

The Mission of Older People

Pope Francis said during the week: "There's a mission proper to old age. Don't hide your wrinkles, which reflect wisdom. The best wine has been aged. Sadly, today there's the myth of eternal youth - a desperate obsession with an incorruptible body. Why is old age not appreciated in so many ways?"

Anniversary Masses

Please note: anniversary Masses are booked subject to availability and on the understanding that a funeral on the day takes precedence. In such cases prebooked anniversary Masses will be reallocated in agreement with the family's wishes.

We apologise for this and we appeal for your understanding.

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.

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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;

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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What Do You Think?

At their recent meeting 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". So, what do you think? Please let us know how you feel about reverting to the collection baskets being passed through the pews.

Anam Cara North Dublin

Anam Cara North Dublin, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday, 15th June at 7:15pm in the Carnegie Court Hotel, Swords, Co. Dublin. 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. Please contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 085 2888 888 for any queries.

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: 2nd Sat. Monthly, 7.00pm; **Weekdays:** 8.00am, 10.30am. (Sat. 10.30am only).

Johnswell - Sunday 10.00am

Dunmore - Sunday 11.00am

The Most Holy Trinity - 12th June 2022

Silver Jubilee Celebrations

Following wonderful celebrations in our parish on Friday evening Fr. Raymond writes: "Sincere thanks to all who made my Silver Jubilee celebration such a memorable and lovely occasion on Friday night. A huge thank you to the choirs who formed together to prepare for the Mass. The music was so uplifting and dignified. Thank you for all the hard work and preparation put in and to those who played instruments.

Thanks too to the Parish Readers who came along to proclaim the Word of God at Mass.

Thanks to Sacristan Jane for all her care and attention and preparation for the Altar area and Sacristy which is very much appreciated as is the work of Áine in the Parish Office helping with the booklet.

Thanks to the Parish Stewards who came along and gave of their time to help keep us safe inside and outside the Church.

Sincere thanks to Fr Dan and Fr Lorcan for their support and warm welcome to my family and visitors who came for the celebration. Thanks to Bishop Nulty for his care of the priests in Ossory and for the kindness he has shown to me and to Bishop Mark O'Toole for giving a beautiful homily.

Thanks to the huge kindness shown by the Parishioners of St John's since I arrived last September and for their kindness over these past days. It is very much appreciated and it is a privilege to minister here.

On this Trinity Sunday I join with you in praising God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit and I thank him for calling me to serve as a priest and being patient and gentle with me despite my human failings and shortcoming. I look forward in the coming years to trying my best to live out this call to service. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

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.

The Mass in St. Kieran's is less than two weeks away and we encourage people to tend to their graves so that everything will be ready on the evenings of the Masses. Please consider tending to any graves in the vicinity of your grave if you feel the owners are unable to take care of them because of absence of old age.

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.

Remembering Those Who Have Died

Recently Deceased:

Months Mind: Timothy Comerford (Monday 10.30am).
Brian Gaynor (Tuesday 10.30am).

Anniversaries: Ciss Mahoney (6.00pm); Angela Delaney (8.00am); Philip Drohan (11.30am); Jake Brennan (7.00pm); Mary & Patrick Campion; David Hanlon; John Nolan; Richard Bergin; Peggy & Jackie Matthews; Fr Martin Campion; Michael Cronin; Mary Dermody; Ellen Rowe; Michael Carroll; Ellen Mooney; Joe Heffernan; Margaret (Peg) Neary; David Murphy; Jim Maher; Joe and Mollie Bergin.

*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 Martin Blake
10.00am Elaine Bennett
11.00am Jim Kavanagh & Claire Hanrick
11.30am Tony Dalton
7.00pm Joan Galwey

Weekly Envelope Collection

Last week's envelope collection: €1,000. Thanks to all who contribute weekly, monthly and annually, as well as those who pay by Standing Order. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Pope's Travel Plans Postponed

Pope Francis' July trip to the African countries of the Democratic Republic of Congo and South Sudan has been postponed for health reasons, the Vatican said on Friday.

"At the request of his doctors, and in order not to jeopardize the results of the therapy that he is undergoing for his knee, the Holy Father has been forced to postpone, with regret, his Apostolic Journey to the Democratic Republic of Congo and to South Sudan," Vatican spokesman Matteo Bruni said on 10th June. The trip, planned for 2nd to 7th July will be moved "to a later date to be determined," the statement said. Pope Francis was planning to spend 2nd - 5th July in the Congolese cities of Kinshasa and Goma, and 5th - 7th July in the South Sudanese capital Juba. Let us pray for Pope Francis who, these days, is using a wheelchair to help with his mobility.

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 and our relatives who continue to sit their Junior and Leaving Cert examinations this week. Be assured of our prayers in private and at Masses during this time.

Prayer for Those Sitting 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 13th June

Monday: (10.30am) **MM** Timothy Comerford
Tuesday: (10.30am) **MM** Brian Gaynor
Wednesday: (10.30am) Mary & Patrick Campion
Thursday: (10.30am) David Hanlon
Friday: (8.00am) John Nolan
(10.30am) Richard Bergin
Saturday: (10.30am) Peggy & Jackie Matthews
(6.00pm) Mary O'Driscoll & her Grandparents
Sunday: (8.00am) Julieann Kingston
(11.00am) Kitty McCarthy
(11.30am) Michael Brett
(7.00pm) Bridget, Terence & Jim Doherty

*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!

The Most Holy Trinity

Theologians describe the inner life of the Trinity with a Greek word meaning 'to dance around'. This word conveys something of what the inner life of God is like – a life whose essence is a dynamic love exchanged by the Father, Son and Spirit. And if we imagine this life of God as a circle then we believe that God has opened the circle of his own life in order to embrace us into it. This is why St. Irenaeus described the Son and the Holy Spirit as the 'arms of the Father' that embrace us and all creation into his own life. In the words of Julian of Norwich, we are 'embraced by the Father, embraced by the Son and embraced by the Spirit'. This image of being embraced into God's very life challenges any distant or cold image of God we might have. As St John reminds us in his Gospel, He is in us, but we are also in him'.

Fr. Billy Swan, Ferns Diocese

St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund

Draw Tickets are available from the Parish Office and we encourage your support for St. Mary's, our Diocesan Cathedral. The annual prize fund is €60,000 and the subscription is €120 per annum or €10 per month. Be in to win!

Annual Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock

The Annual Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock takes place next Saturday the 18th June - *Corpus Christi* weekend. Bus leaves Woodie's Carpark on Saturday morning at 8.15am. For further information please call 086 166 6547. For full programme of the day's events please visit our website www.eucharisticadoration.ie.

Pilgrimage to Knock

The annual St. Patrick's Parish Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine at Knock will take place on Thursday, 30th June. Tickets (€20) will be available at St. Patrick's Office from Wednesday of this week. Coach leaves St. Fiacre's Church at 7.30am. Breakfast stop included on the way there and a break for dinner on the way home.

Prayer for Healing

St Fiacre's Church, Loughboy on Monday 13th June at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

The Parish Office

Please note that St. John's Parish Office is open Monday to Friday between 9.30am and 2.00pm. Aine is on hand to help with all matters concerning the parish. Telephone: 056 772 1072; Email: stjohns@ossory.ie; Website: www.stjohnskilkenny.com