

The Pope's Intention for July

For the elderly: 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.

Prayer for a Blessing on a Long Life

God of mercy,
you have given your children the gift of long life,

and they ask for your blessing.

Let them feel the tenderness and strength of your presence.

As they look back to the past,
let them rejoice in your mercy.

As they look to the future,
may they persevere in hope that does not fade.

To you be praise and glory for ever.
Amen.

Lost and Found

A gentleman's watch was lost in the vicinity of St. John's Church last weekend. It is of great sentimental value. If found please return to the Parish Office or Sacristy. A pair of blue tooth ear buds have been found in St. John's Church. They are available for collection at the Sacristy.

A Reflection on Sunday's Gospel

It's important to keep our eyes open. Otherwise, we can easily dismiss things that truly require our attention. Whether it is someone needing care, a wrong that must be rectified, an injustice that must be addressed, or someone in need of a helping hand, the lens through which we view life (and even the rules by which we live) can prevent us from stopping and acting.

Whether it's an obsession with being on time, a compulsion to complete tasks according to a schedule, or a rigidity with not breaking a law or fear of taking a risk, we miss daily opportunities to show mercy. We often fail in our duty to be a good neighbour, especially when it involves brothers and sisters remote from us whom we have never met. The pain of the world is our pain. God's law of love, mercy, and compassion is not something remote. It's already within us and very near. All we have to do is open our eyes and carry it out.

The HUB at Knock Shrine

The HUB offers a range of fun activities for children and young people visiting Knock Shrine. Learn more about summer fun at www.knockshrine.ie or on 094 937 5321.

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IF YOU HAVE A SAFEGUARDING CONCERN CONTACT

The Diocesan Designated Liaison Person, Ms. Kathleen Sherry, 085 802 1633 - dip@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

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 10th July 2022

Your Life Through the Lens of the Gospel

This Sunday's gospel brings us right to the heart of what a Christian life involves: love of God and love of neighbour. Jesus tells us that having life both now and in the future is the fruit of living in a spirit of love. How have you experienced love given and received as a source of life and vitality?

With media today we are brought face to face with suffering, poverty and hunger so vast that it can engender a feeling of helplessness and hopelessness. The parable challenges us about how we react when we come face to face with a person in need. We may sometimes try to avoid getting involved. Recall when you overcame this reaction and reached out to help. What did that do for you, and for the other person?

In *The Joy of the Gospel* Pope Francis comments that it is a temptation for some religious people to claim they are too busy to get involved with the poor and says 'none of us can think we are exempt from concern for the poor and for social justice.' Who are the people whose commitment to these causes inspire you?

Reek Sunday 2022

The annual Reek Sunday pilgrimage takes place on Sunday 31st July at Croagh Patrick. Confessions on the summit 7.30am to 2.00pm. Mass hourly from 8.00am to 2.00pm.

The History of our Parish Church

Some copies of "A Church Centenary - O'Loughlin Memorial Church of St. John the Evangelist Kilkenny 1908 - 2008" are available at the Sacristy and Parish Office. The book chronicles the history of our parish church and includes photographs and lists of those who were involved in its construction.

Parish Shop

We have a small selection of rosary beads, medals, Mass cards and other cards suitable for various occasions available at the Parish Office. Please call during opening hours.

Feast of St. Bonaventure - 15th July 2022

St Bonaventure was a 13th century Franciscan Italian saint. He is best known for his insights into the goodness of God and the humility of God revealed in Christ crucified.

New Parish Facebook Page

With the help of Fr. Joseph, we are constructing a new parish Facebook page which can be reached at "St John's Catholic Parish - Kilkenny". In time it will contain news and information about the parish. In the meantime please visit the page and press the 'Like' and 'Follow' buttons.

Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: Slyvia Timmons, England & late of Michael Street. Bridget Whelan, Danville.

Months Mind: John Day Junior (11.00am)

Anniversaries: Peggy Lanigan and Michael Tosh O'Connor (6.00pm); Martin Manning (10.00am); Paddy Bergin (11.30am); Eleanor Cantwell (7.00pm); Bob and Peggy Grant; Seamus Cleary; Christopher and Julia Bergin; Seamus and Margaret Bergin; Teresa Wall; Edward and Colleen Dionne; Patrick Slattery; Eamonn Reidy; Bridget Ward; Bridie Walsh; Nicholas, Bridget & James Kavanagh; David Gaffney; Christy, Brigid and Pat Murray; Patrick, Mary and John McGrath; Michael Bergin; Alice and Nicholas Cleere; Alice Maddock.

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 Máirín Bergin
8.00am Martin Blake
10.00am Seán Colgan
11.00am Esther Comerford and Tom Comerford
11.30am Kay Purcell
7.00pm Josh McHugh

Weekly Envelope Collection

Last week's envelope collection: €1,350. Thanks to all who contribute weekly, monthly and annually, as well as those who pay by Standing Order. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Fr. Joseph Continues to Work Among Us

While Fr. Raymond is away on a 30 Day Retreat - the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola - Fr. Joseph Lubula joins us in the parish. Fr. Joseph, a native of Uganda, has just completed post graduate studies in Rome. He will be with us until the middle of September.

Society of St Vincent De Paul Collection

The Monthly Collection for the local conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul will take place next weekend, 16th and 17th July. A sincere thank you for all your generous support. Please remember the local conference can be contacted in writing through the Parish Office or by telephone on 086 895 1239.

Medjugorje Evening of Prayer

Mass, Adoration and Prayer for healing will take place in St Fiacre's Church on Monday 11th July 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@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.

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

Foukstown Cemetery Mass

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

Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 11th July

Monday: (10.30am) Bobby & Peggy Grant
Tuesday: (10.30am) Special Intention
Wednesday: (10.30am) Seamus Cleary
Saturday: (6.00pm) Larry Nolan
Sunday: (10.00am) Seamus Murphy
(11.00am) Kiely & Barrett Families
(11.30am) Martin & Brigid Keane
(7.00pm) Mary Power O'Shea

*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!

Danesfort GAA and Camogie Club

Centenary Concert

To mark the centenary of Danesfort GAA and Camogie Club a gala concert will be held in Ballykeeffe Amphitheatre, Kilmanagh on Friday 15th July at 8.30pm. Special Guest: Sibeal Ni Chasaide and featuring *Mise Eire*. Pre-show BBQ from 7.00pm to 8.00pm. Ticket price: Adults €15, Children €10. Full bar and shop facilities available on the night. Tickets available at Rollercoaster, Kieran Street, local pubs or call Eimear: 086 178 6567, Maryanne: 086 166 6547, or Sandra: 087 944 7159.

National Grandparents' Pilgrimage

National Grandparents' Pilgrimage in Knock will take place on Sunday 24th 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.

Are you Living in Ireland Undocumented?

Do you know someone who may be an undocumented migrant? Undocumented people can apply for a legal status now. Applications for the new government undocumented scheme are open until 31st July. Don't miss this life changing opportunity. To check your eligibility and get support to apply for legal status visit the Migrants' Rights Centre Ireland website www.mrci.ie or email info@mrci.ie or contact 083 075 5387.

Summer Festival

Join over 1000 young people between 16 and 35 this August at the Youth 2000 Summer Festival. The festival takes place in Clongowes Wood College, Clane, Co Kildare from Thursday 11th August to Sunday 14th August 2022. For more information and to book your place go to www.youth2000.ie

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