

Parish Accounts – 2021

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Envelope Collection	€106,428.00	Maintenance	€4,126.00
Second Collection	€17,040.00	Diocesan Exp.	€70,126.00
Shrines	€28,938.00	Insurance	€14,169.00
Tax Refund Scheme 2020	€35,644.00	Wages	€32,494.00
Other Income	€1,679.00	Light & Heat	€ 7,830.00
Graves	€4,440.00	Church & Pastoral Exp.	€19,905.00
		Admin Exp.	€17,979.00
Total Income	€194,129.00	Total Expenditure	€ 166,629.00

The Parish Finance Committee would like to join the clergy of St. John's Parish in taking this opportunity to sincerely thank all our parishioners for their generous contributions made towards the running costs of our parish. In spite of difficult times many of our parishioners have been very generous in supporting the running of the parish. Thank you very much. At the same time we underline the need to maintain or increase these contributions in the light of diminishing income.

St Mary's Cathedral – March Draw Results

Prize	Winner	Parish
1 st Prize €2,000	Anna Walton	St Mary's
2 nd Prize €1,000	Kilmacow Parish	Kilmacow
3 rd Prize €500	Miriam Healy	Thomastown
4 th Prize €300	Liam Mahony	St Mary's
5 th Prize €300	Chrissy O'Halloran	Ballycallan
6 th Prize €200	Conahy Parish	Conahy
7 th Prize €200	Christian Brothers	Callan
8 th Prize €100	Lanigan Family	Tullaroan
9 th Prize €100	Catriona Ellis	Borris-in-Ossory
10 th Prize €100	Mary Maher	St Mary's

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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; Karna Phelan.

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

Fifth Sunday of Lent - 3rd April 2022

The Sacrament of Confirmation 2022

Congratulations to the fifty-four boys and girls who received the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend. Well done to the students, their parents and families for bringing these young people to this happy occasion. We thank Mr Brian Roche, Ms Orla Mackey, Mr Eddie Kearns of St John's Senior School; Ms Geraldine Patterson and Mr Shane Campion of Johnswell School; Ms Olwen Mackey and Ms Noreen Cooney of The Model School for all their work and co-operation in preparing these young people for the Sacrament of Confirmation. We also thank Ms Ann Daly, Ms Ann Marie Kenny and Ms Kathy Kenny for their work with the choir and in coordinating the preparation and participation in today's ceremony. Thank you to our Sacristan Jane Dineen for preparing the Church, our regular ushers and the carpark stewards from O'Loughlin Gaels for their help. Thank you to Helena Glaz Petrufova and the volunteers who measured, adjusted and fitted the candidates' albs in preparation for the celebration of the Sacrament. Finally, we are extremely grateful to our Parish Secretary Áine Butler for her work in keeping all the paperwork in order and up to date.

May the gifts of the Holy Spirit always bear fruit in our lives.

Synod In Ossory

Pope Francis wants to hear your voice and so do we - every voice makes the parish. This Lent throughout the Diocese of Ossory we are inviting people to tell us their experience of Church. If you didn't attend some of the public meetings you can still share your thoughts with the Synod Team in Ossory by going to the Ossory website to fill out a short survey - simply go to <https://ossory.ie/the-synod-in-ossory/> or follow this QR code - please share this opportunity with as many people as possible. We want to hear from everyone.



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.

Society of St. Vincent De Paul Collection

The monthly collection for the St. John's Parish Conference of the Society of St. Vincent De Paul will take place next weekend, 9th and 10th April. Thank you for your generous support. The conference can be contacted through the Parish Office or by telephone on 086 895 1239.

Remembering Those Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: Ann O'Brien (née Byrne), Fr. Murphy Square, Kilkenny.
Sr. Berchmans O' Mahony IBVM, Loreto Convent, Kilkenny.
Bishop Jim Moriarty, Emeritus Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin.
Alicia Birken (née Grace), Tullaroan / Kilkenny City.

Months Mind: Edward (Joe) Brennan (7.00pm).
Fr John Delaney.

Anniversaries: Fintan Ryan (6.00pm); Josie Manning (10.00am); Ken McDermott (11.00am); Jack & Mary Parle (11.30am); Mary & Thomas Dowling; Sheila Delaney; Packie O'Keeffe; Lil Morris; Noel Lou Walsh; Ellen Lanigan; Nano Brennan; Harry Shine; Patrick Coleman; Michael & Margaret Branigan.

*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 Pdraig O'Neill
10.00am Elaine Bennett
11.00am Christy Murray & Maise Powell
11.30am Paula Rogers
7.00pm Linda O'Leary

Weekly Envelope Collection

Last week's envelope collection:
€815. Thanks to all who contribute weekly, monthly and annually, as well as those who pay by Standing Order.
Your support is greatly appreciated.

The Sacrament of Confirmation

"It is evident from its celebration that the effect of the Sacrament of Confirmation is the special outpouring of the Holy Spirit as once granted to the apostles on the day of Pentecost... Recall then that you have received the spiritual seal, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgment and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence, the spirit of holy fear in God's presence. Guard what you have received. God the Father has marked you with his sign; Christ the Lord has confirmed you and has placed his pledge, the Spirit, in your hearts."

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* sees the account in the Acts of the Apostles 8:14-17 as a scriptural basis for Confirmation as a sacrament distinct from Baptism: "Now when the apostles, who were in Jerusalem, had heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John. Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit. For he was not as yet come upon any of them; but they were only baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands upon them, and they received the Holy Spirit."

Introduction to this Weekend's Readings

First Reading: The Lord made a path to freedom for his people, through the waters. As the followers of Jesus, our path to freedom is through the waters of baptism.
Second Reading: Life, for St Paul, is like an athletic contest in which the prize is Christ himself.
Gospel: When all have departed, there are just two things left: the sinner's misery and the Lord's mercy.

Cards for Sale

Easter Mass Bouquets and a small range of other greeting cards are now available in the Presbytery. New in this week: updated range of Mass Bouquet Cards. There are also some rosary beads, medals and crucifixes available.

Anam Cara Waterford

Anam Cara Waterford is hosting a monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Tuesday 12th April at 7:15pm in the Woodlands Hotel, Waterford. 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. Please contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 085 2888 888.

Mass Intentions for week beginning 4th April

Thursday: Mary & Thomas Dowling (8.00am).
Sheila Delaney (10.30am).
Saturday: Packie O'Keeffe (10.30am).
Michael Kelly (6.00pm).
Sunday: Josephine Burke MM (11.00am).
Martin Ryan (11.30am).

*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!

Mass of Chrism

Bishop Denis invites you to attend the Mass of Chrism on Wednesday, 13th April at 7.30pm in St. Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny. This is an important diocesan celebration and all are cordially invited to attend. During the Mass, Bishop Denis will bless and consecrate the oils used in the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders and the Sick and the priests of the diocese will renew their commitment to their priestly ministry. While the occasion is open to all we particularly appeal to those who have ministries in our parish to attend this important annual celebration.

The Pope's Intention for April

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

Trócaire Boxes

Out of the media spotlight this Lent, loving families are suffering in forgotten crises from Covid to poverty and climate change. Please fill and return your Trócaire Box to help them or donate on www.trocaire.org or Freephone 1800 408 408 and let your love be their lifeline.

Lenten Station Envelopes

Thank you if you have returned your Lenten Stations. These donations from our parishioners go towards the salaries of the Priests.

Lough Derg

Pilgrimage Season re-opens 1st May. One day, three day and quiet day retreats. For further information phone 071 986 1518 or visit www.loughderg.org, or email info@loughderg.org.

Meditations on the Easter Triduum with Fra Angelico

"When I am Lifted up from the Earth"

The Priory Institute is delighted to offer a free of charge online retreat from Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday. Visit our website prioryinstitute.com or click on this link <https://bit.ly/3DWrtkx> to register/find out more.

Cathedral Bookshop and Giftshop

The Cathedral shop is open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9.30am-5pm. A wide variety of gifts and cards, books, and bibles are in stock. A new selection of medals, rosaries, prayerbooks, and bibles for Confirmation and First Holy Communion is in stock at this time.

Together For Lent

Faith in Diocese, Parish, School and Home

St Mary's Cathedral – Sacrament of Reconciliation – Sunday, April 3rd, 5.30pm.
St John's Church to the Friary – The Way of the Cross – Friday, April 15th, 7.00pm.