

Loreto Secondary School

1st Year Enrolment Autumn 2022

The closing date for application for a First-Year place is Thursday 4th November 2021. Application forms and Admission Policy can be obtained from our website www.loreto.kk.ie or the school office.

Open Night for 6th Class Girls

An Open Night will take place on Tuesday 19th October 2021 at 7.30pm – this will be an online event and details on how to access it will be posted on our website.

October is the Month of Our Lady

To mark this special month the Hail Holy Queen Conference will be on Radio Maria Ireland at 2.00pm on Saturday, 9th October. 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 Sunday, 10th October 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 places. We encourage you to gather safely being mindful of Covid-19 regulations.

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 is 086 895 1239. Letters may also be mailed to: SVP, The Presbytery, Dublin Road, Kilkenny or dropped in the 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

Roman Catholic Diocese and Parishes of Ossory - Registered Charity No. 20015831

PARISH OF SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST

incorporating | St John's | Dunmore | Johnswell | church areas

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-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - 3rd October 2021

October – Month of the Missions

World Mission Sunday is the Holy Father's annual appeal for spiritual and financial support so that the life-giving work of overseas mission and missionaries can continue. It always falls on the second last Sunday in October, meaning this year it will be celebrated over the weekend of Sunday 24th. Its theme '*We Cannot Remain Silent – We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard* (Acts 4:20)' is twofold. It is a message of hope – Jesus Christ is risen and we cannot keep his love, compassion, and mercy to ourselves. It also challenges us to stand up and speak on behalf of those whose voices are too small to be heard. We all have the potential to be champions for those who are weaker. For them, we cannot remain silent.

St Francis of Assisi

As the Season of Creation draws to a close, we approach the feast of St Francis of Assisi, the well-known saint who will forever be associated with creation, animals, the environment and the poor. As we celebrate the feast of St Francis this year; may we do so with a greater sense of gratitude for God's abundant gifts. May our voices unite with the voice of St Francis of Assisi and never stop giving God praise for the world in which we live. St Francis of Assisi pray for us!

Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.
Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.



Bereavements

Recently Deceased: Eugene Brett, Holland and formerly Newpark. Requiem Mass at St. John's Church at 11.30am on Friday, 8th October (TBC).

Months Mind: Patrick Ward.

Anniversaries: Carmel & Tom Ryan (6.00pm); Eleanor Molloy, Kathleen Beale, Johnny Parker (8.00am); Michael Brophy (10.00am); Seán Pielow (11.30am); Joe Cleere (7.00pm); Philip Walsh; Margaret Dowling; Willie Drennan; Declan Ahearn; Seáníe O'Brien; Christen Mak; Sr Gregory Ryan; Fr Jim Forristal; Fr Nicholas Flavin; Billy & Patty Reinhardt; Thomas & Michael O'Connor; Paddy & Mary Clancy; Liam O'Gorman; Joe Hennessy.

*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	Mary Lynch
8.00am	Martin Blake
10.00am	Elaine Bennett
11.00am	Nora Guilfoyle & Fiona McGeary
11.30am	Anne Maria Walsh
7.00pm	Eileen Kinane

Weekly Envelope Collection

Last week's envelope collection: €1,060. Thanks to all who contribute weekly, monthly and annually, as well as those who pay by Standing Order. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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

- ◆ Next 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.**

St John's Day Centre

The Day Centre is resuming under the current HSE guidelines on Mondays and Tuesdays 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.

St Mary's Cathedral – First Draw Results

Prize	Winner	Parish	
1 st Prize	€2,000	John Norris	St Mary's
2 nd Prize	€1,000	Maggie Sweeney	St John's
3 rd Prize	€500	Kathleen Mulrooney	St Mary's
4 th Prize	€300	Mark & Sharon Kelly	St Mary's
5 th Prize	€300	Liam & Rose Treacy	Clara
6 th Prize	€200	Rita Dooley	Rosbercon
7 th Prize	€200	Henry Mooney	Ballyragget
8 th Prize	€100	Castlecomer Parish	Castlecomer
9 th Prize	€100	Fr Seán O'Connor	Ballyhale
10 th Prize	€100	Richard & Kay Cody	Tullaherin

We had a winner in our parish. Congratulations!

Mass Intentions for the Coming Week 4th October

Monday: Philip Walsh & Margaret Dowling (10.30am).
 Thursday: Willie Drennan & Declan Ahearn (8.00am).
 Saturday: Seáníe O'Brien (10.30am).
 Eva Morova (6.00pm).
 Sunday: Veronica McGuire 11.30am).
 Clare, Richard & Catherine Shortall (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!

Parish Webcam

An interesting observation on last Sunday's web congregation at St. John's Church. Ninety-four people joined us on the internet for our Masses. Sixty-five of these viewed from Ireland, twenty from the United Kingdom, four from Slovakia, three from Australia and one each from the United States and Spain. Earlier in the week we were joined by viewers from Germany and Canada. The average viewership on weekdays is 68.

We are delighted that so many people surf to St. John's Parish to join in our liturgies. Please tell family and friends that the service is available and provides a nice way for those away from home to keep in touch with family and friends in our parish. Funerals, weddings and baptisms can also be broadcast for those unable to attend in church.

World Mission Month

The world is in crisis. In many poorer parishes in Africa, Asia, and Latin America it is overseas missionaries who are on the front line. Show them your support. Donate €4.00 by texting the word 'Mission' to 50300. Alternatively donate at www.missio.ie or call Missio Ireland on 01 497 2035. To learn more go to www.missio.ie

Missio Ireland is the Holy Father's official charity for overseas mission. Through your generosity they support missionaries who are caring for some of the most vulnerable communities in the world. (Texts cost €4. Missio will receive a minimum of €3.60. Service Provider: LikeCharity. Helpline: 076 680 5278. Republic of Ireland only.

Kool Kickers

Beginner's line Dance classes are starting this Tuesday 5th October in O'Loughlins GAA Club from 7.00pm to 8.00pm. Great way to exercise and meet new people. All are welcome. For more information, please call Deirdre on 086 255 6147.

Season of Creation 2021

This special season ends on this Monday, 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. Catholics are asked to help create the momentum that is needed for real change.

This Season of Creation all of us are urged to sign the 'Healthy Planet Healthy People' petition by going to www.thecatholicpetition.org, adding your name, and encouraging others to do so too. In this way we can take a stand for future generations.