

Adult Faith Development

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). You can view it from this link: <https://ossory.ie/advent-lectio-365-begin-the-spiritual-journey-to-christmas/>.

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.

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.

The Pope's Monthly Intentions

Universal: We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life

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 this 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.

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

Feast of Christ The King - 21st November 2021

Annual Remembrance Mass

Our Remembrance Mass for those of our parishioners who died during the past year will take place on this Thursday evening in St John's Church at 7.00pm. Last year's service was online but this year we have invited relatives and friends to join us in church. The Mass will also be livestreamed on our webcam for those who would like to attend virtually.

Retired Priests' Collection

The Annual Collection for the Ossory Retired Priests' Society takes place outside the churches on next weekend 27th and 28th November. This Society is responsible for making suitable financial provision for the care of the priests in Ossory in infirmity, sickness and old age.

St. Mary's Cathedral Draw

The next draw for the Cathedral Restoration fund will take place on this Wednesday 24th November. Tickets are available from the Parish Office, Ann Brennan, Johnswell or any of the priests. Tickets cost €10 per month. Thank you for your support.

Feast of the Presentation

We wish the Presentation Sisters resident in our parish all God's blessings on this Sunday, the Feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The members of the Congregation, founded by Nano Nagle in 1775, has long associations with our city and county.

Prayer to Our Lady

Take my hand O Blessed Mother,
Hold me firmly lest I fall,
I am nervous when I am walking,
And to thee I humbly call.
Guide me over every crossing,
Watch me when I am on my way,
Let me know you are beside me,
Listen to my frequent prayers.
Bring me to my destination,
Safely every single day,
Help me with my understanding,
As the hours pass away.
And when evening falls upon me,
And I fear to be alone,
Take my hand O Blessed Mother,
And once again guide me home.



Bereavements

Recently Deceased: Margaret Murray, Larchfield.
Brian Hanlon, Johnswell and late of Clontarf, Dublin.
Peter Dwan, Connolly Street. Requiem Mass on Monday at 11.00am in St Canice's Church.

Anniversaries: Patrick & Margaret Cody (6.00pm); Jim Brophy (10.00am); Ethel Shine (11.30am); Statia, Stephen & Bosco Buckley (7.00pm); Ned & Bridie Langton; Ned Lawless; Ollie Bergin; Kitty & Jack Hennessy; Stephen Murphy; Patrick J. Crotty; Jim Fogarty; Mary & Jack Kavanagh; Mary & Andrew Brennan; Brigid, John O'Neill; Jimmy Hanlon; Michael Maher; The Cantwell Family; the Deceased Members of the Defence Forces; the Deceased Residents of Archersrath Nursing Home;

*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 Paula Rogers
10.00am Fiona & Sarah Manning
11.00am Martina Brennan & Tom Keating
11.30am Kay Purcell
7.00pm Anne Marie Grace

Weekly Envelope Collection

Last week's envelope collection:
€1,185. Thanks to all who contribute weekly, monthly and annually, as well as those who pay by Standing Order.
Your support is greatly appreciated.

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. Everyone needs to take steps individually and collectively in our everyday lives to keep this risk under control, in particular by

- acting fast, isolating and getting tested if we have symptoms;
- wearing our face masks;
- making sure that indoor spaces are well ventilated;
- maintaining adequate social distancing whenever appropriate;
- covering our coughs and sneezes and
- keeping our hands clean by using sanitizers.

Job Opportunities

Bluebird Care is currently hiring experienced Care Assistants for Kilkenny City and surrounding areas to work with clients in their own home. We offer flexible part/full time hours to work around your lifestyle including weekends only, mornings only, evenings only, and specific days. If you are interested in finding out more about our opportunities, please email your CV to ckw@bluebirdcare.ie or call 056 778 9952.

Sum of Money Found

A sum of money was found in the vicinity of St. John's Church last weekend. Please contact the Presbytery if this belongs to you.

World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims

This Sunday is World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims. We remember in prayer those who died on our roads. This year marks the start of the new Decade of Action for Road Safety 2021-2030, during which the World Day will play a very important part – through highlighting the very reasons for all the necessary actions during this coming decade. As every year, the objectives of WDoR 2021 are to provide a platform for road traffic victims and their families. Our motto is: Remember, Support, Act. Website: www.worlddayofremembrance.org

Mass Intentions for week beginning 22nd November

Monday: Ned & Bridie Langton (10.30am).
Tuesday: Ned Lawless 10.30am).
Thursday: Ollie Bergin (10.30am).
Friday: Mass for Deceased Residents Of Archersrath Nursing Home (10.30am).
Saturday: Kitty & Jack Hennessy (10.30).
Joe & Alice Bambrick (6.00pm).
Sunday: John Joseph, Thomas, Nora Kinsella (10.00am).
Liam Sullivan (11.00am).
Jerry Tobin (11.30am);
Helen Purcell (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!

Christ Our King: Courageous Witness

The feast of Christ Our King is celebrated on this Sunday, the last Sunday of the Liturgical Year. The Feast of Christ our King was instituted by Pope Pius IX in 1856 in response to growing secularism and nationalism. It was originally celebrated on the last Sunday in September. In 1969 Pope Paul VI renamed the festival "Our Lord Jesus Christ King of All" to be celebrated on the last Sunday of the Liturgical year.

What did Jesus claim made Him King? He was sent by the Father to be a witness to the truth. The truth was and is that each of us is a beloved child of God, enabled to live our lives in service to one another and to the whole human family. An integral part of this service is to respect and protect God's creation and to share its bountiful gifts fairly and justly with each other and especially with the less fortunate. To ensure that this happens followers of Jesus are empowered by the grace of the Holy Spirit to be leaders (locally and globally) in building up the Kingdom of God wherever life takes us. For Jesus this witness of service flourished under His personal touch, not merely at arm's length. Such service is only given at great cost to those who give it. It cost Jesus, our King, His life.

Am I like Pilate, even afraid to glimpse what Jesus did and in turn asks of us? Am I intimidated by Calvary or inspired by it? In prayer, we ask the Spirit to lead us in courageous witness that blossoms in justice, peace and happiness through love.

Mass of Remembrance

On Friday morning next 26th November, the 10.30am Mass will be a Mass of Remembrance offered for all those who have died at Archersrath Nursing Home. We keep them and all our loved ones who have died in prayer during this month of November.

November Offerings

Frs. Dan, Lorcan and Raymond offer a sincere word of thanks to all who forwarded contributions to the November offerings. This contribution goes towards the salaries of the priests and bishop. If you haven't got round to it yet, please don't forget.

Social Dance Night in Johnswell

Come join us for a great Social Dance Night doing the Waltz, Foxtrot, Quickstep etc. This takes place in Johnswell Hall, next Friday, 26th November. Music by Peter Burke. Dancing from 9.30pm till late. Please bring Covid Cert and Photo ID.