

Anniversary Masses

Please note anniversary Masses are booked subject to availability and on the condition that a funeral on the day takes precedence. In such cases prebooked anniversary Masses will be reallocated.

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.

A 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. It is available from good bookshops, columba-books.com or 01 687 4096, price: €16.99.

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Fergal Brennan; Mary Brennan; Jo Browne; Alan Burke; Fr Dan Carroll;

Claire Coogan; Fr Raymond Dempsey; Luke Leydon; Fr Lorcan Moran;

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IF YOU HAVE A SAFEGUARDING CONCERN CONTACT

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Counselling Services - Towards Healing Confidential Helpline

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Come Holy Spirit

We receive the gift of Holy Spirit in Baptism and Confirmation. On this Pentecost Sunday let us reflect on our Christianity and that we belong to Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Truth who helps us to lead our lives according to the truth.

There is ongoing need for our prayers for those who govern in every country that they may exercise their office with justice and compassion.

Lord, help them to promote peace in the world.

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, 16th June at 9.30am.
Finishing: Saturday, 18th 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/

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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

Pentecost Sunday - 5th June 2022

Silver Jubilee Celebrations



Fr. Raymond with Bishop Forristal on the day of his ordination

Fr. Raymond Dempsey will celebrate 25 years of priesthood on 21st June this year. To mark this very special occasion, there will be a Concelebrated Mass of Thanksgiving on Friday, 10th June at 7.00pm in St John's Church. Fr. Raymond will be joined on the altar by many of the clergy with whom he ministered during the last twenty-five years. The preacher on the evening will be Fr. Raymond's friend, the Most Rev. Mark O'Toole, the current Bishop of Plymouth who will be installed as Archbishop of Cardiff and Bishop of Menevia later this month.

This is a wonderful time for Fr. Raymond, his family and friends and for all of us in St. John's Parish. Fr. Raymond and the Parish Pastoral Council invite all parishioners and friends to join in the Mass and later for refreshments in Langton House Hotel. Ad multos annos.

Ossory Synodal Journey Thus Far

Following the synodal meetings throughout the Diocese during Lent a synthesis has been prepared to capture our responses. This synthesis was published on the Ossory website in these past days and is available in hard copy in our churches this weekend. It reflects all that was said at the synodal meetings. This is the first step on the journey on which Pope Francis has asked us to walk. It is good that we can see together all the voices that make our parishes.

A Day of Prayer in Thanksgiving

Pentecost Sunday, 5th June 2022 is designated as a Day of Prayer in Thanksgiving for the Diocesan Synod Phase of the Universal Synod. Pentecost Sunday offers us all an opportunity to give thanks for the prayerful engagement and listening that has taken place across the country as we journey together synodally. A National Pre-Synodal Assembly will take place in Athlone on Saturday, 18th June. See www.synod.ie for more information.

No 8.00am Mass on Bank Holiday Monday, 6th June 2022

Remembering Those Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: Bernadette (Ber) Barry (nee Fahy), 64 Hebron Park, Kilkenny. Reposing at Johnston's Funeral Home from 5.00pm on Sunday with Vigil Prayers and Rosary at 6.00pm. Requiem Mass at St. John's Church at 10.30am on Monday followed by interment at St. Kieran's Cemetery.

Joan Dempsey, Durrrow.

Jim Griffin, Clara.

Breda Crowley, Waterford.

Months Mind: Timothy Comerford (Monday, 13th June at 10.30am).

Mary Lawless (Wednesday 10.30am);

Anniversaries: Michael Owens (6.00pm); Thomas Comerford (10.00am); Edward Delaney (11.00am); Philip Morrissey (11.30am); Eugene Jordan (7.00pm); Mary Grogan; Mary Brennan; Catherine Codd; Richard Walsh; The Bergin Family; Thomas Drennan; Denis Brennan; Tom O' Connor; Peter Donnelly; Joseph Maher; Nora Barcoe; Margaret & Abraham Anderson; Edward Burke; James & Catherine McGuinness; Msgr Jim Cassin; Fr. Ragheed Ganni; Annie Carroll.

Readers for Next Weekend

6.00pm Máirín Bergin
8.00am Paula Rogers
10.00am Seán Colgan
11.00am Christy Murray & Maise Powell
11.30am Deirdre Dowling
7.00pm Marie Fogarty

Weekly Envelope Collection

Last week's envelope collection: €765. Thanks to all who contribute weekly, monthly and annually, as well as those who pay by Standing Order. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Collections at Mass

At their meeting on last Thursday the members of the Parish Pastoral Council discussed the current method of taking up the collections at Mass. Gratitude was expressed for the continued generous financial support to the parish and priests. With the decline in the number of Covid-19 cases members wondered if it were time to revert to taking up the collections in the traditional manner - pew collections, as is again the case in most churches. Following discussions it was decided to "ask the audience". Please let us know how you feel about reverting to the collection baskets being passed through the pews.

Life in the Spirit Seminars 2022

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

Tuesday, 7th June Transformation Fr. Brendan Walsh
Holy Hour at 6.30pm each evening and Mass at 7.30pm.

786 Clothes Exhibition

A Colourful Event organised by 786clothes.com, on Saturday, 18th June from 12.00 noon until 5.00pm. Lots of Indian and Pakistani designers dresses will be in the exhibition.

Location: St John's Church Day Centre, Dublin Road. Phone 086 375 1829 for information.

Exam Time

We are very conscious of those from our parish who begin their Junior, Leaving Cert and other examinations this week. Be assured of our prayers in private and at Masses during this time.

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 6th June

Monday: (10.30am) Funeral: Bernadette Barry
Tuesday: (8.00am) Mary Grogan & Mary Brennan
(10.30am) Catherine Codd
Wednesday: (10.30am) *MM* Mary Lawless
Thursday: (10.30am) Richard Walsh
Friday: (10.30am) The Bergin Family
(7.00pm) Fr. Raymond's Jubilee
Saturday: (10.30am) Thomas Drennan
(6.00pm) Ciss Mahoney
Sunday: (11.30am) Philip Drohan
(7.00pm) Jake Brennan

*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!

Pentecost Sunday

Jesus identified himself to the Apostles by his wounds. From his wounded Body flows peace and like the Father who breathed life into creation and humanity he breathes the Holy Spirit into us. When Jesus anoints us with the Holy Spirit he recreates us in his own image and gives us the power to forgive - the only power which can heal the wounds of humanity.

Come Holy Spirit renew my life, renew the face of the earth. Take away all fear and grant me your peace. May the wounds of Jesus be a source of healing for me and all people and above all may I be a missionary of your forgiveness and mercy. Amen.

During the coming week why not ask the Holy Spirit to free you from all fear, to anoint any wounds in your life or family, to bring you peace and to help you to forgive anyone you need to forgive.

Cemetery Masses

Following their suspension during the pandemic Cemetery Masses will be celebrated again this year. The annual Mass at St. Kieran's Cemetery will be celebrated in the cemetery at 7.30pm on Friday, 24th June. Masses in Dunmore and Johnswell Cemeteries will take place at 7.30pm on the following Friday, 1st July. We encourage people to tend to their graves in the meantime so that everything will be ready on the evenings of the Masses.

For your information the annual Cemetery Mass at Foulkstown Cemetery will be held at 7.30pm on Thursday, 28th July 2022. Please inform relatives and friends.

Templemartin Graveyard

Mass will be celebrated in Templemartin Graveyard (Clara Parish) on next Thursday, 9th June at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

Pope's Prayer Intention for June 2022

Pope Francis has announced that his prayer intention for the month of June:-

"Let us pray for Christian families around the world; may each and every family embody and experience unconditional love, and advance in holiness in their daily lives," Pope Francis says in a video message released on 2nd June.

Pope Francis describes the family as "the place where we learn to live with one another, to live with young people and those who are older." Families from around the world will gather in Rome for the World Meeting of Families from 22nd to 26th June.

Come on the Cats

We join in wishing the Kilkenny Hurling Team and their mentors all the best in this weekend's Leinster Hurling Final. In particular we wish those involved from our parish every best wish. Hopefully the silverware will be back in Kilkenny before the weekend is over.