

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 18th - 29th July and again from 15th - 26th August. The course includes eight recorded presentations and two on-line zoom discussions and is very flexible as it is delivered entirely online. www.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; Website: www.stjohnskilkenny.com.

Money Advice and Budgeting Service

Kilkenny MABS, 4 The Parade, Kilkenny (Tel: 0818 072610) offer free, independent and confidential money advice and budgeting service assisting people in dealing with their existing debts, mortgage arrears and helping them to begin to manage their own resources. MABS offers free debt relief advice under personal insolvency options. Management sessions provided for Transition/Leaving Certs and community groups

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. 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.

Rosary at St James' Green

Rosary will be recited at the Statue in St. James Green on Thursday, 30th June at 6.30pm. It is for 'The Protection of the Life of the Unborn Child and the end to Abortion'. All are welcome. Please bring a friend.

Let the Cats Get the Cream

Best wishes to the Kilkenny Senior Hurlers as they compete in the All-Ireland Hurling Semi-final against Clare on next Saturday evening, 2nd July. Come on the Cats!

Radio Maria Ireland

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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

The Diocesan Designated Liaison Person, Ms. Kathleen Sherry, 085 802 1633 - dlp@ossory.ie

OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES ARE:

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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

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 26th June 2022

St Kieran's Cemetery Mass

With great sadness of heart, we decided to transfer last Friday evening's Annual Mass from St. Kieran's Cemetery to the Parish Church. This decision was not made lightly and followed consultation with weather, technical and health and safety personnel. While we anticipated the weather would clear up before the scheduled Mass time our concern was for those involved in erecting platforms, amplification towers and running electrical conduits throughout the cemetery. We acted on professional advice which could not be disregarded.

We apologise for the inconvenience and disruption caused and we thank you for your understanding and patience.

On a more positive note, we say thanks to all who tended to family graves in anticipation of the Mass. Sincere thanks and appreciation also to the cemetery and council staff who prepared the grounds. We also appreciate the efforts made by parish staff and volunteers who worked to coordinate the readers, Eucharistic ministers, collectors and stewards on the day. All going according to plan the annual Masses in Dunmore and Johnswell Cemeteries will take place at 7.30pm on next Friday, 1st July.

Fr. Joseph Lubula

This week we welcome Fr. Joseph Lubula to our parish. Fr. Joseph is a priest of the Diocese of Lugazi in Uganda. He has just completed a doctorate at the Gregorian University in Rome and will spend the summer with us in Kilkenny. He has been to St. Patrick's and Danesfort Parishes in the past and is looking forward to returning to the Marble City where he will minister at St. John's and St. Canice's Parishes. Please give him a warm Kilkenny welcome.

Well Done to our County Camogie Champions

Congratulations and well done to the Camogie team from St John's Senior and Johnswell National School and their coaches Ms. Dermody, Ms. Irish and Mr Champion who had a great win in Nowlan Park to take the Cumann na Mbunscoil Camogie Championship Title. It was their first title since 2002, what a great way to finish off the school year. Well done to all involved.

Peter's Pence Collection

The second collection this 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.

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 this Wednesday, 29th June. The annual prize fund is €60,000 and the subscription is €120 per annum or €10 per month. Be in to win while supporting a good cause!

Remembering Those Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: **Margaret Scriven**, Callan. (Fr Richard Scriven's mother). Funeral prayers at Johnston's Funeral Home at 6.30pm on Sunday followed by removal to Church of the Assumption, Callan. Requiem Mass at 12.00 noon on Monday.

Denis Treacy, Kells Road. Requiem Mass at St. Patrick's Church at 2.30pm on Sunday.

Br. Bosco (Richard) Connolly O.F.M. Cap., Creeslough, Donegal and late of Kilkenny.

Sr. Eileen Egan, St. John of God Sisters, Wexford and formerly Principal of St. John of God School, Kilkenny.

Norah Hayes, Lavistown.

Martina Foran, Maudlin Street.

Bridget Barker, England.

Fergal Ryan, New York and Dublin.

Richard Walsh, Kilree, Bennettsbridge.

Brian Reidy, Mullingar and late of Kilkenny.

Months Mind: Mary Gleeson (Saturday, 10.30am)
Marie Buggy

Anniversaries: Margaret Heffernan (6.00pm); Brigid Barker (8.00am); Kit, Baby Bill & Oliver Bennett (10.00am); Michael Burke (11.00am); Mary Connick (11.30am); Margaret & Patrick Shortt (7.00pm); Charlie & Katie Gorman; Brigid Marrinan; William Maher Snr; Mary O'Driscoll; Enda Cantwell;

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed

Readers for Next Weekend

6.00pm Ann Daly
8.00am Pdraig O'Neill
10.00am Fiona & Sarah Manning
11.00am Stephanie Butler & Roger Curran
11.30am Paula Rogers
7.00pm Eileen Kinane

Weekly Envelope Collection

Last week's envelope collection: €1,020. 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

A meeting of the St. John's Parish Branch of the St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society will take place on this Monday, 27th June 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.

First Friday

Next Friday is the First Friday of July. 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.

A Man of Peace

Oliver Plunkett was born in 1628 into a noble and wealthy family in Co. Meath. He studied for the priesthood in the Irish College in Rome and was ordained in 1654. During the Penal times he was appointed Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of Ireland. Oliver Plunkett was a man of peace, who courageously preached and worked for reconciliation knowing that a price was on his head. He faithfully did what he was ordained to do. Falsely accused of treason, he suffered a martyr's death on 1st July 1681. Before giving his life, he publicly forgave all who were responsible for his cruel death. We thank God for the work of peace and reconciliation achieved in our country, something that was so dear to the heart of this courageous saint. Friday, 1st July is the Feast of St. Oliver Plunkett.

Have a Great Holiday!

During the coming week the primary schools in our parish will break for the Summer holidays. Congratulations to those who graduate and best wishes for a good, safe and refreshing holiday to all pupils, families, teachers and staff!

Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 27th June

Monday: (10.30am) Charlie & Katie Gorman
Tuesday: 10.30am) Patrick Foley
Friday: (10.30am) Julia Carroll
Saturday: (10.30am) MM Mary Gleeson
Sunday: (8.00am) Special Intention
(10.00am) Mick Butler
(11.00am) MM Barbara Teehan
(11.30am) Michael Geoghegan
(7.00pm) MM Phil Campion

*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!

Parish Webcam

We apologise for the intermittent webcam service at the moment. The problem is beyond our control and, although we have had technicians from Eir visit on a few occasions last week, the camera service is still not reliable. We continue to lodge complaints highlighting the urgency of the situation and we hope to have a proper service restored promptly.

World Meeting of Families 2022

The World Meeting of Families is held every three years. In 2022 it takes place in the Diocese of Rome from the 22nd to the 26th June. The theme for the tenth World Meeting of Families is Family Love: a Vocation and a Path to Holiness.

At the opening the gathering in Rome on last Wednesday Pope Francis said: "My word of encouragement is precisely this: Start from where you are and, from there, try to journey together: together as couples, together in your families, together with other families, together with the Church. I think of the Parable of the Good Samaritan, who meets someone wounded and in need. He draws near to him, cares for him and helps him to resume his journey. That is what I want the Church to be for all of you! A Good Samaritan that draws near to you and helps you to continue your journey and to take a step forward, however small. Never forget that closeness is the "style" of God, closeness and tender love."

New Church of Ireland Bishop of Cashel, Ferns and Ossory

A *céad míle fáilte* to the newly appointed Church of Ireland Bishop of Cashel, Ferns and Ossory, Rt. Rev. Adrian Wilkinson. He succeeds the Rt. Rev. Michael Burrows, who was recently translated as Bishop of Tuam, Limerick and Killaloe.

Accepting the appointment Bishop-elect Adrian commented: "I am humbled and honoured to have been elected Bishop of Cashel, Ferns and Ossory. While I will be sorry to leave Cork, a place where I have served very happily for over twenty years, I look forward to this new chapter in ministry." We wish Bishop-elect Adrian well and remember him in our prayers as he takes up his new appointment.

The HUB at Knock Shrine – Open July and August Parents – Need some time for yourselves?

Welcome to the HUB at Knock Shrine, open through July and August, the HUB offers a range of fun activities for children and young people visiting Knock Shrine. From the ARK Kid's Club for children aged 5 years and over to our drop-in centre with arts and crafts, prayer, music and much more. Don't miss our Family Day on 21st August, a day for families and children with a range of fun activities, all in the beautiful grounds of Knock Shrine. Learn more about summer fun at the HUB at www.knockshrine.ie or phone us on 094 93 75321.