

A Prayer before Bedtime

O my God,

As the evening falls, I come to you in prayer.
I thank you for being with me in every moment of this day,
guiding me and protecting me, keeping me from harm.

On this November night
I bring before you in prayer all those dear to me who have died.
(Name those for whom you wish to pray).
Remember them God in your loving kindness.
May they now rest in your eternal peace.

May all of us who still miss them and grieve for them
find comfort in our belief that we will one day see them again
in the kingdom of heaven.

I remember in my prayer this night
all those who have died and who have no one to pray for them.
For these and for our loved ones I pray:

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.

May the Lord support us all the day long,
till the shades lengthen and the evening comes,
and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over
and our work is done.

Then in His love and mercy may He give us a safe lodging,
a holy rest and peace at last. Amen

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IF YOU HAVE A SAFEGUARDING CONCERN CONTACT

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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

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - 14th November 2021

Safeguarding Sunday 2021

This weekend we celebrate Safeguarding Sunday in the Diocese of Ossory. On this day we turn the spotlight on safeguarding and remind our communities and parish personnel that protecting vulnerable people is at the heart of the Christian message. Safeguarding Sunday is about creating an opportunity for parishes to find out all the positive work that has been happening in terms of safeguarding over the past year.

Safeguarding in St. John's Parish could not happen without the commitment and work of those who take on extra responsibilities around safeguarding.

We remember those who have experienced abuse in our diocese and remind people of the *Towards Healing* confidential and free counselling service on 1800 303 416. They provide face to face counselling, phone counselling, family counselling and a counselling helpline.

The Diocese of Ossory Safeguarding Committee has produced a newsletter to mark this day, and it is available in hard copy at the back of the church and to view on www.ossory.ie.

Prayer for Safeguarding Sunday

Grant us, Lord God a vision of your world as your love would have it. A world where the weak are protected and none go hungry or poor. A world where the riches of creation are shared, and everyone can enjoy them. A world where different races and cultures live in harmony and mutual respect. A world where peace is built with justice and is guided by love. Give us the inspiration and courage to build it, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*Archbishop Oscar Romero*).

Towards Healing

This is an independent organisation providing free professional support for people who have experienced institutional, clerical or religious abuse in Ireland. - They provide face to face counselling, structured phone counselling, family counselling and a counselling helpline. Their help line is open: Tuesday to Friday 9.00am - 5.00pm. Freephone 1800 303416. Hearing-impaired Text Line Number: 085 802 2859. Email: info@towardshealing.ie and their website: www.towardshealing.ie.

Special Trócaire Collection

Thank you to all our Mass goers for your generous support for the Special Trócaire Collection for East Africa which took place last weekend. A total of €1,555 was collected in our parish and has been handed on to our Diocesan Office for transfer to Trócaire. Your support is greatly appreciated. See www.trocaire.org for further details.

Bereavements

Recently Deceased: Catherine Muir, Scotland (8.00am).

Fr. Michael Norton PP, Rosbercon.

Catherine Doyle, Waterford Road.

Bridget Maher, Kells Road.

Frank Crotty, Fermanagh & late of Kilkenny.

Eileen O'Dwyer, Cathedral Square.

John Falsey, Bishop Birch Place.

Harry Byrne, Clover, Gowran.

Rita Little, Ballinasloe.

Tomás Ó Murchú, Freshford Road.

Michael O'Keefe, Larchfield.

Aileen Hehir, William Street.

Eileen Conway, Greenshill.

Anniversaries: Theresa Holohan (6.00pm); Mary, Seamus & Ann Burke (11.30am); Private Intention (7.00pm); Dan McEvoy; Seán Walsh; Rebecca Ashmore; Eddie Byrne Jr.; Mary Mulcahy; Michael & Margaret Smullen; James Leahy; Dick Phelan; Patrick & Ann Nolan; Joseph Joe Murphy; Arthur & Gretta Somers; Peter Blanchfield; Dick & Annie 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 Claire Coogan
8.00am Padraig O'Neill
10.00am Betsy Rice
11.00am Bernard O'Gorman & John McGourty
11.30am Mary Hanafin
7.00pm Mary Lynch

Weekly Envelope Collection

Last week's envelope collection: €1,827. Thanks to all who contribute weekly, monthly and annually, as well as those who pay by Standing Order. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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, 20th and 21st November. 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.

Prayers for the Deceased

We pray for our deceased family members, relatives, neighbours and friends during the month of November. Their intentions are remembered in all our Masses during the month. You are invited to include the names of deceased family members in our sacred space. Write the names on the slip of paper provided at the back of the churches or on any slip of paper and drop it into the basket provided in the sanctuary area.

Annual Remembrance Mass

We are currently planning our Remembrance Mass for those of our parishioners who died during the past year. Last year's service was online but we anticipate inviting relatives and friends to join us in St. John's Church at 7.00pm on Thursday, 25th November when we will call to mind in prayer those who have died during the past twelve months. More details later.

Ventilation in Church

Health authority guidelines insist that we keep our churches well ventilated during this time. This is an essential measure in our battle against Covid-19. Please dress appropriately.

Our Parish Website

We invite you to keep an eye on our parish website at stjohnskilkenny.com. The website is updated regularly and has lots of information about our parish community.

Mass Intentions for week beginning 15th November

Monday: Dan McEvoy (10.30am).
Friday: Seán Walsh & Rebecca Ashmore (10.30am).
Saturday: Eddie Byrne Jr (10.30).
Patrick & Margaret Cody (6.00pm).
Sunday: Jim Brophy (10.00am).
Maura Leahy (11.00am).
Ethel Shine (11.30am);
Statia, Stephen & Bosco Buckley (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.*

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!

Please Take Care

As the number of cases of the coronavirus continues to rise we should remember to take extra care in observing the Government guidelines and protocols so that we will protect ourselves and others from this deadly virus. Please observe all guidelines in our parish churches.

Johnswell Church Choir

Rehearsals for the choir for Christmas will commence after 10.00am Mass on Sunday, 21st of November. All present health and safety guidelines will be adhered to. New members will be very welcome. Come and join our church choir for Christmas.

Adult Faith Development

Advent Lectio 365 – begin the spiritual journey to Christmas. You can view it from this link: <https://ossory.ie/advent-lectio-365-begin-the-spiritual-journey-to-christmas/>. You are invited to begin the spiritual journey to Christmas through the resource of Lectio 365, a devotional programme from the 24-7 Prayer Movement which is inspired by Lectio Divina, a way of meditating and praying with the Bible. (www.24-7prayer.com). We will follow a simple P.R.A.Y rhythm:

- > P:ause to be still
- > R:ejoice with a Psalm and Reflect on Scripture
- > A:sk for God's help
- > Y:ield to His will in your life

Retired Nurses' Association of Ireland

Mass for retired and deceased nurses will be celebrated in St. Fiacre's Church, Loughboy on Thursday, 18th November 2021 at 10.30am. A collection for Carlow/Kilkenny Homecare Team will take place outside the church after Mass.

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. 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.

Parish Office

Please note that the Parish Office is open for parish business between 9.30am and 2.00pm each weekday. Áine is available to book baptisms, weddings, anniversary Masses and other parish business. Telephone 056 772 1072 or email stjohns@ossory.ie.