

Lenten Station Envelopes

The Lenten Station Envelopes are now ready for distribution at the Presbytery. The Lenten Station contributions from our parishioners go towards the salaries of the priests. We thank the distributors for their cooperation and our parishioners for their generous contributions.

Medjugorje - Evening of Prayer

Rosary, Mass, Adoration and Prayer for Healing will take place in St. Fiacre's Church, Loughboy on this Monday 14th March at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

Anam Cara Tipperary

Anam Cara Tipperary, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Monday, 21st March at 7:15pm in the Horse and Jockey Hotel, Thurles. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. We also offer an online meeting. For information contact us: info@anamcara.ie or 085 288 8888.

St. John's Day Centre

The Day Centre has reopened on Mondays and Tuesdays from 10.00am to 3.00pm. If anyone is interested in availing of this service where you can meet, socialise, and have dinner contact the Parish Office any weekday from 10.00am to 2.00pm.

Trócaire Family Fast Boxes

Please take a Trócaire Box home with you or you can donate online at www.trocaire.org or by phone: 1850 408 408. This year's theme is "A Better Tomorrow". Climate change and Covid are hurting loving families so please help this Lent. Every cent helps those in need.

Readings at Mass

Visit www.universalis.com/today and each day you will find information on the Saint of the Day, the Mass readings and Morning and Evening Prayer of the Church. This is a very useful site for those who wish to follow the Church's liturgical calendar.

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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; 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

Second Sunday of Lent - 13th March 2022

'Listening Lent' is Underway

The 'Listening Lent' programme of the Church Synod is underway and Pope Francis is ready to hear what you have to say. Fourteen listening sessions have been arranged around the Diocese – four have already taken place and have been fairly well supported. On this Synodal pathway we are invited to respond to two questions: Q.1. When you think about Church and your experience, what brings joy? Q.2. When you think about Church and your experience, what brings sadness or disappointment?

The Listening Sessions for the next couple of weeks are as follows: Kilkenny - Monday, 14th March at 7:30pm - St. Kieran's College; Urlingford - Monday, 14th March at 7:30pm - Urlingford Hall; Castlecomer - Monday, 21st March at 7.30pm - Community Hall; Slieverue - Monday, 21st March at 7.30pm - Slieverue Hall. We look forward to our journey together with you. We want to ensure that every voice is heard as all voices make the parish, the diocese and the Church. More info at www.ossory.ie and www.synod.ie. Many from our parish have already participated - we now ask you to come along to any of the sessions and let your voice be heard.

Safeguarding Audit

The National Board for the Safeguarding of Children in the Catholic Church in Ireland will be commencing their review of safeguarding practice in the Diocese of Ossory on 21st March 2022. This review is to assess the safeguarding practice in the Diocese of Ossory against the Catholic Church in Ireland's current standards as detailed in "Safeguarding Children - Policy and Standards for the Catholic Church in Ireland 2016". The diocese was last reviewed in 2013 and this report was published on the diocesan website, www.ossory.ie, and is still available to view there in the safeguarding section. The Parish Safeguarding Reps in St. John's Parish are Mary Weadick; Máirín Bergin; Brenda Whitely and Marian Eardly.

Mass Times - Lá Fhéile Pádraig

St John's: 6.00pm (Vigil Wednesday); 8.00am and 11.30am and 7.00pm on Thursday.

Johnswell: 10.00am and Dunmore: 11.00am on Thursday.

Mass on Friday and Saturday will be at 10.30am in St. John's Church.

Please note: Kilkenny Local Authorities have issued a road closure notice for the Dublin Road from its junction with John Street to the junction with O'Loughlin Road. This will be effective from 11.30am on St. Patrick's Day. We have been assured that for the traditional St. Patrick's Day Mass at 11.30am vehicles will be allowed approach and leave St. John's Church from the O'Loughlin Road direction. Please note this restriction (you may not approach the church in a vehicle from John's Street) and allow yourself a little more time to journey to our annual St. Patrick's Day Mass.

Remembering Those Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: Michael O'Neill, Jenkinstown and late of O'Loughlin Road. Tom Browne, College Road, Kilkenny. Requiem at St. Patrick's at 12.00 noon on Monday. Kay O'Connor, Graiguenamanagh.

Month's Mind: Lucy Doyle (7.00pm).
Mary Curran (Thursday 7.00pm).
Christy McDonald (Saturday 10.30am).

Anniversaries: Paul & Michael 'Icy' Lanigan (6.00pm); John, Agnes and Michael Stapleton (11.00am); Seán Connick (11.30am); Vera and Jack Shortall; Patrick Guidera; Dinny Brennan; Seán Byrne; Judith Murphy; Noreen McDonald; Dixie Comerford; Frank Donovan; Nora and William Lacy; Maureen Burke; Olivia McRory; Frank Kavanagh; Mamie Byrne; Brigid and Charlie Mallon; Katherine and Andy Henderson.

*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 Esther Comerford & Tom Comerford
11.30am James Connelly
7.00pm Marie Fogarty

Weekly Envelope Collection

Last week's envelope collection:
€3,215. Thanks to all who contribute weekly, monthly and annually, as well as those who pay by Standing Order.
Your support is greatly appreciated.

Letter from Bishop Denis Nulty re Ukrainian People

"We are all very conscious of the suffering of the Ukrainian people at this present time and I am writing, then, to encourage all parish communities to give serious consideration to ways in which refugees can be accommodated. Already a number of parishes have asked about this possibility. If parishes or parishioners have any properties or vacant rooms that could be used to accommodate refugees please register your intent with the Irish Red Cross on their online platform <https://registerofpledges.redcross.ie/#/>

Many parish communities have already established links with charitable efforts in their localities to support refugees and those remaining in Ukraine. To support these efforts, a special collection will be taken up nationwide at all Masses on the weekend of Sunday, 27th March.

Non-financial support of the many groups in parishes and towns co-ordinating the collection, delivery and distribution of food and other essential items to Ukraine is also encouraged.

The support and generosity of all our parishes and parishioners is greatly appreciated at this time for a people very much in need.

We continue to hold the people of Ukraine in our prayers for peace and stability in the region."

Prayer of St Patrick for his People

May the Strength of God guide us.	May Christ be with us!
May the Power of God preserve us.	May Christ be before us!
May the Wisdom of God instruct us.	May Christ be in us,
May the Hand of God protect us.	Christ be over all!
May the Way of God direct us.	May your Grace, Lord,
May the Shield of God defend us.	Always be ours,
May the Angels of God guard us.	This day, O Lord, and forevermore.
Against the snares of the evil one.	Amen.

Mass Intentions for week beginning 14th March

Monday: Vera & Jack Shortall (10.30am).
Tuesday: Patrick Guidera (10.30am).
Wednesday: Dinny Brennan (6.00pm)
Thursday: Seán Byrne (11.30am).
Mary Curran (7.00pm). Month's Mind
Friday: Judith Murphy (10.30am).
Saturday: Christy Murry (MM) &
Noreen McDonald (10.30am).
Eamon Hennessy (6.00pm)
Sunday: Benny Grogan (8.00am)
Edward, Billy & Jimmy McEvoy (11.00am).
Thomas, Bridget & Michael Long,
Ann Coffey (11.30am)
Eithne Ivory (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, 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!

**No 8.00am Mass on the
Bank Holiday on
18th March**

Together for Lent

The four Kilkenny City Parishes invite you to celebrate Lent together. Mass with a guest speaker, will be celebrated at

- St. John's Church at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 15th March, Jim Maher
- St. Canice's Church at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 22nd March, Meadh Mahon
- St. Mary's Cathedral at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 29th March, John Moloney
- St. Mary's Cathedral at 5.30pm on Sunday, 3rd April, Sacrament of Reconciliation

The guest speakers will talk about their personal faith and challenge us to reflect on our own situations. We invite you to come and join in our Lenten programme with our brothers and sisters in the Kilkenny City Pastoral Area.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

"Could you not watch one hour with me?" (Mt 26:40). Could you spend an hour with Jesus? A holy hour is spending time with God. Just as communication in marriage means listening, so the holy hour means listening; only in this case it means listening to God. The holy hour places one in the presence of God to do just that. We invite you to Join us at St. John's Church following 10.30am Mass on Friday mornings and spend an hour in prayer with Jesus.

A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

New CD with Healing Prayers and Hymns

A CD entitled "I Thirst" has been released which is a beautiful collection of healing prayers and hymns especially suitable for the sick. It is suitable for personal use or for use in hospitals and nursing homes. Nearly 80 minutes in duration it includes 19 participants and will be a treasured gift for every household or nursing setting. It is available online from Knock Shrine Bookshop, Castle Street Bookshop, Castlebar (mayo.books.ie). More information on poster is church.