

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).

Archbishop Dermot Farrell

Archbishop Farrell left the Diocese of Ossory during the lockdown imposed by the coronavirus pandemic. Sadly, we were unable to properly mark his translation to the Archdiocese of Dublin. An evening of celebration is planned for 9th November to express our thanks to Archbishop Farrell upon his departure from Ossory. Evening Prayer will be celebrated in St. Patrick's Church and there will be an opportunity to meet in St. Kieran's College afterwards. Time and details will be announced as they come to hand.

St Luke's Annual Remembrance Mass

The End-of-Life Care Committee at St Luke's Hospital, Carlow/Kilkenny are inviting people and their families to be part of the annual Remembrance Mass to remember those who have died at the hospital. This will be broadcast on this Monday, 18th October from St Canice's Church at 7.30pm. People are invited to log into www.stcanicesparish.ie and be part of this very meaningful Mass. Candles will be lit in the church for the deceased.

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. Each week will include Cooking and Tasting Demos and Fun Physical activities for all. Tuesdays: 10am – 12pm and Wednesdays: 6.30pm to 8.30pm. For more information or to apply contact Mary Donnelly 056 772 3309 or marydonnelly@newparkclosefrc.ie.

Loreto Secondary School

1st Year Enrolment Autumn 2022: The closing date for application is Thursday, 4th November. Application forms and Admission Policy can be obtained from our website www.loretokk.ie or the school office. Open Night for 6th Class Girls will take place on Tuesday, 19th October at 7.30pm – this will be an online event. Further details on our school website.

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-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 17th October 2021



Synod 2023

Last weekend Pope Francis formally launched the two-year global consultation process leading to the 2023 Synod. At this time, the Catholic Church throughout the world and in Ireland is beginning a series of conversations about what God wants of his people right now. These conversations are often referred to as a synodal process. "Synodal" comes from Greek meaning "walking together".

Bishop Denis writes: "On this 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.

First Holy Communion

On next Saturday, please God, we will celebrate First Holy Communion with the boys and girls who, for many months, have been preparing to celebrate this Sacrament. We will have two celebrations at St. John's Church: one at 10.00am and one at 12.00 noon. We keep the boys and girls, their families and teachers in our prayers during this special time. Please note there will be no 10.30am Mass on next Saturday morning.

Mission Sunday

October is Mission Month with next Sunday, 24th October being Mission Sunday. This year's message '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 out on behalf of those whose voices are too small to be heard. For them, we cannot remain silent.

Please support the annual Mission Sunday collection at all Masses next weekend. This is the Holy Father's annual appeal to support overseas mission and missionaries. Similar to the Good Friday collection for the Holy Land and Peter's Pence, it is one of three yearly universal Church collections. It takes place in every single parish worldwide. Please support.

Bereavements

Recently Deceased: Nora Lanigan, Rothe Terrace. Requiem Mass at St. John's Church at 12.30pm on Tuesday. Burial will follow at St. Kieran's Cemetery, Colette Dalton, Castlecomer Road.
Margaret McGuinness, Deansground and formerly Maudlin Street.
Sr Teresita O'Keefe, Loreto Convent.
Tim Lynch, Belfast and Late of Kilkenny.

Months Mind: Sheelagh Lynch (7.00pm)

Anniversaries: John Butler (6.00pm); Albert Bolger (11.30am); Catriona Walsh. Ross Costigan. Mary Cassin; Angela Clutterbuck, John Cassin; Bill Hanlon; Michael Corr; Billy Maher; Harriett Dullard; John Jack Carroll; Julie and Patrick Burke.

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 Ann Daly
8.00am Padraig O'Neill
10.00am Fiona & Sarah Manning
11.00am Eddie Holohan & Liz Holohan
11.30am Deirdre Dowling
7.00pm Anne Marie Grace

Weekly Envelope Collection

Last week's envelope collection: €990. Thanks to all who contribute weekly, monthly and annually, as well as those who pay by Standing Order.
Your support is greatly appreciated.

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.

Health Care Support Assistants

The HSE require Health Care Support Assistants (formally known as Home Helps) to provide care to clients in their own homes in the Carlow, Kilkenny, South Tipperary. Please check the job search section on www.hse.ie using reference code: SECH21HCSA to find out more details. Closing date is this Monday, 18th October at 12 noon and applications can only be accepted by email. For Kilkenny enquiries please contact Sinead on 056 778 4698.

Prayer for the Synod

The prayer *Adsumus Sancte Spiritus* has been used at Councils, Synods and other Church gatherings for hundreds of years. As we are called to embrace this synodal path of the Synod 2021-2023, this prayer invites the Holy Spirit to operate within us so that we may be a community and a people of grace.

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.
With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.
We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong
path

nor partiality influence our actions.
Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.
All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever. Amen.

Mass Intentions for the Coming Week 18th October

Tuesday: Catriona Walsh, Ross Costigan (8.00am)
Mary Cassin, Angela Clutterbuck, John Cassin (10.30am)
Friday: Bill Hanlon (10.30am).
Saturday: Ann Lacey (6.00pm).
Sunday: Martin Ryan (11.00am).
Mollie Bergin (11.30am).
John & Ellen Kelly. Ned & Winifred Kelly (7.00pm).

*Those we love don't go away,
they walk beside us every day.
Unseen, unheard, but always near!*

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!

Lifting of Covid Restrictions

Taoiseach Micheál Martin admitted during the week that the planned lifting of the remaining Covid restrictions across Ireland on 22nd October cannot be guaranteed. St. John's Parish is committed to following the advice provided by the Government and HSE at this time. As of now we are uncertain of the national restrictions which will be in place for next weekend's liturgies. Therefore, we consider it best practice to maintain the restrictions currently in force in our parish buildings for at least one more weekend. Following that we will proceed cautiously and in accordance with advice. Therefore, next weekend, 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 ushers who will endeavour to seat as many people as possible.

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

- The churches will continue to be well ventilated
- 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 and community a safe place for all.

St Luke. The Evangelist

We celebrate the feast of St. Luke on Monday. St. Paul referred to Luke as the beloved physician (Col 4 :14). It is clear from Luke's writings that he was Greek and it is thought he was born in Antioch and that St. Paul himself inspired him to become a follower of Christ. He travelled with Paul as he spread the Gospel of Christ and supported Paul when he was imprisoned in Rome. St. Luke's Gospel demonstrates God's mercy and especially the gentleness of our Saviour. He gives the most complete account of the child Jesus. He also wrote the Acts of the Apostles which describes the early Church and how it developed from the Ascension of Christ to 62AD. He gives us an insight into the writings of St. Paul. St. Luke is recognised by the Catholic Church as the patron saint of artists, physicians, surgeons and students.