

Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine

There will be a pilgrimage to Knock Shrine on next Saturday, 7th 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.

Social Dance Classes

Learn to dance with Yvonne, Waltz, Quickstep, Jive and many more. Every Tuesday between 8.00 and 9.30pm at Johnswell Hall (R95 RP89). €10 pay as you go. All welcome. For more information contact Yvonne at 087 244 8535.

Rosary at the Grottos

The Rosary will be prayed each day during the month of May at grottos around Ireland. To see a list of locations, simply visit www.coastalrosaryireland.ie

Trócaire Boxes

Please return your Trócaire boxes/donations to the church or Parish Office during the coming week. We are anxious to forward all monies to Trócaire to deal with urgent crises and to close our file for this year. You may also contribute by using the donate button on www.trocaire.org.

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.

Lough Derg 2022

One Day Retreats are scheduled to take place on many dates in May, August and September. The Three Day Pilgrimage Season is in June, July and August. Quiet Days will be held on Monday, 9th May and Friday, 9th September. Further information in church porch or from the Lough Derg Office, Pettigo, Co. Donegal, 071 986 1518, info@loughderg.org and www.loughderg.org.

Men's Rosary

The Rosary will be recited at 1.00pm on next Saturday at the statue of Our Lady at James' Green. For further information contact Ron at 086 669 6632 / Paul at 087 365 0492.

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; Jo Browne; Alan Burke; Fr Dan Carroll;
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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

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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

Third Sunday of Easter - 1st May 2022

Caught In His Net

Could we imagine ourselves as among the fish that Jesus sent Peter out to catch? Like them, we are immersed in a sea of troubles and distractions, moved by every ripple of excitement, shaken by the level of doubt and disbelief that marks our world today. We spend so much energy on what are ultimately trivialities. We dally with temptation, and let ourselves be hooked by unhealthy lures, from gambling to drugs to vacuous celebrity. It is little wonder that Christ chose simple fishermen when he chose his first apostles.

Today's story reflects the miracle of salvation as an offer. Through his Church, Christ has thrown over us his net of salvation, a net of grace. He says: "The kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind." Though it remains unseen beneath the surface, we are drawn into it, if we let that happen. We can make our own the prayer "may we be caught in God's net"... "i líonta Dé go gceastar sinn."

The miraculous catch of fish is really about the grace of God. There is no telling what size the catch will be until the net is finally drawn in at the end of time. Like today's catch, it may well astonish even the most seasoned fisherman. Who knows what strange fish will be caught there spluttering and gasping at the wonder of God's mercy? The "big catch" is Christ's answer to those prophets of gloom who imagine that most people are outside his reach.

May - Month Dedicated to Our Lady

To mark the month of May the Rosary will be recited in St. John's Church after 10.30am Mass on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The Women of Faith Conference 2022

The Women of Faith Conference 2022 is live on Radio Maria Ireland on Saturday, 7th May from 2.00pm. We are blessed to have the following speakers. Sister Consilio (Cuan Mhuire), Wendy Grace (Catholic Speaker), Fr. Freddy Warner, SMA, Sister Susan Evangelist (Sister of Mercy), Dr. Edward Sri (Scripture Scholar). Please join us for this blessed event sponsored by *Totus Tuus* Magazine.

Radio Maria Ireland is accessible by:

1. Going online at www.radiomaria.ie; 2. Download the Radio Maria Ireland App to your smartphone or tablet; 3. Listen live via Facebook; 4. Call 01 437 3277 and listen live; 5. Listen through your TV on Saorview Channel 210.

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.

No 8.00am Mass on Bank Holiday Monday, 2nd May

Remembering Those Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: **Joe Cleere**, 8 O'Loughlin Road. Funeral arrangements later.
Ann Bolger, Bawnlusk, Kells Road. Requiem Mass in Danesfort Church at 11.00am on Monday followed by interment in Danesfort Cemetery.
John Foy, Ballyadams. Requiem Mass in Ballyadams at 11.00am on Monday followed by interment in Johnswell Cemetery at approximately 12.30pm.
Margaret Walsh, Parkview. Requiem Mass in St. Canice's Church at 11.00am on Monday followed by interment in Foulkstown Cemetery.
Frank Walsh, Kilsheelin Heights, Castlecomer Road and Threecastles
Shelia Kelly, SOS Ardnore and Mullinavat. **Tim Comerford**, Meadow Way.
Breda Lacey, Lisnafuncheon. **Eileen Heffernan**, Kilcreene Cottages.

Anniversaries: Fr Edmund Prendergast (6.00pm); Martin & Margaret Hanlon (10.00am); Joseph Galvin (11.00am); Margaret Walsh (11.30am); Bernadette Molloy (7.00pm); Mick & Julia Roche; Bea Orr; Tom Byrne; Joan Manning; John & Mary Green; May Lynch; Bridie O'Connor

Readers for Next Weekend,

6.00pm Máirín Bergin
8.00am Pdraig O'Neill
10.00am Seán Colgan
11.00am Martina Brennan & Tom Keating
11.30am Kathleen Ferguson
7.00pm Joan Galwey

Weekly Envelope Collection

Last week's envelope collection: €2,485. Thanks to all who contribute weekly, monthly and annually, as well as those who pay by Standing Order.
Your support is greatly appreciated.

First Friday Of May

Next Friday is the First Friday of May. The sick and housebound will be visited at the normal times. Please inform the Parish Office or one of the priests if you have a relative or neighbour who would like this service.

Annual Cemetery Masses

At the time of printing it is our intention to celebrate the annual cemetery Masses in June and July. We have been unable to gather for these Masses for a number of years now and we look forward to coming together as a community to honour and pray for our deceased relatives and friends. All going well, the Masses will be celebrated in St. Kieran's Cemetery at 7.30pm on Friday, 24th June and in Dunmore and Johnswell Cemeteries at 7.30pm on Friday, 1st July 2022.

Obar na Gaeilge

There will be a Leaving Cert Irish Course running in Johnswell this summer. This course will focus on the Irish Oral Exam, Poetry and Prose. This course will provide the opportunity for daily practice of students' Oral Irish and they will receive comprehensive notes and advice on the Irish Oral Exam, Prós and Filíocht. All students will also receive an Irish Oral Exam plus feedback on final day. All the benefits of Gaeltacht style classes without having to travel far from home!

Áit/Venue: Johnswell Community Hall; Dáta/Date: 18th - 22th July;

Am/Time: 10.00am to 2.00pm

For more information and to book your place please contact/déan teangmháil le:

087 700 6324 nó tobarnagaeilge@yahoo.com

"Beatha teanga, í a labhairt!"

English Language Skills for Refugees.

Third Age Charity's 'Failte Isteach' service is now available in the following venue, to facilitate, in an informal setting, improved English language skills for refugees. This service is free and run by local volunteers. Further information available at <https://www.thirdageireland.ie/failte-isteach/locations>. Fr. McGrath Resource Centre, St. Joseph's Road, Butts Green, Kilkenny. Wednesdays 10.00am to 12 noon. Contact 086 192 7033 or immigrant-service-ck@gmail.com.

Mass Intentions for week beginning 2nd May

Wednesday: (10.30am) Mick & Julia Roche.
Friday: (10.30am) Bea Orr
Saturday: (10.30am) Tom Byrne
(6.00pm) Paddy & Mary Walsh
Sunday: (10.00am) Anne-Frances Meredith (MM)
(11.00am) The Leahy Family
(11.30am) Seán Byrne & Alice Byrne (MM)

*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!

Black Abbey - Novena

Our Lady of Fatima Novena in the Black Abbey will take place from Friday, 13th May to Saturday 21st May. There will be two sessions daily at 10.00am and 7.00pm. Day for the Sick with Sacrament of Anointing will take place on Sunday, 15th May at 3.00pm.

A Spirituality of our Times

This Conference will be on 14th May from 10.00am to 4.00pm in St. Patrick's Parish Centre, Loughboy. The speaker: Jane Mellett. Cost: €10 (bring your own lunch, tea/coffee provided) pay on the door. Booking essential: Contact Sara or Catherina @ 056 7722870 9.00 am - 5.00 pm or email sara.bulfin@ssjg.ie before May 6th.

Anam Cara Waterford

Anam Cara Waterford is hosting a monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Tuesday 10th May 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 085 288 8888 for any queries.

Trip to Knock

Trip to Knock Saturday, 4th June leaving Kilkenny Butts Green, R95 FH90 at 8.00am, for the All-Ireland Rosary Rally. Please contact 086 846 9011 to book a seat.

Life in the Spirit Seminars 2022

Seminars take place at Sacred Heart Church, Moneenroe, Co. Kilkenny (R95 F6XK).

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| Thursday, 5 th May | Salvation | Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan |
| Tuesday, 10 th May | New Life | Fr. Billy Swan |
| Tuesday, 17 th May | Receiving God's Gift | Fr. John Mockler |
| Tuesday, 24 th May | Baptism in the Spirit | Fr. Gerry Campbell |
| Tuesday, 31 st May | Growth | Bishop Dennis Nulty |
| Tuesday, 7 th June | Transformation | Fr. Brendan Walsh |

Holy Hour at 6.30pm each evening and Mass at 7.30pm

All are welcome to this sacred time of music, prayer and song and joyful celebration of the faith.

Safeguarding Concerns

If you have a child safeguarding concern or wish to raise a matter from the past you may contact any of the following: Ossory Diocesan Designated Persons; Ms. Kathleen Sherry 085 802 1633, safeguarding@ossory.ie; Mr. Cathal Cullen 087 100 0232 or Ms. Rose Brophy 087 331 4330; Garda National Protective Services 01 6663430/35. Civil Authorities: Tusla Child and Family Agency Carlow/Kilkenny area 052 617 7302.

