

### St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund

Draw Tickets are available from the Parish Office and from Ann Brennan, Johnswell. We encourage your support for St. Mary's, our Diocesan Cathedral. The next draw will take place on Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> June. The annual prize fund is €60,000 and the subscription is €120 per annum or €10 per month. Be in to win!

### The Priory Institute - Summer School

Mysticism in an Age of Calamity: Meister Eckhart, John Tauler and Henry Suso. Join the Priory Institute's two week online Summer School which will run from 18<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> July and again from 15<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> August. The course includes eight recorded presentations and two on-line zoom discussions and is very flexible as it is delivered entirely online. Find out more and register on [prioryinstitute.com](http://prioryinstitute.com).

### The Parish Office

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

### Social Dancing in Johnswell

Social Dance Night will take place in Johnswell Hall on next Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> June from 9.30pm till late. Music on the night will be by the very talented Teddy & Cathal Barry. Admission €10. All are very welcome.

### Lost and Found

A set of Bluetooth ear buds has been found in St. John's Church. Please contact Jane in the sacristy for further information.

### Congratulations

Two students who were unable to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on 2<sup>nd</sup> April celebrated the reception of the Holy Spirit this weekend. Well done to those concerned and renewed thanks to parents, family members and the excellent staff in our schools who prepared our young people for the Sacrament of Confirmation this year.

### Pilgrimage to Knock

The annual St. Patrick's Parish Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine at Knock will take place on Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> June. Tickets (€20) will be available at St. Patrick's Office. Coach leaves St. Fiacre's Church at 7.15am sharp. Breakfast stop included on the way to Knock and a break for dinner on the way home.

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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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### 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**

## Corpus Christi - 19<sup>th</sup> June 2022

### Corpus Christi

The Feast of *Corpus Christi*, also called the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, is festival in honour of the Real Presence of the Body (*Corpus*) of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

To mark this year's Feast of *Corpus Christi* in our parish we have invited the boys and girls who received the Body of Christ for the first time in 2022 to join us at one of our weekend Masses. We welcome them today and hope they will continue to receive nourishment and strength from the regular reception of the Holy Eucharist.

### Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

The modern feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus derives mainly from a series of visions experienced by a French nun, St Margaret Mary Alacocque, in the latter part of the seventeenth century. Her visions included a series of twelve "promises" made concerning the graces that would be given to those who practised devotion to Jesus under this aspect. Her near contemporary, the French priest St John Eudes, also wrote much on this devotion. The feast of the Sacred Heart is celebrated on the Friday after the second Sunday after Pentecost - this year on next Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> June.

St John Eudes taught that Jesus is at the centre of everything and his love, his heart, holds us all. He also saw how much Jesus's mother's love helps us. He wrote: "So closely are Jesus and Mary bound up with each other that whoever beholds Jesus sees Mary; whoever loves Jesus, loves Mary; whoever has devotion to Jesus, has devotion to Mary." Lord, may I come to know your love for me and also the help of your Blessed Mother in all the difficulties of my life. Help me to know how to live a life devoted to you and to find the peace only you can give.

### Cemetery Masses

We are delighted to find ourselves hard at work in preparation for this year's annual Mass at St. Kieran's Cemetery. The Mass will be celebrated in the cemetery at 7.30pm on this Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> June. We encourage people to tend to their family graves so that everything will be ready on the evening. 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 or old age.

Masses in Dunmore and Johnswell Cemeteries will take place at 7.30pm on the following Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> July.

Please note the Mass at St. Kieran's Cemetery will be broadcast on 105fm. Please bring ear phones for your telephone or transistor, tune in and listen in comfort. The broadcast will also be available locally for those unable to get to the Mass. Don't forget: 105fm.

**Remembering Those Who Have Died**

**Recently Deceased:** Joan Costigan, Glendine Heights. Rosary and Vigil Prayers at her home at 7.00pm on Monday. Requiem Mass at St. John's Church at 10.30am on Tuesday followed by funeral to The Island Crematorium, Ringaskiddy for Cremation Service at 3.00pm.

Mary Byrne, Corcoran Terrace, Kilkenny. Reposing at Johnston's Funeral Home with Rosary and Vigil Prayers at 6.00pm on Sunday. Requiem Mass at St. Patrick's Church at 10.30am on Monday followed by interment at Foulkstown Cemetery.

May Walsh, Greenfields, Freshford Road. Rosary and Vigil Prayers at Hehir's Funeral Home at 6.30pm on Sunday. Requiem Mass at St. Canice's Church at 11.00am on Monday followed by interment at St. Kieran's Cemetery.

Phyllis Murphy, Melville Heights and formerly of Lower Castlecomer Road.

**Months Mind:** Sheila Lane (Thurs. 10.30am).

Fr Brian Flynn (Tuesday, 6.30pm in St Senan's Church, Kilmacow).

**Anniversaries:** Mary O'Driscoll and her grandparents (6.00pm); Julieann Kingston (8.00am); Andrew and Margaret O'Keefe (10.00am); Kitty McCarthy (11.00am); Michael Brett (11.30am); Bridget, Terence and Jim Doherty (7.00pm); Lena O'Keefe; James and Catherine McGuinness; Bridie and Dan Herlihy; Mary Harris; Joseph Neary; Thomas, Bridget and Jimmy Grace; Tim Hickey.

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

**Readers for Next Weekend**

6.00pm Claire Coogan  
8.00am Jo Browne  
10.00am Betsy Rice  
11.00am Stephanie Butler & Roger Curran  
11.30am Paula Rogers  
7.00pm Eileen Kinane

**Weekly Envelope Collection**

Last week's envelope collection: €1,040. Thanks to all who contribute weekly, monthly and annually, as well as those who pay by Standing Order. Your support is greatly appreciated.

**St Joseph's Young Priests Society Annual Pilgrimage to Knock**

The Bus will be departing for Knock on Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> June from St Fiacre's Church, Loughboy at 8.00am Sharp. Breakfast and dinner stop at Moate. For booking: Anna on 086 214 3719.

**Parish Webcam**

Currently we are experiencing occasional outages with our webcam service. We apologise for this and we are working with our providers to have a constant and reliable service restored.

**Exam Time**

We continue to support with our prayers those who are sitting exams at the moment. We fully realise that this is a pressurised time for all and we hold you in our prayers.

**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.

**A Fathers' Day Prayer**

God our Heavenly Father,  
Bless all the fathers in the world.  
Father, we ask that you guide them to be good role models and loving to their children. We also ask that you help them to be a father like you are.  
Give them grace and patience to handle situations in a loving way.  
Amen!

As we pray for them we wish all fathers in our parish a very happy Fathers' Day.

**Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 20<sup>th</sup> June**

Monday: (10.30am) Lena O'Keefe  
Wednesday: (10.30am). James & Catherine McGuinness  
Tuesday: (10.30am) Joan Costigan, Requiem Mass  
Thursday: (10.30am) MM Sheila Lane  
Saturday: (10.30am) Bridie & Dan Herlihy  
(6.00pm) Margaret Heffernan  
Sunday: (8.00am) Bridget Barker RIP  
(10.00am) Kit, Baby Bill & Oliver Bennett  
(11.00am) Michael Burke  
(11.30am) Mary Connick  
(7.00pm) Margaret & Patrick Shortt

*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 Eucharist**

The Eucharist is the source and centre of Christianity down through the ages to the present day. We understand the mystery of the Eucharist when we reflect on it in the context of Jesus true God and true man.

Down through the ages the Church has accepted that Jesus is present in the bread and wine in the consecration and from this evolved devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. Jesus Christ is present in the Blessed Eucharist as a sign that he his brothers and sisters share His life. May we come to possess it completely in Heaven.

This feast provides us with an opportunity to be united with Jesus always. We ought to see Him in everybody and act according to His laws and as a result it is a comforting thought that we will be united with Him when we reach eternity.

O Sacrament most holy,  
O Sacrament Divine,  
all praise and all thanksgiving  
be every moment thine.

**Annual Field Day**

Newpark Residents' Association will hold their annual Community Field Day on the Upper Green from 2.00pm - 5.00pm on this Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> June. Lots of activities including: BBQ, Book Sale, Bingo, Bric-a-Brac, Plant Sale, Children's Games, Raffle. Live Music by *Sola*. All neighbours and friends are cordially invited,

**Pittsburgh Choir Visiting St. Mary's Cathedral**

The Pittsburgh Girls' Choir will sing at a concert in St. Mary's Cathedral on Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 7.30pm. All welcome to enjoy this free summer concert in St Mary's Cathedral.

**Peter's Pence Collection**

The second collection next weekend will be the annual Peter's Pence collection. Your contributions will be forward to the Vatican for the Pope's charities around the world.

**Congratulations and God's Blessing**

This is our prayer for Bishop Mark O'Toole as he is installed as Archbishop of Cardiff on Monday. Bishop Mark and Fr. Raymond Dempsey are friends since they worked together in London over twenty-five years ago and we were honoured to have him join us for Fr. Raymond's Silver Jubilee last week. It must be good to have friends in high places!