

### 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.

### 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. 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).

### 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.

### 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 learn about our work, contact 056 775 6538 or [kilkennybereavementsupport.com](http://kilkennybereavementsupport.com).

### St. Joseph's Young Priests Society

A meeting of the St John's Parish Branch of the St Joseph's Young Priests' Society will take place on this Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> May in the Presbytery after the 10.30am Mass. The Members of this Society pray for and promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life. All are welcome.

**Address:** St John's Presbytery, Dublin Road, Kilkenny. **Email:** [stjohns@ossory.ie](mailto:stjohns@ossory.ie)

**Website:** [www.stjohnskilkenny.com](http://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](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**

**The Ascension of The Lord - 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022**

### Silver Jubilee

Fr. Raymond will celebrate 25 years of priesthood in June. To mark this very special occasion, there will be a Mass of Thanksgiving on Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> June at 7.00pm in St John's Church. Following the Mass there will be refreshments in Langton House Hotel, John Street, Kilkenny. All are welcome to come and join in this wonderful celebration.

### Sharing the Good News

As local listening processes are being completed around the country Dr. Nicola Brady, Chairperson of the Steering Committee of the Irish Synodal Pathway, spoke about questions that are frequently asked at parish level about the Synodal Process in an exclusive interview with *Intercom* magazine.

Dr Brady explained that the term 'synod' comes from the Greek for 'together on the way'. Synodality is a way of being Church. It is a spiritual practice and not just a debate about how the Church is organised. It is intended to facilitate a wide-ranging process of reflection and discernment. Dr Brady emphasised that all of the faithful are invited to take part in the Synodal Pathway. She said,

"We want to convey to people that the invitation is open to everyone to get involved".

Following discussions at local and diocesan level the listening process has now been completed for the Diocese of Ossory, the findings have been synthesised and were presented to the public at a meeting at St. Kieran's College last weekend. "The level of engagement with the local listening has been encouraging, and it is hoped that this will provide a strong foundation for the planning work for Ireland's National Synodal pathway." Dr Brady said.

The results from the Diocese of Ossory will be passed on to a National Pre-Synodal Assembly which will take place in Athlone on Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> June, with a closing liturgy in Clonmacnoise, before the final submission to the Vatican.

Pentecost Sunday, which this year falls on Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> June, has been designated as a Day of Prayer in Thanksgiving for the Diocesan Synod Phase of the Universal Synod. "As diocesan delegates and representatives of the National Steering Committee and other participating groups gather in Athlone to prepare the national synthesis, we would appreciate your prayers for a day of courageous listening, meaningful sharing and a renewed commitment to being a missionary church." Special prayers and petitions will be included at all Masses in St. John's Parish on next weekend. Please remember this intention in your personal and family prayers.

See [www.symod.ie](http://www.symod.ie) for more information and sample prayers.



### Remembering Those Who Have Died

**Recently Deceased:** **Marie Buggy**, 39 Maudlin Street. Reposing in Johnston's Funeral Home with Vigil Prayers at 6.00pm on Sunday. Requiem Mass at St. John's at 10.30am on Monday.  
**Claire Mockler**, The Fairways. Reposing in Johnston's Funeral Home with Vigil Prayers at 6.00pm on Monday. Requiem Mass at St. John's at 10.30am on Tuesday.  
**James Kiernan**, Artane and late of Michael Street. **Barbara Teehan**, Rath Ullord.  
**Phil Campion**, Higginstown and late of Ossory Park. **Mary Gleeson**, Shandon Park.  
**Fr William Carrigan**, Conahy. **Dermot Dunphy**, Loughboy.  
**Michael Baird**, Manchester and late of Newpark Close.

**Anniversaries:** The Prendergast Family (6.00pm); Eamonn Walsh (11.00am); Carrie Doherty (11.30am); Sheila Burke (7.00pm); Fr William Meany; Mary & Patrick Campion; Sarah & Sheila Cleary; Loughlin O'Keefe; Matthew Redmond; Seán Kelly; Catherine Drennan; Bridget Culleton; David McGrath; Bridget & Michael Long; Mary Lanigan;

*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 Bridget Ahearn  
 8.00am Padraig O'Neill  
 10.00am Teresa Dowling  
 11.00am Eddie Holohan & Liz Holohan  
 11.30am James Connolly  
 7.00pm Josh McHugh

### Weekly Envelope Collection

Last week's envelope collection: €715. Thanks to all who contribute weekly, monthly and annually, as well as those who pay by Standing Order. Your support is greatly appreciated.

### Feast of the Ascension of the Lord

This weekend we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord. Jesus after fulfilling the mission entrusted to him by his Father returned to heaven. He has opened for us the gates of heaven. His ascension is the crowning of his mission. He has gone ahead of us to prepare a place for us. He invites us, "Come, follow me". As Jesus' earthly life and ministry ends, our mission and ministry begin.

*At his ascension Our Lord entered Heaven and he keeps the door open for the rest of humanity.*

### First Friday

Next Friday is the First Friday of June. 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.

### Scripture Summer School

Facilitated by Mr. Sean Goan and Fr Kieran O'Mahony OSA. We are delighted to bring you this year's Scripture Summer School in association with Tarsus Scripture School. In order to facilitate people from all over the country and further afield, we are delighted to offer participants the option of taking part online or in-person.

Beginning: Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> June at 9.30am. Finishing: Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> June at 1.00pm.  
 Location (if attending in-person): St John's Welcome Centre, Knock Shrine. Booking fee: €40.  
 Bookings online at [www.knockshrine.ie/scripture\\_summer\\_school](http://www.knockshrine.ie/scripture_summer_school)  
 Please note you will need to select the option to either attend online or in-person at booking.

### 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.

### Mass Intentions for week beginning 30th May

Monday: (10.30am) Funeral  
 Tuesday: (10.30am) Funeral  
 Wednesday: (10.30am). Sarah & Sheila Cleary  
 Friday: (10.30am) Loughlin O'Keefe  
 Saturday: (10.30am) Matthew Redmond  
 (6.00pm) Michael Owens  
 Sunday: (10.00am) Thomas Comerford  
 (11.00am) Edward Delaney  
 (11.30am) Philip Morrissey  
 (7.00pm) Eugene Jordan

*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!

### Parish Pastoral Council

There will be a meeting of the St. John's Parish Pastoral Council on this Thursday evening at 7.30pm. All members are asked to attend.

### Matt Talbot Prayer Society

Do you or somebody you know suffer from addiction? Addiction to alcohol, drugs, gambling, pornography, food, internet etc. steals life from so many people. Please come to the shrine of Matt Talbot in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Sean Mc Dermot Street, Dublin, on Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> June at 2.00pm, and join our annual national pilgrimage to pray for the miracle of freedom from all these addictions. For more information: [matttalbotprayersociety.com](http://matttalbotprayersociety.com) or contact [vita@matttalbotprayersociety.com](mailto:vita@matttalbotprayersociety.com) 048 712 62894.

### An Irish Pilgrimage Guide to the Holy Land

An Irish Pilgrimage Guide to the Holy Land is a new book by Michael Kelly, Editor of The Irish Catholic newspaper which explores the places associated with the life of Christ. Michael, who has led many pilgrimages to the Holy Land, says he hopes the book can also act as an 'armchair retreat' for people who cannot travel to the Holy Land bringing the Gospel to life for them. It is available now from all good bookshops, [www.columbbooks.com](http://www.columbbooks.com) or by calling 01 687 4096, price: €16.99.

### St Mary's Cathedral – May Draw Results

Prize	Winner	Parish	
1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	€2,000	John Moran	St Patrick's
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	€1,000	Rosbercon Parish Hall	Rosbercon
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	€500	Hazel Glennon	Borris-in-Ossory
4 <sup>th</sup> Prize	€300	Marie B Mahon	Borris-in-Ossory
5 <sup>th</sup> Prize	€300	Nuala Horan	St Mary's
6 <sup>th</sup> Prize	€200	Castlecomer Credit Union	Castlecomer
7 <sup>th</sup> Prize	€200	Mary Murphy & Lily Burke	Aghaviller
8 <sup>th</sup> Prize	€100	Brendan Graham	St Canice's
9 <sup>th</sup> Prize	€100	Clann Ni Fhearghail	Dunamaggan
10 <sup>th</sup> Prize	€100	Paul Mullan	Muckalee

### Life in the Spirit Seminars 2022

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

Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> May Growth Bishop Denis Nulty  
 Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> June Transformation Fr. Brendan Walsh