

First Holy Communion Gifts and Souvenirs

St. Patrick's Parish has a wide range of rosettes and gifts suitable for First Holy Communion children at their shop adjacent to St. Fiacre's Church (056 776 4400). There is a similar repository at The Chapter House Bookshop in the grounds of St. Mary's Cathedral (056 770 3884).

Feast of St Teresa of Ávila – Friday, 15th October

Next Friday is the Feast of St Teresa of Ávila. She was born in 1515 and was raised in an atmosphere of good example and prayer. In 1535 she entered the Carmelite Order in Ávila. God had great work in store for her. He asked her to reform the Carmelite Order. Their rule at the time was not the rule of perpetual prayer for which it was established. In 1562 she founded the first monastery in Ávila which had as its patron Saint Joseph. Before she died she had established thirty monasteries. Her writings are an important part of the Church's literature.

Christ Has No Body Now But Yours ... St. Teresa of Ávila

Christ has no body now but yours.

No hands, no feet on earth but yours.

Yours are the eyes through which he looks with compassion on this world.

Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good.

Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world.

The Rosary on the Coast

The Rosary on the Coast for Life and Faith takes place this Sunday, October 10th, in the Black Abbey, Kilkenny, at 2.30pm. This will be followed by the Divine Mercy at 3.00pm.

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: Professional staff are available 0818 222 024.

Address: St John's Presbytery, Dublin Road, Kilkenny. **Email:** stjohns@ossory.ie

Website: www.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-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 10th October 2021

Johnswell First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the boys and girls of Johnswell National School who made their First Holy Communion on this Saturday. Thanks to the parents, guardians, teachers and SNAs for all your hard work and in particular your patience.

We Cannot Remain Silent

There is always an urgent need for missionaries of hope: those who provide a prophetic voice reminding us that everything we have received from God is meant to be put to good use and shared freely with others. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus tells us to 'go therefore to the highways and byways and invite everyone you find' (Mt 22:9). No one is excluded from the joy of the Gospel. The Lord calls everyone *just as they are*. He summons each of us to bring to others what we bear in our hearts 'for goodness can always be shared, even if it exists alongside many limitations.' If we do not share the Good News; if we allow ourselves to become isolated or retreat into elite groups, our faith will weaken. It will lose its prophetic power and its ability to sustain hope. It is our faith that makes us 'go forth to encounter others, to share their joys, their hopes and their frustrations'. Our faith, 'calls us out of our house', to visit the sick, the prisoner and those who mourn. It makes us able to laugh with those who laugh and rejoice. As Christians, we cannot remain silent; 'We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard' (Acts 4:20).

October is Mission Month and we are all encouraged to work together to spread the Good News to every nook and cranny of the earth. What can we do as a Christian Community to share our faith with other people?

Parish Finance Committee

The quarterly meeting of the Parish Finance Committee will be held at the Parish Centre on Thursday, 14th October at 7.00pm. All members are asked to attend.

Prayer to St. Canice

O God of mercy, in joy and in sorrow,
turn our minds and hearts to you,
and with the abbot Saint Canice to plead for us,
grant that nothing, in life or death, may sever us from
your love.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Feast Day of St. Canice

St Canice was born in Co. Derry around 527 and died in 603. In Ireland his principal foundation was in Aghaboe in Ossory, but this was replaced centuries later by his church in *Cill Chainnigh*, the City which bears his name. The feast of St. Canice is celebrated on Monday.

Bereavements

Recently Deceased: Ollie Walsh, De la Salle Place. *Funeral Mass on Monday at 11.30am. Committal service at 2.30pm in Mount Jerome Crematorium.*
Eamon Hehir, Laurel Drive.

Months Mind: Eva Morova (6.00pm)
Geraldine Maher.

Anniversaries: Veronica McGuire (11.30am); Claire, Richard & Catherine Shortall (7.00pm)
Frank Dalton; John Kelly; Patrick Cody; Eileen & Liam Nolan; John & Mary Green; Bishop
Larry Forristal; Bridie Brennan; Nicky Butler; Eileen Barry; Nicholas Butler;

*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 Jo Browne
10.00am Betsy Rice
11.00am Pierce Lennon & Liam Maddock
11.30am James Connolly
7.00pm Linda O'Leary

Weekly Envelope Collection

Last week's envelope collection: €1,395. 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 for many months have been preparing to celebrate this Sacrament will take place on

• 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.**

October Station Envelopes

It's that time of year again! The October and November envelopes are ready for distribution and, as always, we appreciate the distributors who generously carry out their task. These funds go towards the priests' and bishop's income. Your priests thank you sincerely for your generous support throughout the past very difficult year.

Newpark Close Family Resource Centre

Newpark Close Family Resource Centre is offering places on a free programme starting early November 2021 suitable for families looking to get more active and healthier while having fun together. Each week will include Cooking and Tasting Demos & Fun Physical activities for the whole family. Tuesday Mornings: 10am – 12pm and Wednesday Evenings: 6.30pm to 8.30pm. For more information or to apply for a place contact Mary Donnelly 056 – 7723309 or marydonnelly@newparkclosefrcc.ie. Apply early to avoid disappointment.

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.loretokk.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 school website.

Mass Intentions for the Coming Week 11th October

Friday: Eileen & Liam Nolan (10.30am).
Saturday: Geraldine Maher (10.30am).
John Butler (6.00pm).
Sunday: Albert Bolger (10.30am).
Sheelagh Lynch (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 welcome!

Coronavirus Guidelines

In recent weeks we have been allowed an increased capacity in our churches. Thanks to the members of our congregations and to our stewards for making this a reality. We look forward to opening our churches even further following the relaxations expected on 22nd October. For now, every second pew will remain closed and we ask people to continue to maintain social distancing. Obviously people from the same household may sit together. Please continue to follow the directions of the volunteer stewards who will endeavour to seat as many people as possible.

For your protection and the safety of others the following Government guidelines and protocols should be followed:

- Facemasks must be worn while in the church
- Hand sanitizer should be used on entering and leaving the church
- Observe social distancing both inside and outside the church
- Follow local instructions re processing for Holy Communion
- Holy Communion will be given in the hand only
- Take your copy of the newsletter and Mass leaflet home with you

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we work to keep our parish a safe place for all.

Synod of the Catholic Church 2023

In these days, the Catholic Church throughout the world and in Ireland is beginning a series of conversations about what God wants of his people at this time. These conversations are often referred to as a synodal process. "Synodal" comes from a Greek word meaning "walking together".

Pope Francis will formally launch the process of the Synod of Bishops in 2023 with a Mass this Sunday in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. After the Pope formally opens the synod process, the bishop of every diocese should open the process in his diocese on the following Sunday, 17th October.

Bishop Denis writes: "On Sunday, 17th October we mark the opening of this synodal process entitled, *For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission*. This synodal process coincides with the start of the two-year synodal pathway for the Catholic Church in Ireland which will lead, in time, to a National Synodal Assembly in Ireland.

We pray that the next two years will be a time of prayer, listening and discernment, involving a consultative conversation. This will allow all people – both within the Church and in society at large, to share their insights into the Catholic Church in Ireland – past, present and future – so that we can prepare for a National Synodal Assembly in the coming years."

Please visit www.catholicbishops.ie/synod to learn more about the Synodal Pathway for the Catholic Church in Ireland.

Visit www.synod.va – to learn more about the worldwide Synod.