

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.

The Cathedral Bookshop

The Cathedral Shop will be reopening on Wednesday, 19th May 2021. The opening hours are; Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9.00am to 5.00pm. There is now a shop in the Cathedral Office from 10.00am to 1.00pm on Monday to Friday.

Marian Pilgrimages

Marian Pilgrimages have released their pilgrimage schedule for 2021 and 2022 to Lourdes, Medjugorje, Fatima, Italy and The Holy Land. For more information or to register your interest please visit www.marian.ie or ring Marian Pilgrimages on (01) 878 8159.

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

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MASS TIMES

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

The Ascension of the Lord - 16th May 2021

Lourdes Themed Mass

To mark those days when our diocese would be on pilgrimage in Lourdes May 22-27, Bishop Denis Nulty will celebrate a Lourdes themed Mass on Saturday, May 22nd at 6.00 pm in St. Senan's Parish Church, Kilmacow. The Mass will be live-streamed and can be accessed through the parish website: kilmacowparish.com.

Suffering and sickness has been to the fore throughout the world for almost eighteen months. It is proper that we should turn to Our Lady Of Lourdes for help in the present circumstances, as many have done in the past and hopefully will have the opportunity to do so in the future.

Ossory Lourdes Group Rosary

The Ossory Lourdes Group has organised a Rosary for each evening of the days that the pilgrimage to Lourdes would take place in normal times. This will begin on Sunday, 23rd May at 8.00 pm and will continue up to and including Thursday, 27th at the same time each evening and can be watched and participated in via webcam at <https://churchcamlive.ie/johnstown-parish-live-stream/>

First Friday Visits

From the beginning of June Frs. Dan, Lorcan and Brian are willing to recommence First Friday home visits to the elderly, sick and housebound. Fr. Dan will take over the list previously visited by Fr. Purcell while Frs. Lorcan and Brian will recommence their previous lists. Please contact the Parish Office if you or someone known to you would like to be added to the list. Likewise, let us know at the Parish Office if you are anxious about receiving visitors at this time – we will happily defer the visit until a later time.

Funerals and Weddings

Since Monday, 10th May, a maximum of 50 people are allowed to attend funeral and wedding ceremonies in church. We ask people to strictly adhere to this number and to continue with social distancing and safeguarding ourselves and one another after the church ceremonies.

Baptisms

In accordance with the regulations, Baptisms may go ahead with a maximum of ten people in attendance. There is very strong government and health authority advice against holding house parties or gatherings following the church service.

To help reduce the backlog St. John's Parish is offering baptisms every day of the week. Please contact the Parish Office between 10.00am and 2.00pm on weekdays to book a baptism.

Bereavements

Recently Deceased:

Margaret (Mags) Brennan, 3 Lacken Drive. Requiem Mass at St. John's at 1.00pm on Sunday.
John "Nacksy" Noonan, 1 Laurel Green. Requiem Mass at St. John's at 11.30am on Monday.
Aidan Slevin, Tullaroan. PJ Corum, Richview
John Duggan, Clonboyne. Jerry Frehily, Cork.
Bridie Curran, Calverstown, Kilcullen.

Months Mind: Martin Delaney

Anniversaries: Michael Malone (6.00pm); Paddy Brennan (8.00am); Jim & Peggy Quirke (10.00am); Bridget & Carmel McEvoy (11.00am); Brigid O'Connell (11.30am); Patrick O'Brien (7.00pm); Peggy & Eamon Holohan; John Doheny; John Murphy; Molly & Ann Martin; Mary Murphy; Sally Goulding; Maura Hurley. *May they rest in peace.*

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6.00pm Mary Lynch
8.00am Ann Marie Hogan
10.00am Elaine Bennett
11.00am Fiona McGeary & Nora Guilfoyle
11.30am Deirdre Dowling
7.00pm Eileen Kinane

Weekly Envelope Collection

Last week's envelope collection: €1,535. Thanks to all who contribute weekly, monthly and annually, as well as those who pay by Standing Order. Your support is greatly appreciated.

World Communications Day 2021

This Sunday is World Communications Day 2021. Pope Francis has chosen as his theme for this Day 'Come and See': Communicating by encountering people as they are. His Holiness gives us a special prayer for the day:

Lord, teach us to move beyond ourselves, and to set out in search of truth.

Teach us to go out and see, teach us to listen, not to entertain prejudices or draw hasty conclusions.

Teach us to go where no one else will go, to take the time needed to understand, to pay attention to the essentials, not to be distracted by the superfluous, to distinguish deceptive appearances from the truth.

Grant us the grace to recognise your dwelling places in our world and the honesty needed to tell others what we have seen.

Diocesan Nurse Vacancy

This role is working with clergy (Part time / 20 hours per week) in the Ossory Diocese which covers Kilkenny, Laois and Offaly, providing an advocacy and support service to priests in the community. This is a fantastic opportunity to work within a growing community client focused organisation. For further information contact Colette Ryan at ryan@carebright.ie. Closing date is 28th May 2021.

Gratitude, Compassion, Hope: Journeying with God in the Present Moment

A free webinar will take place on 28th May entitled: "Gratitude, Compassion, Hope: Journeying with God in the Present Moment". The speaker will be Dr. Jessie Rogers, Dean of Theology, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth. Times: 10.30am – 4.00pm. Dr Jessie will offer 4 sessions of 35 minutes each throughout the day, beginning at 10.30; 12.00; 14.00 and 15.15. After each session there will either be time for quiet reflection/for Q&A and also a coffee/lunch break. To book: sara.bulfin@ssjg.ie before 26th May. You will receive a link prior to the webinar.

Trócaire: A big thank you to all who forwarded contributions to the Parish for the Trócaire Lenten Campaign. We have closed the account for this year.

Mass Intentions for the Coming Week

Saturday: Michael Malone (6.00pm)
Sunday: Paddy Brennan (8.00am).
Jim & Peggy Quirke (10.00am).
Bridget & Carmel McEvoy (11.00am).
Brigid O'Connell (11.30am)'
Patrick O'Brien (7.00pm).
Tuesday: Fr Tom Cassin, Catherine Foley, James Clutterbuck, Ellen Cassin, Emily Wilson (10.30am).
Wednesday: Peggy & Eamon Holohan (10.30am).
Thursday: Martin Delaney (10.30am)

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).

Weekdays: 8.00am and 10.30am.
Saturdays: 10.30am and 6.00pm Vigil.
Sundays: 8.00am, 11.30am and 7.00pm.

All are welcome!

Remembrance Mass for Those who Died During Covid Pandemic

The Ossory Middle Deanery Pastoral Council has arranged a Remembrance Mass for those who died in the Deanery during the Covid-19 Pandemic. Bishop Denis Nulty will be Principal Concelebrant at the Mass which will be celebrated at St. Mary's Cathedral at 7.30pm on Friday, 28th May 2021. The Mass will be broadcast on stmaryscathedral.ie. All have lost loved ones, neighbours, parishioners and friends during the past fifteen months – this is an opportunity for those in the Middle Deanery to celebrate the lives of the deceased at a special Remembrance Mass. During the Mass a "Remembrance Candle" and "Tree of Life" will be blessed for each parish and returned to the parish after the Mass. The Middle Deanery Pastoral Council is made up of representatives of the fourteen Parish Pastoral Councils in the Middle Deanery.

The Synodal Pathway

Please check this out on www.catholicbishops.ie/synod. Until Pentecost, 23rd May, you are invited to make submissions on 'What would be your preferred option for engagement in a conversation process about the Synod?' Basically the bishops are looking for the best way to embark on and engage you and I in a conversation about the Church in Ireland and the way forward. For the present, how might this be best done. See the weblink above for more information and the submit your opinion.

Bealtaine Festival and Healthy Ireland Talks

Kilkenny County Library has a series of online talks on our Facebook page to celebrate Bealtaine from home and in conjunction with our Healthy Ireland initiative. These can also be accessed at a later date through our website or Youtube channel. Tuesday, 18th at 7.00pm – "Support for Parents of Teens" with Peadar Maxwell, Senior Psychologist with HSE.

Theology Courses

The Priory Institute Online will hold an Open Day on 12th June. People attending our online Open Day here in Tallaght in June can meet with current students and staff over Zoom, attend a short introductory lecture on theology and find out if studying theology with us is the right thing to do. www.prioryinstitute.com.