise (nee Cantwell), England & late of Leggetsrath.

Months Mind: Christy Hackett.

Anniversaries: Tom Murray (6.00pm); Margaret & Martin Hanlon (11.30am); Les Serff; Brenda McGuinness; The Cantwell Family; Thomas & Mary Dowling; McDermott & Monagle Families; Liam Maher; Mary Crotty; John Byrne; Brigid Carroll; Jack Mulcahy; Patrick Price; John Doheny; Mary & Jack Brennan; James Morris; Delia & Philip Larkin.

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.**

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6.00pm Ann Daly
8.00am No Mass
10.00am No Mass
11.00am No Mass
11.30am Bobbie Lahart
7.00pm Anne Marie Grace

Weekly Envelope Collection

Last week's envelope collection: €1,060. Thanks to all who contribute weekly, monthly and annually, as well as those who pay by Standing Order. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Vaccination Registration

The Catholic Communications Office has been contacted by the HSE with the following reminder message for everyone aged over 60 years to register for their vaccine.

Reminder for everyone aged 60 and over to register for their vaccine

We would like to remind everyone aged 65 to 69 to register for their COVID-19 vaccine through the HSE's online registration system or on the phone with HSELive.

Following the success of the online registration for people aged 65 to 69, we are inviting those aged 60 to 64 to register from Friday, 23rd April.

Online registration – information for patients and service users

People in this age group who are registering online will need:

- their Personal Public Service Number (PPSN),
- their Eircode,
- an email address or a mobile phone number.

A friend or family member can help. If someone is finding it difficult to go online and register or they can ring HSELive for support on 1850 24 1850 or 01 240 8787 from 8.00am to 8.00pm, 7 days a week.

If a person doesn't have a PPSN they can register on the phone with HSELive. Once registered the person will receive their vaccine appointment for the COVID-19 AstraZeneca vaccine. If a person is deaf or hard of hearing, they can text HSELive on 086 1800 661 to register for your vaccination

Mass Intentions for the Coming Week

Saturday: Molly Dowling (6pm)

Sunday: May Butler (11.30am).

Tuesday: Special Intention (10.30am).

Wednesday: Bea Orr (10.30am).

Thursday: Gavin McBride (10.30am)

Friday: Tom Byrne (10.30am)

Saturday: The Prendergast Family (10.30am).

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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!

Synodal Pathway: Call for Submissions

The Irish Church will hold a synod during the next five years. Hopefully, this will provide an opportunity for Catholics to have a say in the future of the Church. In preparation the Irish Bishops have announced an initial submission phase of the Synodal Pathway for the Catholic Church in Ireland. Explaining the initial submission phase Bishop Brendan Leahy of Limerick said, "Before embarking on the Synodal Pathway consultation, bishops are inviting submissions to reflect on what methods/models to adopt in these coming two years of conversations."

Feedback, which should be no more than 300 words and submitted by Pentecost Sunday, 23rd May, ought to focus on the nature of the process for the consultation i.e. how we can best go about this initial phase of establishing the conversation, rather than on the prospective themes for the Synodal Pathway, which will be addressed in the next phase.

"It is said that the journey of a thousand miles begins with one step. I think (this) is a simple but significant step and I hope many will offer their suggestions."

On the Synodal Pathway webpage at www.catholicbishops.ie/synod, people are invited to offer feedback to the following question: "What would be your preferred option for engagement in a conversation process about the Synod?"

The responses will be considered by the task group to be put in place by the bishops this summer to plan and oversee the first steps along the synodal pathway.

Laying Down One's Life

In the gospel today Jesus speaks of the freedom of the Good Shepherd in laying down his life. Faced with the needs of others, we can at times feel trapped into looking after them, caught by duty, obligation, or guilt. We can become like the hired hands doing a job without care for the person.

Perhaps you have experienced both attitudes, caring for others under duress and caring by your free choice.

What difference did it make when you chose to care for the other, even in circumstances where you had little option?