

### Society of St. Vincent DePaul

Thanks for your generous contributions to last week's collection for the local conference. Your generosity is appreciated.

### St. Joseph's Young Priests Society

This group pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The Annual Mass and General Meeting will take place at Villa Maria on next Thursday evening at 7.30pm

### 5km Fun Run/Walk and Bake Sale Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> May

Bake Sale from 10.00am to 12.30pm. Registration for race opens at 10.00am. 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](http://www.coastalrosaryireland.ie)

### Lough Derg Re-Opens

Lough Derg welcomes pilgrims again with a full pilgrimage programme this summer. Three Day Pilgrimage: 1<sup>st</sup> June - 15<sup>th</sup> August. Email [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org). Tel: 071 986 1518. Lough Derg, Pettigo, Co. Donegal.

### From the Shadows Into The Light

A Seminar on Childhood Domestic Abuse which will take place on 15<sup>th</sup> June in Hotel Kilkenny. Whilst childhood domestic abuse is undoubtedly a difficult and harrowing issue, there is hope that children can recover from this trauma, and together we can move forward as a local community of statutory and community services to support children who are experiencing or have experienced childhood domestic abuse. This seminar is hosted by Carlow Domestic Abuse Network and Barnardos TLC KIDZ Project (County Carlow and South Tipperary). We will have local, national, and international speakers. Tickets available at [eventbrite.ie/e/from-the-shadows-into-the-light-a-seminar-on-childhood-domestic-abuse-tickets-338907650907](http://eventbrite.ie/e/from-the-shadows-into-the-light-a-seminar-on-childhood-domestic-abuse-tickets-338907650907).

### Organ Repaired

The wonderful pipe organ at St. John's Church is once again in full voice. Following the recent demise of the motor (built in 1934) which drives the bellows the faulty equipment has been replaced and the organ is once again available to support our choirs and enhance our liturgies. We look forward to hearing its melodious tones once again.

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**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

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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](mailto: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](http://www.towardshealing.ie)

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# PARISH OF SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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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**

### Sixth Sunday of Easter - 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022

### What Became of Synod 2021 - 2023?

As we flagged last weekend the synthesis of the recent Synod consultations (Listening Lent) held at various venues throughout the diocese were shared with the general public at a meeting at St. Kieran's College on Saturday. An interested group of people from around the diocese attended and assessed the presentation of views. Additional responses and changes to the draft synthesis will now be taken on board and the final document completed. The final Ossory submission must be presented to the Irish Conference of Bishops before the end of May.



The Ossory submission will be included in the final document which will be forwarded to Rome later this Summer. Thanks to all who made submissions in person or on-line. We will keep you informed of progress.

### Novena of Prayer for Life

The Council for Life of the Irish Bishops' Conference has this week launched a nine day Novena of Prayer for Life which will run from Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022 until the Feast of the Visitation on Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022. The Pray for Life Novena and its associated website [www.prayforlife.ie](http://www.prayforlife.ie) will give people an opportunity to be an active part of this new initiative to pray for the protection of human life and to build a culture of life.

Launching the *Pray for Life Novena*, Bishop Kevin Doran, chair of the Council for Life, said, "The Feast of the Visitation has particular significance when it comes to celebrating and giving thanks for the gift of human life. It is a moment of encounter between two women (Mary and Elizabeth), each of whom is unexpectedly pregnant. It is an encounter in which each woman is supported by the other in facing the challenges of pregnancy. It is a graced moment in which each woman acknowledges the child in her womb as a gift from God."

The Council for Life is inviting people to sign up on [www.prayforlife.ie](http://www.prayforlife.ie) to receive the daily prayers and actions which will focus on themes such as expectant mothers and fathers, unborn children, for those who defend life and for an end to abortion.

### Prayer for Those Preparing for Exams

Dear God, as I approach the exams which are ahead of me,

Gift me with the skills that I need in order to do my best.

I bring before you my nervousness and my fears along with my hopes and dreams.

I invite you to be with me.

I pray that I may experience the calmness that the Holy Spirit brings.

And, whatever the outcome, I will truly believe in the unique person that I am. Amen.

### Remembering Those Who Have Died

**Recently Deceased:** Fr. Brian Flynn, Retired Parish Priest of Kilmacow. Funeral arrangements later. Sheila Lane, Maudlin Street. Mary Buckley, Freshford Road. Christy Comerford, Castlewarren. Alison Richards, Barnsley and Johnswell.

**Months Mind:** Lena O’Keeffe (10.00am).  
Paddy O’Brien, Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> May in Ballylooby, Cahir, Co. Tipperary.

**Anniversaries:** Earl Leroux (6.00pm); Ellen, Martin, Christy & Martin Jnr Brennan (11.00am); Damien Mahon (11.30am); Thomas & Annie Dowling; Maureen Brennan; Kit Holohan; The Bergin Family; Brian Mahoney; Ann Coffey; Peggy & Eamon Holohan; Richard and Mary O’Dwyer; Angela Quigley; Michael and Edward Bergin; Michael Gleeson; Agnes Dermody.

*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 Jo Browne  
10.00am Fiona & Sarah Manning  
11.00am Pierce Lennon & Liam Maddock  
11.30am Anne Maria Walsh  
7.00pm Anne Marie Grace

#### Weekly Envelope Collection

Last week’s envelope collection: €570. Thanks to all who contribute weekly, monthly and annually, as well as those who pay by Standing Order.  
Your support is greatly appreciated.

### Kilkenny Bereavement Support

Kilkenny Bereavement Support is a voluntary organisation offering a free listening service to the bereaved since 1989. Our work has greatly increased since the lifting of Covid restrictions with the result that we now need to train a new group of volunteers. A training skills programme will be offered in September/October. For an application form or to know more about our work, please phone 056 775 6538 or visit [www.kilkennybereavementsupport.com](http://www.kilkennybereavementsupport.com).

### Life in the Spirit Seminars 2022

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

Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> May Baptism in the Spirit Fr. Gerry Campbell  
Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> May Growth Bishop Denis Nulty  
Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> June Transformation Fr. Brendan Walsh

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

### Church Renovation and Painting

We are delighted that the painters have now finished renovating and painting the side walls, side altars and doors at St. John’s Church. Those who have watched the work progress are satisfied and have admired the work. The same can be said of the sanctuary at Dunmore Church where the unsightly paint has been removed and the whole area repainted. Thanks to the members of the congregations at both churches for your patience and understanding while the work was being carried out.

### Prayer to Our Blessed Mother

Take my hand O Blessed Mother, hold me firmly lest I fall,  
I am nervous when I am walking, and to thee I humbly call.  
Guide me over every crossing, watch me when I am on my way,  
Let me know you are beside me, listen to my frequent prayers.  
Bring me to my destination, safely every single day,  
Help me with my understanding, as the hours pass away.  
And when evening falls upon me, and I fear to be alone,  
Take my hand O Blessed Mother,  
and once again guide me home.

### Mass Intentions for week beginning 23rd May

Monday: (8.00am) Thomas & Annie Dowling  
Tuesday: (10.30am) Maureen Brennan  
Wednesday: (10.30am) Kit Holohan  
Friday: (10.30am) The Bergin Family  
Saturday: (10.30am) Brian Mahoney  
(6.00pm) The Prendergast Family  
Sunday: (11.00am) Eamonn Walsh  
(11.30am) Carrie Doheny  
(7.00pm) Sheila Burke

*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.

#### Weekdays

8.00am and 10.30am.  
Saturdays  
10.30am and 6.00pm.  
Sundays  
8.00am, 11.30am & 7.00pm.  
All welcome!

### Annual Cemetery Masses

We have been unable to gather for the Cemetery 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, 24<sup>th</sup> June and in Dunmore and Johnswell Cemeteries at 7.30pm on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022. Please inform relatives and friends especially those living outside Kilkenny.

### We Stand at a “Threshold Moment”

Speaking at his installation as Bishop of Galway Most Rev. Michael Duignan said...



The more and more I see, the more and more I am convinced that much of our infrastructure, our systems, our pastoral practices that were beneficial in the past, now hinder rather than help the life of faith. Here too we stand at a “threshold moment”. Inevitably, there will be a sense of genuine mourning in letting go but these Easter days tell us that out of such death comes new hope and new life. Perhaps the Lord is asking us to throw out our nets in a different direction. In the direction of a new and profound re-evangelisation of ourselves. As individuals and as a community, perhaps we now need to focus on rediscovering that living presence of the risen Christ among us. We need to experience again the joy and excitement that His message gives. We need to rekindle our confidence in its ability to transform our oft broken lives and transfigure our suffering world for the better. We need to sense anew that, this joy, like all joy, is a joy that calls out to be boldly talked about and respectfully shared with our fellow travellers on life’s journey.

### 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.

### St. Mary’s Cathedral Restoration Fund Draw

The May draw will take place on Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> May at 8.00pm in the Chapter House, St. Mary’s Cathedral. The draw is a very valuable source of support for the work carried out in the cathedral - your support for St. Mary’s - our wonderful diocesan cathedral - is encouraged. Tickets are available from the Parish Office and from Ann Brennan, Johnswell. Thanks to all for your support. Be in to win!

### Altar Servers

We are reintroducing the Ministry of Altar Server - postponed since the outbreak of Covid-19. Please contact one of the priests or sacristans if you or your child would like to serve Mass in our parish churches. Children from 4<sup>th</sup> Class and above are welcome.