

South Kilkenny Historical Society

The South Kilkenny Historical Society has organised a coach trip to visit Soloheadbeg, Kilfeacle and Dan Breen's homestead on Saturday, 28th May.

The cost of the trip for members is €60 (€65 for non-members) which includes coach hire, guides and evening meal in Cahir House Hotel. The coach will depart from Mullinavat at 8.00am, returning at approximately 9.00pm. Please contact Brigid Barron (087 950 7295, brigidbarron@hotmail.com) or Mary Ryan (086 379 0655) for details/bookings.

Pilgrimage to Oberammergau

Fr Liam Morgan, PP Naas, Sallins and Two-Mile-House is leading a pilgrimage to see the Passion Play at Oberammergau. Dates of travel are Friday, 5th August to Friday, 12th August. Price €1.890 per person sharing includes return flights, private transfers, walking tours of Kitzbuhel and Salzburg, half board accommodation, and tickets to the play. Please contact Tully's Travel for more information by calling 059 913 6100.

Rosary at the Grottos

The Rosary will be prayed each day during the month of May at grottos around Ireland. visit www.coastalrosaryireland.ie

Thank You

We say a big thank you to those who turned up on Friday afternoon to help dust and clean the church following our recent repainting work. Following an appeal late in the week we were very grateful to all who helped out.

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. Contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 085 288 8888 for any queries.

Anam Cara Tipperary

Anam Cara Tipperary the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Monday 16th May 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 more information, please contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 085 288 8888.

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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;

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter - 8th May 2022

Vocations Sunday

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

8th May 2022

"The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice"

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is known as Good Shepherd Sunday or Vocations Sunday and is dedicated as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The Church sets aside this day each year to fulfil Jesus' instruction to "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest" (Matthew (9:38).

While every person has a vocation in life, we focus at this time to pray for vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Religious Life. The opening line from the Gospel passage for this year is: *"The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me."* We pray that those whom the Lord is calling, may be able to lower the noise of distraction in their lives in order that they may hear the whisper of the Lord's voice in their hearts calling them to follow him as priests or religious.

Pray also for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead. Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister.

First Holy Communion Day

Congratulations to the girls and boys who received their First Holy Communion in Johnswell on Saturday morning.

Savannah Brennan, Caroline Coffey, Jake Delaney, Thomas Dowling, Cillian Doyle, Adam Good, Nathan Hayes, Senan Hennessy, Abbie O'Keeffe and Jamie Power.

All the young people have been part of the parish and school preparation over the past number of months, and we thank the teachers and volunteers who put in so much dedicated work into preparing them for the Sacrament.

On next Saturday the pupils from St John's Junior School will receive their First Holy Communion. We will have two celebrations at St John's Church: one 10.30am and another at 12.30pm. Please note that the 10.30am Mass on next Saturday morning will include the First Holy Communion celebration - while welcome at this Mass regular members of the 10.30am congregation may prefer to go elsewhere.

We keep all the boys and girls, their families, and teachers in our prayers during this time.

Black Abbey - Novena

Our Lady of Fatima Novena in the Black Abbey will take place from next 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.

Remembering Those Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: Mary Lawless, Newpark. John Cash, Ballyragget. Joe Irish, Waterford.

Months Mind: Anne-Frances Meredith (10.00am).

Anniversaries: Paddy & Mary Walsh (6.00pm); The Leahy Family (11.00am); Seán Byrne and Alice Byrne (MM) (11.30am); Jim Kelly; Margaret & Matt Deegan; Luke Murphy; Michael Hayes; P.J. Corum; Molly Dowling; Nan, Willie & Noel Meany; Ellen Delaney; Margaret Tyrell; James Lanigan; Steven Moynihan; Billy Byrne. The deceased members of the the O'Hanrahan and Malone Families.



*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 Paula Rogers
10.00am Elaine Bennett
11.00am Esther Comerford & Tom Comerford
11.30am Kay Purcell
7.00pm Eileen Kinane

Weekly Envelope Collection

Last week's envelope collection: €1,295. Thanks to all who contribute weekly, monthly and annually, as well as those who pay by Standing Order. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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.

Mary Mother, greet you Son, radiant from his triumph won!
By his cross you shared his pain, so forever share his reign!
Mary, Queen of the May, pray for us.

Society of St. Vincent De Paul Collection

The Monthly Collection for the local conference of the Society of St. Vincent De Paul will take place next weekend, 14th and 15th May. A sincere thank you for all your generous support. Please remember the local conference can be contacted in writing through the Parish Office or by telephone on 086 895 1239.

Cake Sale

There will be a Cake Sale on next weekend in the St. John's Parish Day Centre following the 6.00pm Vigil Mass on Saturday evening and 11.30am Mass on Sunday. All proceeds going towards a humanitarian trip to Poland. Please support.

SibShop

Do you have a child with a disability or serious illness? Do they have a sibling/s? Sibshop is an opportunity for siblings to meet others in the same situation. Sibshop is running on Sunday, 15th May in Danesfort Community Centre. In the morning, 10.00am - 1.00pm there are two talks for parents/guardians. These talks are suitable no matter what ages your child/wards are. The topics covered are:

1. Communication and General Behaviour Strategies for your child with a disability.
 2. How to support children who have a sibling with additional needs.
- In the afternoon a Sibshop that is for 8yrs - 12yrs will take place from 2.00 - 4.30pm. The cost for each event is €10 per person. Family discounts are available. This event is supported by KCETB and Down Syndrome Kilkenny. It is open to all in Carlow and Kilkenny, no matter what disability/illness affects your child. Call Eithne on 087 050 9243 information/booking.

Mass Intentions for week beginning 9th May

Monday: (10.30am) Jim Kelly
Tuesday: (10.30am) Margaret & Matt Deegan & Luke Murphy
Wednesday: (10.30am) Michael Hayes
Thursday: (10.30am) P.J. Corum
Friday: (10.30am) Molly Dowling.
Saturday: (6.00pm) Thomas McGuinness
Sunday: (11.00am) Bridget & Carmel McEvoy
(11.30am) Bridget O'Connell
(7.00pm) Michael Malone

*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!

Life in the Spirit Seminars 2022

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

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

Marriage Care Serviced

ACCORD is recruiting interested people to assist in the provision of Marriage Preparation Programmes. Email marriagepreparation@accord.ie for the application form. Selections will take place in June of this year with training commencing in September. This year Accord is celebrating 60 years supporting couples and families. Please contact us for any support you may need.

First Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus,
Bless the children coming forward
to receive Holy Communion for the
first time.

May this day be an initial step
into a life-long love of the Eucharist.
Give them a hunger for this sacred
food so that they turn to you for
comfort, guidance, and wisdom
as they grow into full discipleship.

May their hands, extended in
anticipation of your Body and Blood,
inspire all of us to cherish this
sacred sacrament.

Amen.

Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father,
we ask you to send labourers into your harvest
and bless all who strive to listen to your voice.
Inspire, in the hearts of men and women,
vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and
consecrated life.

Bless our families with a spirit of generosity,
so that those whom you call have the courage
to give themselves to your Church in faith.

Send workers into Your great harvest
so that the Gospel is preached,
the poor are served with love,
the suffering are comforted,
and Your people are strengthened
by the sacraments.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen