

A Service of Reflection and Hope

Christian commitment to peace, healing and reconciliation underpins the Service of Reflection and Hope to mark the partition of Ireland and the formation of Northern Ireland.

A Service of Reflection and Hope to mark the centenaries of the partition of Ireland and the formation of Northern Ireland will take place in Saint Patrick's Church of Ireland Cathedral, Armagh, on Thursday, 21st October 2021.

The service is being organised by the Church Leaders Group, as part of their wider programme of collective engagement around the 1921 centenaries, with an emphasis on their common Christian commitment to peace, healing and reconciliation.

Armagh has been chosen as the location due to its significance as Ireland's ecclesiastical capital – a status which has its origins in the 5th Century when the present site of the Church of Ireland cathedral was presented to Saint Patrick for building his 'great stone church'.

New Dressing Rooms for O'Loughlin Gaels

Congratulations to O'Loughlin Gaels GAA Club on the blessing and opening of their new dressing rooms which took place on Saturday afternoon. Well done to all involved.

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.

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.

Counselling 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-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 26th September 2021

First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion for the boys and girls who have been preparing for many months to celebrate this Sacrament will take place on

◆ Saturday 9th October at 11.00am in **Johnswell**.

◆ Saturday 23rd October at 10.00am and 12 noon in **St John's Church**.

We keep the boys and girls in our prayers as they prepare for the big day.

Please note there will be **NO 10.30am Mass in St John's on Saturday 23rd October.**

2 Great Events for Our Lady - in October!

On Saturday October 9th, **The Hail Holy Queen Conference** will be on Radio Maria Ireland at 2pm. Guest speakers include Bishop John Keenan, Dr. Patrick Kenny, Fr. Gerry McCloskey, and Dr. Blythe Kaufman. Radio Maria - a Catholic radio station - is available at www.radiomaria.ie or on their dedicated app.

On the following day (Sunday Oct 10th), the **Coastal Rosary** will take place at 2.30pm. Join people from around Ireland to pray the Rosary for Life and Faith at our grottos, churches, at the coasts and other suitable places. We encourage you to gather safely being mindful of Covid-19 regulations. Simply sign up a Rosary location at www.coastalrosaryireland.ie or text your location to 087 278 6552.

St Mary's Cathedral Draw 2021/2022

The First Draw of this year is taking place on **next Wednesday** the 29th September. Tickets are available from the Sacristy, 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.

O Lord, seize us with
your power and light,
help us to protect all life,
to prepare for a better future,
for the coming of your Kingdom of justice,
peace, love and beauty.

Praise be to you!
Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'* 246

Bereavements

Recently Deceased: Fr. Dan Cody, Glenmore and Florida.
Sr. Hilary Hennessy, Loreto Convent, Kilkenny.
Margaret Mary Crotty (nee Lambe), Carlow and late of Kilkenny.

Months Mind: Ollie Doran

Anniversaries: Eamon Morrissey (6.00pm); Kathleen Tobin (10.00am); Elizabeth Brett (11.30am); Pat & Margaret Shortt (7.00pm); Frank Coyne; Marie Holohan; Alan Bergin; Eoin, Kathleen & Pat McQuaid; Diarmaid Ryan; Mary Clancy; Sr Gerard Forristal; Elizabeth Connick; Joe Daly.

*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	Máirín Bergin
8.00am	Paula Rogers
10.00am	Sean Colgan
11.00am	Esther Comerford & Philip Comerford
11.30am	Bobbie Lahart
7.00pm	Joan Galwey

Weekly Envelope Collection

Last week's envelope collection: €715. 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

Next Friday is the First Friday of October. The sick and housebound will be visited at the normal times. Please inform the Parish Office or one of the priests if you have a relative or neighbour who would like this service.

Johnswell Badminton

Johnswell Badminton training will recommence in Loreto on Monday nights from 8.00pm to 10.00pm. New members welcome.

Kilkenny Meals on Wheels

Voluntary drivers needed for our "meals on wheels" service. We would welcome your help, if you are a licenced car owner, fully vaccinated and could spare one hour per week in our care for the housebound and our elderly. We prepare more than 100 meals per day, our meals need "wheels" to deliver. Please contact :- Kay at Kilkenny Social Services 056 772 1685.

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.

Restoring our Common Home

The Season of Creation 2021 takes place this year runs until 4th October, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. During this season we are asked to join to celebrate creation and protect our common home through prayer, reflection and action. Resources for the Season of Creation are available on www.catholicbishops.ie. You'll see there that Trócaire has drawn up a list of 100 ways for parishioners to implement *Laudato Si*.

What can we do?

Mass Intentions for the Coming Week 27th September

Monday: Frank Coyne (10.30am).
Tuesday: Marie Holohan (10.30am).
Wednesday: Alan Bergin (10.30am).
Thursday: Eoin, Kathleen & Pat McQuaid (10.30am).
Saturday: Diarmaid Ryan (10.30am).
Carmel & Tom Ryan (6.00pm).
Sunday: Eleanor Molloy, Kathleen Beale & Johnny Parker (8.00am).
Sean Pielow (11.30am).
Joe Cleere (7.00pm).

*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!

St John's Day Centre

The Day Centre is resuming under the current HSE guidelines on this Monday and Tuesday 27th and 28th from 10.00am to 3.00pm. If anyone is interested in availing of this service where you can meet, socialise, and have dinner please contact the Parish Office any weekday from 10.00am to 2.00pm.

Ormonde College of Further Education

The Early Learning and Care (Level 5) and the Early Childhood Education with Special Needs (Level 6) Childcare Programmes are still accepting applications. If you are interested, please apply immediately because classes have just commenced. Apply through www.ormondecollege.ie

Coronavirus Guidelines

Saint John's Parish very much welcomes the changes in Government guidance for Masses and religious services. 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. Please follow the ushers' directions.
- 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.