

### The Precious Blood of Jesus

July is the month devoted to the Precious Blood of Jesus. July, month of haymaking, month of holidaymaking, highlight of summer. We pray the Lord will be with us during this wonderful time. We also ask the Lord for favourable weather at this time.

### The Pope's Intention for July

We pray for the elderly who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

### The HUB at Knock Shrine

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 21<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.knockshrine.ie) or telephone us on 094 93 75321.

### TradCamp 2022

Music Generation Kilkenny, in partnership with Music Generation Tipperary and Clonmel Junction Arts Festival, are delighted to announce 'TradCamp 2022', a week-long camp for young traditional musicians 8 - 18 years with a minimum of two years' experience on their instrument.

To register for Kilkenny you must email [musicgeneration@tipperaryetb.ie](mailto:musicgeneration@tipperaryetb.ie). All instruments will be catered for, including traditional accompaniment on guitar. The cost is €50 per participant for the 5-day camp including the performance at the DOME, Clonmel Junction Festival.

If you don't have a background in Irish Traditional music, but already play music and are interested in this, then please contact us and we will guide you on whether this is right for you.

Dates: 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> July / 10.00am to 1.00pm. Location: BTEI, Unit 3, Danville Business Park, Kilkenny.

Performance: 9<sup>th</sup> July / 9:30am to 2.00pm with performance at 1.00pm, The DOME, Clonmel Junction Festival. Guest Facilitator: Clare Friel - TG4 Young Musician of the Year 2018.

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**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;  
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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](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

*incorporating | St John's | Dunmore | Johnswell | church areas*

### 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**

**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2022**

### Go Forth

In the Gospel this Sunday, Jesus sends out 72 of his followers on mission. This is consistent with Pope Francis' call for us to be a missionary Church that 'goes forth'. Here is a profound quote from the Holy Father. Our God is a missionary God who goes forth. Therefore, we must be the same.

*We are called to go forth, to be an evangelising community, even if that simply means opening the front door of our homes and stepping out into our own neighbourhoods... For a disciple of Jesus no neighbour can become distant. On the contrary, there are no distant people who are too far removed, but only neighbours to reach out to. God does not wait for us to go to him but it is he who moves towards us. This is what God is like. What does this mean for us? It means that this is our road too. Following Jesus means learning to come out of ourselves.*  
(Pope Francis)

### Dunmore and Johnswell Cemetery Masses

Sadly the weather was not favourable for our annual Cemetery Masses in Dunmore and Johnswell on last Friday evening. However, we were able to accommodate the congregations indoors and celebrate the Masses. We apologise for the disappointment which was beyond our control.

We would like to say thanks to all who tended to family graves in anticipation of the Masses. Sincere thanks and appreciation also to those who maintain the cemeteries and adjacent grounds. We also appreciate the efforts made by sacristans, parish staff and volunteers who worked to coordinate the readers, Eucharistic ministers, collectors and stewards.

### Congratulations: We Have Winners!

St. John's Parish appears twice in this month's list of St. Mary's Cathedral Draw winners. Well done to John and Mary Kelly who won 1<sup>st</sup> prize and to the parish itself which won 6<sup>th</sup> prize. Thanks to our Office Staff, Sacristans and other promoters for supporting the draw.

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize:	John and Mary Kelly,	St. John's Parish.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize:	Sheila Price,	St. Mary's Parish.
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize:	Johnny Keane,	Ballycallan Parish.
4 <sup>th</sup> Prize:	Meany Family,	St. Mary's Parish.
5 <sup>th</sup> Prize:	Martin Purcell,	Johnstown Parish.
6 <sup>th</sup> Prize:	St. John's,	St. John's Parish.
7 <sup>th</sup> Prize:	Sean Murphy,	Muckalee Parish.
8 <sup>th</sup> Prize:	Cathriona Ellis,	Borris-in-Ossory Parish.
9 <sup>th</sup> Prize:	Fr. Pat Dalton,	Gowran Parish.
10 <sup>th</sup> Prize:	Anna Mai Treacy,	Clogh Parish.



### Remembering Those Who Have Died

**Recently Deceased:** **Brigid Whelan**, Danville. Requiem Mass at St. Michael's Church, Danesfort at 11.00am on Monday.

**Liam (Lum) Walsh**, Glendine. **Michael McCarthy**, Meadow Way.

**Jim (Sag) Carroll**, New Orchard Estate.

**Maura Stapleton**, Jenkinstown

**Dan Lawlor**, Drakelands Middle, Kilkenny.

**Months Mind:** Barbara Teehan (11.00am).  
Phil Champion (7.00pm).

**Anniversaries:** Special Intention (6.00pm); Special Intention (8.00am); Mick Butler (10.00am); Michael Geoghegan (11.30am); Tom McDonald; Theresa Maginer; Renee Murphy; Brigid Conway.

### Readers for Next Weekend

6.00pm Bridget Ahearn  
8.00am Paula Rogers  
10.00am Teresa Dowling  
11.00am Martina Brennan & Tom Keating  
11.30am Mary Lynch  
7.00pm Anne Marie Grace

### Weekly Envelope Collection

Last week's envelope collection: €1,025. Thanks to all who contribute weekly, monthly and annually, as well as those who pay by Standing Order. Your support is greatly appreciated.

### 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@ossoryie; Website: www.stjohnskilkenny.com.

The priests' mobile numbers are on the information panel at the back of this newsletter, on the office telephone answering machine and on the parish website. Please contact the priests directly if your business is urgent and you can not get an answer on the office telephone.

### National Grandparents' Pilgrimage

National Grandparents' Pilgrimage in Knock will take place on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July at 3.00pm in Knock Basilica. Archbishop Francis Duffy, Archbishop of Tuam and Patron of the Catholic Grandparents' Association will lead the pilgrimage and the celebration of the second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly at Knock Shrine. Music at the Mass will be from the combined choirs of Knock Parish directed by Una Nolan, Director of Music at Knock Shrine. Reflection from Catherine Wiley, Founder of the Catholic Grandparents' Association.

Inviting all children to send a prayer and a hug to their Grandparents. Those unable to join us in person can take part online at [www.knockshrine.ie/watch](http://www.knockshrine.ie/watch)

### Kilkenny Bereavement Support

This 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 please telephone 056 775 6538 or visit our website at [www.kilkennybereavementsupport.com](http://www.kilkennybereavementsupport.com)

### Foulkstown Cemetery Mass

The Mass at Foulkstown Cemetery will be held at 7.30pm on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> July 2022. Please inform relatives and friends, especially those who are away from home.

### Radio Maria Ireland

Radio Maria Ireland is an Irish run Catholic talk-radio station. Prayer, catechesis, uplifting music, talks, interviews and testimonies - all commercial free. Listen via free app "Radio Maria Ireland", streaming on [www.radiomaria.ie](http://www.radiomaria.ie) or via phone - get live radio feed by calling 01 437 3277 (no extra charges). Please join our growing family!

### Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 4th July

Monday: (10.30am) Tom McDonald  
Friday: (10.30am) Theresa Magnier  
Saturday: (10.30am) PJ Mealy  
(6.00pm) Peggy Lanigan & Michael "Tosh" O'Connor  
Sunday: (10.00am) Martin Manning  
(11.00am) MM John Day Jnr  
(11.30am) Paddy Bergin  
(7.00pm) Eleanor Cantwell

*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!

### Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius - 30 Day Retreat

During the coming week Fr. Raymond will leave for a couple of weeks to complete the 30 Day Retreat - Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. The retreat is a time of silence, solitude, prayer and reflection under the guidance of a Spiritual Director. This was to be part of Fr. Raymond's Sabbatical Year in 2020/21 but Covid-19 restrictions made this impossible. Thanks to Frs. Dan, Lorcan and Joseph whose generosity of spirit have made this possible ... and of course to Bishop Denis, our Apostolic Administrator.

Be assured that you will be remembered in prayer during the retreat and of course your prayers will be greatly appreciated and welcome.

### Parish Choirs

Our parish choirs have taken a well deserved break for the Summer months. We wish them well and we look forward to their return in early September. Thanks to all our musicians and singers for their commitment to enhancing our parish liturgies.

### Bishop Denis Welcomes New Church of Ireland Bishop of Ossory

"On behalf of the people of faith in the Diocese of Ossory, I warmly welcome the appointment of Bishop Adrian Wilkinson as the new Church of Ireland Bishop of Cashel, Ferns and Ossory. Ours is a long tradition of close ecumenical collaboration between the Dioceses and I look forward to the continuation of that as Bishop Adrian moves to Kilkenny."

### Food for Thought

The '*Anima Christi*' ('Soul of Christ') prayer is often recited by individuals after receiving Communion. The prayer appears in the opening words of St. Ignatius of Loyola's Spiritual Exercises and is often attributed to St. Ignatius, but the prayer was widely known in the 15<sup>th</sup> century, and several 14<sup>th</sup> century manuscripts contain the prayer. The author of the prayer is unknown. Franciscan Father Jack Wintz writes that 'this sacred prayer is sublime and seems to transcend all time, all centuries.' 'With the Spirit's help, the words of the prayer can lead us into union with Christ,' he says. Try reciting the prayer the next time you receive Communion.

### *Anima Christi*

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.  
Body of Christ, save me.  
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.  
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.  
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.  
O good Jesus, hear me.  
Within your wounds, hide me.  
Let me never be separated from you.  
From the malignant enemy, defend me.  
In the hour of my death, call me.  
And bid me come to you,  
That with your saints  
I may praise you Forever and ever.  
Amen.