

### 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](mailto: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](http://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. Appointment: Call 056 775 6538 or email [director@kilkennybereavementsupport.com](mailto:director@kilkennybereavementsupport.com).

### The Cathedral Bookshop

The Cathedral Shop will be reopened on Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.marian.ie) or ring Marian Pilgrimages on (01) 878 8159.

**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.**

### 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.

### Counseling Services - Towards Healing Confidential Helpline

1800 313 316 - [www.towardshealing.ie](http://www.towardshealing.ie)

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# PARISH OF SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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### MASS TIMES

**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

## Pentecost Sunday - 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2021

### Pentecost Sunday - The Spirit will Guide

In today's Gospel, we see that Jesus is comfortable with an element of mystery. Speaking to the disciples before his arrest, Jesus is preparing them for the gift of the Spirit. The word he often uses is 'Advocate', meaning helper or comforter, indicating the disciples will not be left to struggle on alone. We hear Jesus say that the complete truth is too much for the disciples now. The mysteries of his life, death and Resurrection, and the implications for his followers - all will become clearer in due course. The Spirit will guide you; he says. Not everything is revealed at once.

Then in our first reading from Acts, we recall the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, just as Jesus promised. The disciples are gathered together when they have a powerful experience of the Holy Spirit, urging them out into the streets, proclaiming the Good News. The time has come. They must have remembered Jesus' promise then, finally understanding what he meant when he said the Spirit would lead them, when the time was right.

The Spirit is still at work in our world. As our journey continues - as humanity, as church, as individuals - the Spirit unveils God's message for our place and time. The Spirit is that life-giving force that animates our world, inspiring and energising us. Our task is to listen, to be awake to the many ways God speaks to us and calls us into the life of God.

'I have always pleaded for a deep listening to the voice of the artist in our midst, and also to the supreme artist who tries to lead us to completion, the Holy Spirit of God.'

Mark Patrick Hederman

### Remembrance Mass for Those who Died During Covid Pandemic

The Ossory Middle Deanery Pastoral Council has arranged a Remembrance Mass for all 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, 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021. All are invited to join in this remembrance celebration on the St. Mary's Cathedral webcam at [stmaryscathedral.ie](http://stmaryscathedral.ie).

We have lost loved ones, neighbours, parishioners and friends during the past fifteen months – this is an ideal opportunity for us 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. Please join with us in commemorating our deceased loved ones.

*The Lord heals the broken-hearted and binds up their wounds. (Psalm 147:3)*

### Bereavements

**Recently Deceased:** Alice Murphy (nee Holden), Cork & late of Kilkenny. Angela Persse, Assumption Place. Mary Martin (nee) Clarke, Tipperary and formerly Assumption Place.

**Months Mind:** Ellen Delaney (7.00pm).

**Anniversaries:** Brian Mahoney (6.00pm); Damien Mahon (8.00am); Mary & Paddy Walsh (11.30am); Mick & Julia Roche; Maureen Brennan; Nan, Kathleen & John Dwyer; Hannah & Patrick Dineen; Carrie Doheny; Richard & Mary O'Dwyer; Elizabeth Somers; Agnes Dermody; Earl Leroux; Mick Byrne; Michael Gleeson; *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 83

6.00pm	Claire Coogan
8.00am	Jo Browne
10.00am	Betsy Rice
11.00am	Pierce Lennon & Liam Maddock
11.30am	Tony Dalton
7.00pm	Linda O'Leary

### Weekly Envelope Collection

Last week's envelope collection: €2,680. Thanks to all who contribute weekly, monthly and annually, as well as those who pay by Standing Order. Your support is greatly appreciated.

### 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.

### 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, 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 8.00 pm and will continue up to and including Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> at the same time each evening and can be watched and participated in via webcam at <https://churchcamlive.ie/johnstown-parish-live-stream/>

### Vacancy for Diocesan Nurse

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 [crayan@carebright.ie](mailto:crayan@carebright.ie). Closing date is 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

### Theology Courses

The Priory Institute Online will hold an Open Day on 12<sup>th</sup> June for those interested in studying theology from home. 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. For further information please visit: [www.prioryinstitute.com](http://www.prioryinstitute.com).

### Mass Intentions for the Coming Week

Saturday: Brian Mahoney (6.00pm)  
Sunday: Damien Mahon (8.00am).  
Mary & Paddy Walsh (11.30am)  
Ellen Delaney (7.00pm).  
Monday: Mick & Julia Roche (10.30am).  
Tuesday: Maureen Brennan (10.30am).  
Wednesday: Nan, Kathleen & John Dwyer (10.30am).  
Saturday: Hannah & Patrick Dineen (10.30am)

**May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed 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).

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

**All are welcome!**

### St John's Parish Confirmation and First Holy Communion

It is with great sadness that we announce the postponement of the celebration of these sacraments planned for June of this year. Having received advice from the Office of the Taoiseach on Wednesday our Diocesan Apostolic Administrator Bishop Denis Nulty has asked that these sacraments be deferred until later. We regret any inconvenience and upset and promise to rearrange the celebrations for a new date as soon as possible.

### The Celebration of Baptism

Following a long postponement baptisms are being celebrated again in our parish, but always adhering to the guidelines. For now the celebration is possible every weekday evening and at various times on Saturdays and Sundays. For the moment baptisms will be celebrated only as a single-family celebration. Please contact the Parish Office to find out more and to book your child's baptism.

### Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

A meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place this Thursday at 7.30pm via Zoom.

### Safeguarding

Ms. Kathleen Sherry has been appointed as the Diocesan Director of Safeguarding and becomes the Designated Liaison Person. She will also be Director of Safeguarding in the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin. This role has to do with safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults. Her telephone number is 085 802 1633, and her email address is [safeguarding@ossory.ie](mailto:safeguarding@ossory.ie)

### Accord

Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service is currently recruiting people to facilitate on our Marriage Preparation Programmes. We would be delighted to hear from you if you are interested in training as a Facilitator with Accord in 2021. For further information call Aisling on 01 505 3112 or visit our website - On becoming a Facilitator with Accord - [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie)

### Trócaire – Gaza in Crisis

People in Gaza have been subjected to a horrific aerial bombardment over the past ten days. Neighbourhoods have been destroyed and entire families have been killed. This is an enormous humanitarian crisis. People are trapped in one of the most densely populated areas in the world with missiles raining down on them. Visit Trócaire's website where you can directly support their work <https://www.trocaire.org/gaza-in-crisis/>