

### New 2022 Lakeshore Pilgrimage on the Lough Derg Pilgrim Path

In summer 2020 Lough Derg's Station Island had to remain closed in line with public health measures. Encouraged by the many enquiries from pilgrims who were missing their annual visit to Lough Derg, we turned our attention to what we could offer. The inspiration came from those pilgrims who prayed on the lough shore in Penal times, and the outcome was the new 'Pilgrimage on the Lough Derg Pilgrim Path.'

Lough Derg is delighted to announce that the Lakeshore Pilgrimage on Lough Derg Pilgrim Path, born out of necessity when Station Island was closed, is here to stay and you can now book your place on our guided walk experience on selected dates this summer.

Option of 12km or 8km walk | Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> May, Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May, Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup>, August or Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September. Booking is essential : <https://booking.loughderg.org>.

### New Mural at Knock

A stunning new mural representing The Last Supper has been unveiled at Knock Basilica. The mural was designed specifically for the Blessed Sacrament Chapel to fit in the space above the tabernacle and to complement the existing Celtic Design on the tabernacle doors, originally designed by Patrick McElroy.

This exquisite artwork was restored by Church Art Metals, Dublin during refurbishment works in 2016. The mural was design designed over the course of several weeks by artist Naomi McBride in consultation with Fr Richard Gibbons, Parish Priest and Rector of Knock Shrine.

Drawing inspiration from the Book of Kells and using more contemporary resources by Celtic design expert George Bain, initial sketches were developed incorporating Celtic knotwork and other decorative symbols. After the designs were approved, specialist painters and guilders Knox & Knox, a father-and-son business set to work in rendering the artwork in collaboration with illustrator and mural artist, Nessa O'Brolchain.

Most Rev. Francis Duffy, Archbishop of Tuam, blessed the mural during the 12 noon Mass on Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

Keep an eye open for this beautiful work during your next visit to Knock Shrine.

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### 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**

**Easter Sunday - 17<sup>th</sup> April 2022**



### Easter Message from Bishop Denis Nulty

“Today on Easter Sunday we gather at an empty tomb in the realisation that Jesus has risen: "Why look among the dead for someone who is alive? He is not here; he has risen" (Lk.24:5), the two men tell the women as they gather at first light at the empty tomb. He is alive, then and now, and His life brings joy and hope to our Church.

During Lent we gathered in different groups, in different fora, as we took part in the Listening Lent on the Universal Synod journey on which Pope Francis has invited us. In those gatherings you honestly spoke about your joys, your pains, your hopes for the Church, your Church, our Church. These gatherings remind us of the importance of our listening to one another; as the women listened to the angels, and as the disciples listened to the women.

It is, we know, also very important to listen to the Risen Lord. Holy Week has offered us very tangible ways to experience our faith: the washing of the feet — our invitation to service; the veneration of the Cross — our invitation to reverence; the Easter Vigil fire — our invitation to be that light for one another.

Christ is our Light. His light comes from an empty tomb. A light that penetrates the darkness of war and the prevalence of evil in our world. A light that reminds us, we have nothing to fear. A light, in a world that is broken that offers hope. A light that illuminates a message we need now to hear.”

(Complete message available at [www.ossory.ie](http://www.ossory.ie))

### Remembering Those Who Have Died

**Recently Deceased:** Alice Byrne, New Road.

Jordan McHugh, Fatima Place.

Josie Doyle (nee Kenny) formerly Walkin Street who died in London.

Ned Cass, Bonnettstown. Requiem Mass in St. Mary's Cathedral at 2.30pm on Monday.

**Anniversaries:** John Byrne (8.00am); Tommy Holohan (11.00am); Elizabeth Hanlon (11.30am); Helen O'Gorman Frayne; Patrick Dooley; Martin Delaney; Con & Johanna McGrath; Jack Mahoney; Vera Walsh; Thomas Roche; Mary Crotty; Paddy & Margaret Cantwell; The O'Brien Family; Ellen & Edward Delaney; Sarah Mahony; Kitty, John, Paddy, Billy & Ger Cleere.

*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 Martin Blake  
10.00am Fiona & Sarah Manning  
11.00am Stephanie Butler & Roger Curran  
11.30am Mary Lynch  
7.00pm Josh McHugh

#### Weekly Envelope Collection

Last week's envelope collection: €1,335. Thanks to all who contribute weekly, monthly and annually, as well as those who pay by Standing Order.  
Your support is greatly appreciated.

#### Go Raibh Míle Maith Agaibh Go Léir

Thank you to the sacristans, choirs, musicians, readers, Eucharistic ministers, ushers and parish secretary for all your help but especially with the Holy Week liturgies. We acknowledge the work of many others who worked behind the scenes and we offer our grateful appreciation.

#### Ossory Times

Our quarterly diocesan magazine is available at the doors of the churches. As usual the colourful Easter edition is full of interesting stories and information. Cost: €2.

#### Society of St Vincent de Paul

The members of the Society of St Vincent de Paul in our parish would like to thank you for your kindness to their church-door collection last weekend. Your generous contributions will be used to help those in need in St John's Parish and environs. Your contributions help alleviate poverty and hardship in our community.

#### Ukraine Collection

Thank you to all who supported our recent Church Collections for the People of Ukraine. A total of €5,042.00 was collected in our parish. This has been forwarded, through Trócaire, to Church agencies helping in Ukraine and along its borders.

#### Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine

There will be a pilgrimage to Knock Shrine on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> of May. For booking, please contact Ann Kennedy on 087 932 9561. Organised by the Irish Catholic Nurses' Guild. Bus leaving The Butts Green at 7.30am. All are welcome.

#### Choral Concert

There will be a Choral Concert on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> April at 8.00pm in St Mary's Cathedral featuring Martha's Vineyard Minnesingers, Massachusetts, The Unity Singers and Sospiro. Admission €10. All proceeds go to Ukrainian Relief Fund

#### Rosary at the Grottos

The Rosary will be prayed each day during the month of May at hundreds of grottos around the Island of Ireland. To see a list of locations, or to register a grotto (or other suitable location) simply visit [www.coastalrosaryireland.ie](http://www.coastalrosaryireland.ie) You can register by texting 087 278 6552.

### Mass Intentions for week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> April

Tuesday: Martin Delaney (10.30am).  
Friday: Con & Johanna McGrath (10.30am).  
Saturday: Jack Mahoney (10.30am).  
Christy Burke Jnr. (6.00pm).  
Sunday: Patricia Gormley MM (10.00am).  
Peggy Tynan (11.00am).  
Liam Maher (11.30am).  
Mary Corr (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.

**Parish Office will be closed during Easter Week**  
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**There will be no 8.00am Mass during the week**

#### Trócaire Boxes

Please return your Trócaire boxes/donations during the coming week. For those who forgot to use the family fast boxes donations may be returned in an envelope or transferred via the donate button on [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org). "If you believe the chance at a better tomorrow should be for us all, please let your love be there this Easter."

#### Faith in Action

"Our faith is all about doing. Being a Christian is not just about praying for something, it is about doing it. This is faith in action." The words of Fr. Brian Griffin quoted in the Irish Times on Monday. Fr. Brian was commenting on his parish community's decision to provide a vacant parish house to home a number of Ukrainians fleeing the war.

#### A Spirituality of our Times

This Conference will be on Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Venue: St. Patrick's Parish Centre, Loughboy, Kilkenny

The speaker: Jane Mellett

Times: 10.00am – 4.00pm

Cost: €10 (bring your own lunch, tea/coffee provided) pay on the door

Booking essential: Contact Sara or Catherina @ 056 772 2870 between 9.00am and 5.00pm or e-mail [sara.bulfin@ssjg.ie](mailto:sara.bulfin@ssjg.ie) before 6<sup>th</sup> May.

#### Easter Prayer

Risen Lord, we greet you with joy this  
Easter Season,

and we thank you for the gift of new life.

Bless our food,

our family, and our friends,

and help us to celebrate

the springtime in our hearts as we rejoice in the  
good news

of your resurrection.

Alleluia!

Amen.

