

Mass Leaflets

A number of people expressed disappointment that they are not allowed to use the usual Mass books during the pandemic. To make up for the loss we now provide leaflets which contain the readings and the text of the Mass. Please take one as you enter church, use it during the Mass and take it with you as you leave church at the end of Mass. It is important that you do not return the leaflets you have handled for fear of cross contamination. Thank you for your assistance in this.

Kilkenny Adult Learning Service

Kilkenny Adult Learning Service, KCETB has a number of courses coming up starting week beginning 13th September. Accredited IT Courses, Computers for Beginners, Everyday Technology – Using Smart Phones, Going Online, Teams, Zoom etc., Photography Course and Driver Theory. For further information please contact the KCETB on 056 776 3149 or on mobile 087 738 5691.

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.

Face Coverings

We appreciate the efforts made to date regarding the wearing of facemasks. Thank you for your efforts to keep yourself and others safe. Please wear a facemask in church.

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 Lorcan Moran: 086 855 0521;
Fr Raymond Dempsey: 089 497 1924;

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:

**Fergal Brennan; Mary Brennan; Alan Burke; Fr Dan Carroll; Fr Raymond Dempsey;
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 Sat. Monthly, 7.00pm; **Weekdays:** 8.00am, 10.30am. (Sat. 10.30am only).

Johnswell - Sunday 10.00am

Dunmore - Sunday 11.00am

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 12th September 2021

The Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation

Congratulations to our Confirmation Candidates from St. John's Senior School, Johnswell National School and the Kilkenny Model School who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation in UPMC Nowlan Park on Thursday evening. Sixty young people from our schools joined with about 330 others and received the Spirit with great joy and enthusiasm.

Thank you to the parents, guardians, sponsors, family members and our dedicated school teachers and staff who worked so patiently to prepare the young people in this difficult year.

A word of sincere thanks also to those stewards and helpers, including some members of O'Loughlin Gaels, who worked behind the scenes beforehand and on the evening. Your efforts into the smooth running of the evening is much appreciated.

The entire ceremony may be viewed on <https://youtu.be/rb3-Z4W3BIk>

Coronavirus Guidelines

Saint John's Parish very much welcomes the changes in Government guidance for Masses and religious services that came into effect on Monday, 6th September 2021, allowing us to proceed in theory to 50% capacity for church events. We note the government guidance is subject to "continued positive factors and sectoral guidance". Nevertheless, this enables us to make some positive adjustments to the way we welcome you and accommodate our congregations. While proceeding with caution the following advice still applies:

- Our buildings must continue to be sanitized after services
- Hand hygiene must be applied on entry and leaving the churches
- Face masks must be worn in church
- Social distancing must be maintained inside and outside our churches – every second pew is operational, and individuals and families are asked to space themselves out in the seats
- When occupying a pew please move to the inside so that others will not have to "cross" you to gain entry
- A one-way system for the reception of Holy Communion will apply in St. John's Church.
- Mass leaflets or newsletters which you have handled must be taken away

Throughout this health emergency all in our parish have done very well in heeding advice and working diligently to ensure the safety of all attending our churches and religious services. Thank you for your patience and cooperation in this.

We now invite you to consider returning to church services, particularly to our community Masses, and assure you that we are doing all in our power to maintain a safe and welcoming environment.

Bereavements

Recently Deceased: Philomena Fahy, Whitewood, Johnswell Road. Requiem Mass in St. John's Church at 11.30am on Tuesday.
Pat Shasby, St. Rioch's Street. Requiem Mass in St. Mary's Cathedral at 11.00am on Tuesday.
Mary Harris, The Sycamores.
Eva Morova, Robertshill.

Anniversaries: Mary Marnell (6.00pm); Jimmy Dowd (8.00am); Michael, Sharon, Jim & Mary Brennan (11.00am); Theresa Byrne (11.30am); Statia, Stephen & Bosco Buckley (7.00pm); Kevin Cremin; Michelle Reynolds; Maureen Holden, Patrick & Mary Halley; John Byrne; Dan & Mary O'Hanlon; Bridget Dooley; Tommy Dillon; Frances McDonald; Kathleen Murphy; Margaret Morris; Molly Browne; Joey Downey.

*May their souls
and the souls of all the faithful departed
through the mercy of God
rest in peace. Amen.*

Readers for Next Weekend

6.00pm	Claire Coogan
8.00am	Martin Blake
10.00am	Betsy Rice
11.00am	Stephanie Butler & Roger Curran
11.30am	Kay Purcell
7.00pm	Linda O'Leary

Weekly Envelope Collection

Last week's envelope collection: €510. Thanks to all who contribute weekly, monthly and annually, as well as those who pay by Standing Order.
Your support is greatly appreciated.

St. Mary's Cathedral Draw 2021/2022

A new cycle of draws will begin in September with the First Draw taking place on the 29th. Tickets are available from the Parish Office, Ann Brennan, Johnswell or any of the priests. Tickets cost €10 per month. To date the draw has raised almost €600,000 for refurbishing the cathedral. Please continue to support this ongoing work.

Society of St. Vincent De Paul Collection

The Monthly Collection for the local conference of the Society of St Vincent De Paul will take place next weekend, 18th and 19th September. A sincere thank you for all your generous support. Please remember the local conference can be contacted in writing through the Parish Office or by telephone on 086 895 1239.

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.

Anam Cara

Anam Cara would like to invite you to join us for an online Bereavement Information and Support Evening taking place 16th September at 7.00pm. This event will give you an opportunity to hear a bereavement professional talk about the difficult challenges and many milestones grieving a child of any age has on you and your family. If you would like to join us, please register here <https://bit.ly/3Dzyphe> or contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 085 288 8888.

Tractor Run

The Neville Ryan Memorial Tractor Run on Sunday, 19th September in Johnswell in aid of Castlecomer District Hospital. Registration from 1.00pm. Support is very much appreciated.

Mass Intentions for the Coming Week

Saturday: Mary Marnell (6.00pm).
Sunday: Jimmy Dowd (8.00am).
Michael, Sharon, Jim & Mary Brennan (11.00am).
Theresa Byrne (11.30am).
Statia, Stephen & Bosco Buckley (7.00pm).
Friday: John Byrne (10.30am).
Saturday: Dan & Mary O'Hanlon (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!

An Invitation from Bishop Denis Nulty to Reflect and Respond

While preaching in The Capuchin Friary on 29th August, Bishop Nulty issued an invitation to Parish Teams, Liturgy Groups, Pastoral Councils and to all the people of the diocese to reflect and share with him their thoughts and ideas on how people can be encouraged and welcomed back to regular Sunday worship.

A link to Bishop Nulty's homily and his invitation can be found on our parish website. Your thoughts and ideas may be forwarded by post to Most Reverend Denis Nulty, Apostolic Administrator, Ossory, Diocesan Office, James Street, Kilkenny.

The Season of Creation

The Season of Creation or Creation Time is marked throughout the Christian world from 1st September to 4th October (Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi) and celebrates the joy of creation as well as encouraging awareness-raising initiatives to protect the natural environment. Here are some simple and practical ideas taken from the Irish Catholic Bishops' website. Could you mark The Season of Creation by implanting some of these in your home or business?

- Start to grow some of your own food; support local producers.
- Compost your garden and food waste.
- Avoid or reduce the use of chemicals in your home and garden.
- Use vinegar, baking soda and buy eco-friendly cleaners. www.ecoverdirect.com.
- Plant pollinator friendly plants in your window box or garden at home and in your parish grounds. www.biodiversityireland.ie
- Shop wisely. Buy Fairtrade and buy locally made products when possible.
- Avoid waste. Reduce, reuse, recycle, recover, treat.
- Learn how to read your energy bills and make your home more energy efficient.
- Explore the use of renewable energy in your home, business and school, parish buildings (www.seai.ie). Many grants are available for your community.
- Consider installing water butts in your gardens.

Johnswell - Social Dance Classes

Social Dance Classes – Waltz, Quickstep, Foxtrot etc will commence on Tuesday, 21st September in Johnswell Hall from 8.00pm to 9.30pm. For more information, please contact Yvonne on 087 244 8535.

Medjugorje Mass

The local Medjugorje Group invites you to a Mass at St. Fiacre's Church, Loughboy at 7.30pm on Monday, 13th September. All are welcome.