

Knock Shrine

You are invited to join Knock Shrine online for Jesuit Week from this Sunday, 25th July to Sunday 1st August. There will be three 20-minute sessions each day. Participants are also encouraged to join us online for Mass at 12 noon each day. Facilitated by Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ, Raphoe Diocese, Paula McKeown (Down & Connor) and Patricia Mc Carthy, Prayer Guides Co-ordinator at Knock Shrine. Daily Schedule 10:30am – Retreat Talk by Bishop Alan Mc Guckian; 12:00pm – Mass from Knock Shrine (join online); 4:00pm – Guided Meditation: with Patricia McCarthy 8:30pm – The Examen (Review of the Day): with Paula McKeown No booking/registration necessary. This event is free of charge. Donations welcome. These events will take place online on the Knock Shrine website www.knockshrine.ie/watch.

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.

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; Fr Brian Griffin; Fr Lorcan Moran; Iris O'Flynn; Karena Phelan.

IF YOU HAVE A SAFEGUARDING CONCERN CONTACT

The Diocesan Designated Liaison Person, Ms. Kathleen Sherry, 085 802 1633 - 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

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 25th July 2021

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

“Pope Francis has established a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which will take place for the first time this Sunday, 25th July 2021 on the theme ‘I am with you always’ (Mt 28:20). This day is a timely reminder for the whole Church to be close to all the elderly and grandparents at this time of pandemic.”

“There have been so many unsung heroes and heroines during the pandemic – grandparents and elders, including our older priests and religious – all who are to be applauded for how they have coped with the challenges and uncertainty brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic. As a society we have learned a lot from their stoicism and pragmatism in the face of so many challenges and on this day, it will be good to honour and celebrate them and their immense gifts to us all.”
(Bishop Denis Nulty)



Pope Francis' Prayer for the First World Day for Grandparents And The Elderly

I thank You, Lord, for the comfort of Your presence: even in times of loneliness, You are my hope and my confidence, You have been my rock and my fortress since my youth! I thank You for having given me a family and for having blessed me with a long life.

I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty, for the dreams that have already come true in my life and for those that are still ahead of me. I thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness to which You call me.



Increase, O Lord, my faith, make me a channel of your peace, teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me, to never stop dreaming and to tell of your wonders to new generations.

Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church, that the light of the Gospel might reach the ends of the earth. Send Your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world, that the storm of the pandemic might be calmed, the poor consoled and wars ended.

Sustain me in weakness and help me to live life to the full in each moment that You give me, in the certainty that you are with me every day, even until the end of the age. Amen.

Bereavements

Recently Deceased: Pat Wiltshire, New Road. Requiem Mass at St John's Church at 11:30am on Monday followed by interment in St Kieran's Cemetery.
Pat Crowe, Newpark Lawn. Requiem Mass in St. Joseph's Church, Foulkstown at 11.00am on Monday followed by interment in Foulkstown Cemetery.
Mary McEnery, Maudlin Street. Requiem Mass in St John's Church at 11.30am on Tuesday followed by interment in St. Kieran's Cemetery.
Bid Byrne, Brooklawn. Anthony Marchetti, Melville Heights.
Avril Ryan, Larchfield. Maura McGinty, Glendine Heights.
Liam Brennan, Loughboy.

Months Mind: Eleanor Cantwell (7.00pm).

Anniversaries: Frank Power (6.00pm); John Dowling (10.00am); Tony McEvoy & Edward Delaney (11.00am); Derek Shealy; Ann Ahearn; Davy, Jim & Peggy Gaffney; Linda Reade; Mary Foley; Kathleen Manning.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

Readers for Next Weekend

6.00pm	Mary Lynch
8.00am	Padraig O'Neill
10.00am	Elaine Bennett
11.00am	Fiona McGeary & Nora Guilfoyle
11.30am	James Connelly
7.00pm	Eileen Kinane

Weekly Envelope Collection

Last week's envelope collection: €1,405. Thanks to all who contribute weekly, monthly and annually, as well as those who pay by Standing Order. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Draw Sap From The Gospel

This is why it is necessary to renew oneself by continually drawing sap from the Gospel. And how can one do this in practice? First of all, by actually reading and meditating on the Gospel every day, so the Word of Jesus may always be present in our life.

Remember: it will help you to always carry the Gospel with you: a small Gospel, in a pocket, in a bag, and read a passage during the day. But always with the Gospel, because it is carrying the Word of Jesus, and being able to read it.

In addition, attending Sunday Mass, where we encounter the Lord in the community, we hear his Word and receive the Eucharist which unites us with Him and to one another; and then days of retreat and spiritual exercises are very important for spiritual renewal.

Gospel, Eucharist, Prayer. Do not forget: Gospel, Eucharist, Prayer. Thanks to these gifts of the Lord, we are able to conform not to the world but to Christ, and follow him on his path, the path of "losing one's life" in order to find it (Mt 16:25). *(Pope Francis)*

Croagh Patrick Pilgrimage

Normally the National Pilgrimage to Croagh Patrick takes place on the last Sunday of July. For this year, Reek Sunday has been extended to incorporate the whole month of July; each weekday from Wednesday to Saturday in order to facilitate those who wish to fulfil the Reek Sunday Obligations. Mass on the Summit: Wednesday to Friday 12 noon; Mass on Saturday 10am. Confessions before and after Mass 11.00am to 11.45am and 12.45pm to 1.15pm.

Thank You

The members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in our parish would like to thank you for your kindness to their church-door collection on last weekend. Your generous contributions will be used to help those in need in St. John's Parish and environs. Your contributions help alleviate poverty and hardship in our community.

Mass Intentions for the Coming Week

Saturday: Frank Power (6.00pm).
Sunday: John Dowling (10.00am)
Tony McEvoy & Edward Delaney (11.00am).
Eleanor Cantwell (7.00pm).
Thursday: Catherine Moriarty (10.30am).
Friday: Special Intention (10.30am).

*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.
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!

National Heritage Week 14th - 22nd August 2021

National Heritage Week will take place from 14th - 22nd August and we encourage all community groups to showcase their work for Heritage Week. To find out more information see www.heritageweek.ie or contact the Heritage Office, Kilkenny County Council at heritage@kilkennycoco.ie.

Camino Jenkinstown Walk

The annual Camino Jenkinstown walk will take place this Sunday, July 25th (Feast of St. James) beginning at Jenkinstown Church Car Park at 2.30 pm. This is to coincide with the Jubilee celebrations in St. James Cathedral Santiago De Compostella. All Covid 19 protocols to be adhered to.

Let us all look after each other

There is a concerning increase in reported cases of Coronavirus, due to the Delta variant. This reminds us to be extra vigilant and to observe health authority advice while attending church. Please

- Follow the directions of the Stewards
- Use facemasks at all Masses and ceremonies
- Use hand sanitizer before entering the church
- Observe social distancing both inside and outside the church
- Receive Holy Communion in the hand only.
- Do not come to church if you feel unwell.

Thank you!

Newsletters

A limited number of newsletters and Sunday missalettes are available after Masses at the doors of our churches. Remember, if you handle these, kindly take them home with you and please do not return them to the table for another parishioner or a visitor to handle. If it is acceptable to your neighbours and friends please feel free to take copies to their homes. Thank you!

Ordination

The planning and preparations are continuing apace in the Diocese of Galway ahead of the ordination to the priesthood of Rev John Gerard Acton on 1st August. Bishop Brendan Kelly will ordain Rev Acton for service in the Galway diocese in the Cathedral of Our Lady Assumed into Heaven and Saint Nicholas in Galway City at 3.00pm on next Sunday, 1st August. For more information on diocesan priesthood see www.vocations.ie.