

### Covid-19: Restrictions are Eased

Thank God, NEPHET and the Government have seen fit to ease the restrictions placed upon us by the pandemic. It should be our prayer that the easement is warranted and that we will be safe and well going forward.

We are going to progress with caution in St. John's Parish. We ask that you continue to take responsibility for your own health and the health of others, especially when visiting our churches. The following steps will remain in place.

- Do not come to church if you feel unwell or display any symptoms of Covid-19;
- Follow the advice of our volunteer ushers who will remain in place for the moment;
- Wear a face mask;
- Use the hand sanitisers;
- Continue to use the local arrangements for receiving Holy Communion;
- Receive Holy Communion in the hand only;
- Be conscience that others may be anxious about maintaining a social distance;
- Continue to contribute in the buckets at the church doors - we will not pass around the collection plates for the moment.

We have done very well and supported each other during the past two years. While rejoicing in the relaxation of the restrictions let us be careful and continue to care for each other.

### Society of St. Vincent De Paul Collection

A sincere thank you for your generous support of last weekend's Society of St Vincent De Paul collection. Please remember that the members of the local conference continue to offer help and support and can be contacted in writing through the Parish Office or by telephone on 086 895 1239.

### Some Useful Help Agencies

**Samaritans:** We are here for you. Every hour, every day, a Samaritan is waiting to answer your call. on freephone 116 123 or email [jo@samaritans.ie](mailto:jo@samaritans.ie).

**Address:** St John's Presbytery, Dublin Road, Kilkenny. **Email:** [stjohns@ossory.ie](mailto:stjohns@ossory.ie)

**Website:** [www.stjohnskilkenny.com](http://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; Jo Browne; Alan Burke; Fr Dan Carroll;**

**Claire Coogan; Fr Raymond Dempsey; Luke Leydon; Fr Lorcan Moran;**

**Iris O'Flynn; Karna Phelan.**

### IF YOU HAVE A SAFEGUARDING CONCERN CONTACT

The Diocesan Designated Liaison Person, Ms. Kathleen Sherry, 085 802 1633 - [dlp@ossory.ie](mailto: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](http://www.towardshealing.ie)

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# 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:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. Monthly, 7.00pm; **Weekdays:** 8.00am, 10.30am. (Sat. 10.30am only).

**Johnswell - Sunday 10.00am**

**Dunmore - Sunday 11.00am**

### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2022

### Sunday of the Word of God

Pope Francis is passionate about the Word of God. In 2019 he declared that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time each year is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God. This Sunday is to be a special Sunday dedicated to the Bible. All of us are invited to respond imaginatively and actively to this new feast. "All evangelisation is based on that word, listened to, meditated upon, lived, celebrated and witnessed to. The Sacred Scriptures are the very source of evangelisation" (EG 174)."



Indeed, the Church is built upon the Word of God; she is born from and lives by that Word. Throughout its history, the People of God have always found strength in the Word of God, and today too the ecclesial community grows by hearing, celebrating and studying that Word. (*Verbum Domini* 3).

### Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated in schools across Ireland from Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January – Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> January. The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2022 is 'Catholic Schools: Living Life to the Full'.

During this week our parish and school communities will celebrate our Catholic Schools reflecting on their huge contribution to the common good of society. Throughout this pandemic we have all seen, in a very clear light, the importance of our schools and how it is that they contribute in so many ways to our children, our families and our wider society. This year Catholic Schools Week presents us with the opportunity to reflect on how our faith sustains us and how we as a community, support and care for each other even in these strange times.

### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity continues until Tuesday, the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. We continue to pray and work for Christian Unity in our community. Christian Unity Week is a renewal call to all of us to engage in inter-Church contact, conversation and co-operation so that we may discover each other's gifts and discovering them, delight in them and share them so that our witness to the world is no longer embarrassed and weakened by our disunity.

### Interesting Video on Synod

Fr. Eamon Fitzgibbon explains the Synod in this video: <https://youtu.be/qQnKu7cGmEg>

### Bereavements

**Recently Deceased:** Christy McDonald, Meadow Way, Kilkenny. Requiem Mass at St. John's Church at 10.30am on Tuesday.  
Vera Cody (nee Murphy), Fatima Place and formerly Michael Street. Requiem Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral at 10.30am on Monday.  
Ann Fennelly, Maudlin Street.  
Jerry English, Loughboy.  
Michael F. Durman, Beechpark.

**Anniversaries:** Richard Grace (6.00pm); Billy Malone (8.00am); Catherine & Louis Brennan (10.00am); Jim & Kitty Rice (11.00am); Tom Walsh (11.30am); Patrick & Hugh Meany (7.00pm); Ann Hawe; Johanna McEaney; Jim Byrne; Dick Brennan; Jimmy & Chrissie Bergin; Anne Moynihan; Paddy Nolan; Helen Ryan; Teresa Hillman; Sheila Fitzgerald; Mary Leahy; Edward & Mary O'Neill; John & Ellen Ryan; Mary Fanning; Lil Redmond; Johnny Brennan; Denis Guilfoyle; Michael Cody. Frank Walsh; Marcus Fitzgerald; William Burke; Arthur Connick.

*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 Seán Colgan  
11.00am Nora Guilfoyle & Fiona McGeary  
11.30am Mary Hanafin  
7.00pm Linda O'Leary

### Weekly Envelope Collection

Last week's envelope collection: €995. Thanks to all who contribute weekly, monthly and annually, as well as those who pay by Standing Order.  
Your support is greatly appreciated.

### Senior Care Assistant Required

Senior Care Assistant required for St. John's Day Care Centre, Dublin Road, Kilkenny. 2 days per week – 9.00am to 3.00pm. (12 Hours). Must have experience in caring for Elderly People. Expressions of interest to be sent in writing to St. John's Homes for the Elderly c/o The Presbytery, Dublin Road, Kilkenny. For further information please contact Martin on 086 394 4224 from 2 to 6pm Monday to Friday.

### St. John's Junior School

St. John's Junior School is currently accepting applications for enrolment for September 2022. Applications forms are available by contacting the school 056 776 2888 or emailing info@stjohnstheLake.ie. Closing date for receipt of applications is Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January.

### Tobar na Gaeilge - Full Run Through of Irish Oral Exam Plus Feedback

A team of múinteoirí will hold two Irish Oral Super Sessions for Leaving Cert students in the newest Irish Hub in Kilkenny, Johnswell. Students will have an opportunity to complete three full Irish Oral Exams each session with different múinteoirí and receive feedback after each one. All elements of the Irish Oral Exam will be covered; i.e., Sraith Pictiúr, Cómhrá agus Filíocht.

Áit/Venue: Johnswell Community Hall. Dátaí/Dates: 12<sup>th</sup> February and 26<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

Teangmháil/Contact: [tobarnagaeilge@yahoo.com](mailto:tobarnagaeilge@yahoo.com) nó 087 667 3302.

Spríoddáta/Closing date for applications: 5<sup>th</sup> February.

### Kilkenny Medjugorje Youth Group

The members of Kilkenny Medjugorje Youth Group are looking forward to the recommencing of their weekly meetings following a 2-year hiatus. The meetings begin next Friday night the 28<sup>th</sup> of January and will continue every Friday night @ 7.30pm in St. Fiacre's Church, Loughboy. All young people are welcome to come along to share in this time of prayer, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, intercessory prayer, music, singing and testimonies from young people. Contact Joe Malone 086 312 8838.

### Mass Intentions for week beginning 24th January

Monday: Anne Hawe (10.30am).  
Tuesday: Johanna McEaney (10.30am).  
Wednesday: Jim Byrne (10.30am).  
Thursday: Dick Brennan (10.30am)  
Saturday: Jimmy & Chrissie Bergin, Anne Moynihan, Paddy Nolan, Helen Ryan (10.30am)  
Ann, Michael, Bridget & Michael Jnr O'Connor (6.00pm)  
Sunday: John Joyce - Month's Mind (8.00am)  
Nancy Comerford (10.00am)  
Claire & John Irwin, Renee & Jarlath Walsh (11.00am)  
Eileen Tynan, Old Callan Road, Month's Mind (11.30am)  
Betty Burke (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.*

### Parish Webcam

You may like to know that all Masses and Services at St. John's Church are broadcast on our webcam at [stjohnskilkenny.com](http://stjohnskilkenny.com), and our Parish Radio Service on 106.8 FM.

**Weekdays  
8.00am and 10.30am.**

**Saturdays  
10.30am and 6.00pm.**

**Sundays  
8.00am, 11.30am & 7.00pm.  
All welcome!  
You can stay in touch with  
your parish from anywhere  
in the world.**

### Prayer to the Holy Spirit for the Synod



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.

### Study Theology Online

Is this for you? The Priory Institute provides online theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Register before 8<sup>th</sup> February for Spring 2022. Find out more on our website: [www.prioryinstitute.com](http://www.prioryinstitute.com)

### St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration Draw

The January Draw will take place on this Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> January 2022. The annual prize fund is €60,000 and the subscription is €120 per annum or €10 per month. Draw tickets are available at St. John's Parish Office. Your support is very much appreciated. Be in to Win!