

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.

Marriage Care Service

ACCORD is recruiting interested people to assist in the provision of Marriage Preparation Programmes. Email: marriagepreparation@accord.ie or the application form. Selections will take place in June of this year with training commencing in September. Please contact us for any support you may need.

The Priory Institute

Online Theology Open Evening, is this for you? The Priory Institute provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or online. Email enquiries@prioryinstitute.com to find out more about our Online Open Evening on Wednesday, 18th May 7.00pm.

5km Fun Run/Walk and Bake Sale

Sunday, 29th May

Bake Sale from 10.00am to 12.30pm. Registration for race opens at 10am. Race starts at 11.30am. Pre-registration on Eventbrite. <https://ballinkillenfunrun.eventbrite.ie>. All proceeds in aid of the Ballinkillen N.S. basketball court fund

Rosary at the Grottos

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

Lough Derg Re-Opens

Lough Derg welcomes pilgrims again with a full pilgrimage programme this summer. Three Day Pilgrimage: 1st June - 15th August. Booking advised. Concessions available for students, seniors and groups. One Day Retreats and guided Pilgrim Path experience: dates in May and late August through September. Booking essential. All booking information at www.loughderg.org. Email info@loughderg.org. Tel: 071 986 1518. Lough Derg, Pettigo, Co. Donegal.

I love people that have no idea how wonderful they are and just wander around making the world a better place. (Poor Clares)

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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

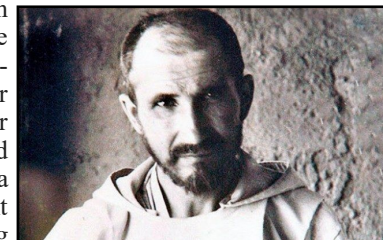
Fifth Sunday of Easter - 15th May 2022

First Holy Communion Day

Congratulations to the girls and boys of St John's Junior School who received their First Holy Communion on this Saturday morning. We thank the teachers and volunteers who put so much dedicated work into preparing them for the Sacrament. We thank Ms Ann Daly and the St John's Senior School Choir for their beautiful singing. We keep all the boys and girls, their families, and teachers in our prayers during this time.

Charles de Foucauld (1858-1916)

Among ten people to be canonised by Pope Francis in Rome on this Sunday will be Blessed Charles de Foucauld. Charles, born in 1858, was a French aristocrat and religious, whose work and writings led to the founding of the Congregation of the Little Brothers of Jesus. During his adventurous life, he was a Cavalry Officer in the French Army, and then an explorer and geographer before becoming a Catholic priest and hermit who lived among the Tuareg in Algeria's Sahara Desert. He lived a life of prayer, meditation and adoration, in the incessant desire to be, for each person, a "universal brother", a living image of the love of Jesus. On 1st December 1916, he was killed by bandits.



Saint Charles de Foucauld, pray for us, help us to abandon ourselves totally to the Father, "without measure, with infinite confidence", because he is our Father and you, you are our friend. Pray for us!

Pope Francis will also canonise Blessed Titus Brandsma, a Dutch Carmelite who was killed for his heroic resistance to Nazi pressure on Catholic media outlets to betray their principles. Fr. Titus's journalism put him on a collision course with the occupying forces in Holland.

Sharing the Synod Responses

The Diocesan Synod Group is working to collate the responses that were heard at the various Synod sessions throughout Ossory during Lent. The group is, in the company of Bishop Denis, holding a public sharing of these responses at St Kieran's College on Saturday next 21st May at 2.00pm. If you would like to hear what was said throughout the Diocese during the "Listening Lent" programme you are most welcome to attend.

Pope Francis' Intentions for May 2022

Faith Filled Young People: We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

Remembering Those Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: Seán Collins, Broguemakers Hill.

Ann Campion, S.O.S, Seville Lawns and late of Fr. Albert Place, Kilkenny. Requiem Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral at 11.00am on Tuesday. Interment afterwards in Foulkstown Cemetery.

Peggy Hanrahan, (nee Lanigan), Loughboy Park and formerly of Larchfield. Requiem Mass at St. Fiace's Church at 10.30am on Monday. Interment afterwards in St. Kieran's Cemetery.

Anniversaries: Thomas McGuinness, Pat & Mai Shortis (6.00pm); Paddy Brennan (8.00am); Peggy & James Quirke (10.00am); Brigid & Carmel McEvoy (11.00am); Bridget O'Connell (11.30am); Michael Malone (7.00pm); Patrick O'Brien; Mick & Julia Roche; Hannah & Patrick Dineen; Angela Persse; Tommy O'Connell; Maureen Phelan; Mary Murphy; John Naxie Noonan; Patrick, Mary & John McGrath; Elizabeth Somers; Sally Goulding; William Brophy; Thomas & Bridget Comerford; Margaret & Bridget Brennan.



May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

Readers for Next Weekend,

6.00pm Claire Coogan
8.00am Martin Blake
10.00am Betsy Rice
11.00am Nora Guilfoyle & Fiona McGeary
11.30am Bobbie Lahart
7.00pm Eileen Kinane

Weekly Envelope Collection

Last week's envelope collection: €1,628. Thanks to all who contribute weekly, monthly and annually, as well as those who pay by Standing Order.
Your support is greatly appreciated.

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 this 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.

Bake Sale – In aid of Taizé Youth Pilgrimage

A bake sale will be held in St John's Parish Day Centre after 11.30am Mass on Sunday, 22nd May. It is in aid of the Taizé Youth Pilgrimage organised by Ossory Youth. A group of thirty-one 16 and 17-year-olds from Kilkenny City and County will spend a week in the Taizé Community in France from 26th June – 3rd July with young people from throughout the world. Come along on Sunday, 22nd to take home some home baked cakes, buns, tarts etc. All support gratefully appreciated.

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 of St Charles de Foucauld

Father, I abandon myself into your hands; do with me what you will.

Whatever you may do, I thank you: I am ready for all, I accept all.

Let only your will be done in me, and in all your creatures.

I wish no more than this, O Lord.

Into your hands I commend my soul; I offer it to you with all the love of my heart, for I love you, Lord,

and so need to give myself, to surrender myself into your hands, without reserve, and with boundless confidence, for you are my Father. *Amen.*

Mass Intentions for week beginning 16th May

Tuesday: (10.30am) Patrick O'Brien
Wednesday: (10.30am). Mick & Julia Roche
Friday: (10.30am) Hannah & Patrick Dineen
Saturday: (10.30am) Angela Persse
(6.00pm) Earl Leroux
Sunday: (10.00am) Lena O'Keeffe - Months Mind
(11.00am) Ellen, Martin, Christy & Martin Jnr Brennan
(11.30am) Damien Mahon

*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 is ongoing until 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 today Sunday, 15th May at 3.00pm.

Life in the Spirit Seminars 2022

Seminars take place at Sacred Heart Church, Moneenroe, Co. Kilkenny (R95 F6XX).

Tuesday, 17th May Receiving God's Gift Fr. John Mockler
Tuesday, 24th May Baptism in the Spirit Fr. Gerry Campbell
Tuesday, 31st May Growth Bishop Denis Nulty
Tuesday, 7th June Transformation Fr. Brendan Walsh

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

Kilkenny Flower Club

Kilkenny Flower Club will hold a Coffee Morning and Plant Sale in aid of The Alzheimer Society of Ireland. Saturday 21st May, 10.00am to 12.00pm in Dunmore Parish Hall. We would appreciate your support for this worthy cause.

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.*

Inspiration for the Week

The resurrected Christ gives us the strength to do things we can never have imagined. Life will often give us mountains to climb, and we wonder how we will find the energy, ability, and determination to forge ahead. But, with a good dosage of faith and a fervent life of prayer we find ourselves succeeding and ascending to heights that once frightened us. What we realise after we have reached the other side is that this hardship we once saw as an obstacle has become a vehicle for something better and greater. We are stronger.

The same is true with the gospel. The prospect of loving one another may seem idealistic or unobtainable. Yet, when we risk moving beyond just looking out for or helping each other to loving each other, miracles happen. There is something wonderful that occurs with love. We see people in ways we never saw before, understanding and appreciating each other's journey. Love leads to reverence. Faith is strengthened and we move on to try again.